

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: 31st October 2016



YEAR 1'S VISIT TO ELY MUSEUM

The Year 1 children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Ely Museum on the last day before half term. The children found out about farming in the Fens and experienced farming techniques from the past. They sang songs, used drama to show farming and even tasted a variety of vegetables. Some children had never tried the vegetables 'Kohl Rabi' or 'Celeriac' and were brave to use their senses to explore the vegetables. They also had the chance to visit a market stall and take some of the more unusual vegetables home. It was a great day out to end the children's farming topic!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD- SHOEBOX APPEAL

Local Pastor Dave Hall and his daughter Suzanne visited our assembly on Tuesday the 18th October, to tell the children all about the local collection in Isleham for the Operation Christmas Child project, which is running again this year.

You have hopefully received one of the leaflets, explaining what to do if you would like to put together a Christmas parcel for a child who will not receive any other presents this Christmas time. Please log on to the Samaritan's Purse website if you would like to find out more about how to wrap, pack and label your boxed gift.

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk>

Please also feel free to put together a box between several families if you prefer; we will be collecting the boxes up until November 18th in school. Please bring your box along to the school office.

Thank you in advance for your support.



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PHONICS PARENTS' INFORMATION SESSION- MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER 9.00am
ALL RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 PARENTS VERY WELCOME

**Supporting children
with their reading:**

**A Phonics
information session
for parents**



Come along and see how we teach
Phonics in **Reception** and across
Ks1.



14.11.16
9am
In the hall



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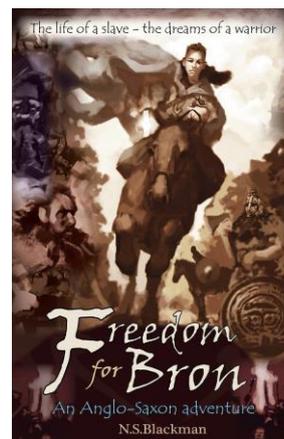
We are running a parents' phonics information meeting on Monday 14th Nov at 9am. It will run in the same format as previous parents' sessions with an overview of phonics in the hall at 9.05am, followed by an opportunity to visit the children in class in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to see the various phonic activities that take place in each year group. You will be asked to say goodbye to your children at 9.30am though so that learning can continue in other subjects! We look forward to seeing you then.

VISIT OF CHILDREN'S AUTHOR- NIGEL BLACKMAN

On Thursday 17th November, Nigel Blackman will be visiting the school in order to speak to the children about his work as an author, and the writing of his newest story book- 'Freedom for Bron', as well as his Secret Dinosaur series of books which we have in our school library, and his exciting book for younger children- 'The Lost Dinosaur'.

His talk will be especially important to children in Year 3 who are reading 'Freedom for Bron' in class to link with their Anglo-Saxon topic.

If you would like to purchase signed copies of Nigel Blackman's books for your children, please see the order form attached.



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KEEPING UP WITH THE CHILDREN- Parents' Maths course

Please also find below details of a local-run course starting this week for parents about how Maths is taught in schools.



Keeping Up with the Children Maths

A friendly informal
6 week course
for parents and carers about

How key stage 1 & 2 maths is taught
in schools today
Refreshing your own maths skills
Gaining confidence
Helping your child
Having fun with maths



Contact the
Learning Centre on
01353 616160 to
book your free
place or find out
more

Join us each week
starting on
Thursday 3rd November
09.30am—11.30am
In the Learning Centre
at Ely Library

Free!



www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

CALLING ALL RECEPTION PARENTS- CURRICULUM INFORMATION EVENING FOR THIS YEAR'S RECEPTION YEAR PARENTS



Reception class parents will be receiving an invitation this week to our annual curriculum information evening for Reception parents on Wednesday 9th November- NEXT WEEK at 7pm. We hope you can make it to find out more from Miss Diplock and Mrs Deacon about life in Reception class, how the curriculum is structured and how you can support your child at home.



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PTA NEWS

🔥 Remember remember...

Celebrating Bonfire Night? Going to a Fireworks display? If so, bring along your purses on Thursday and Friday after school as we'll be selling Glo Sticks to illuminate your 5th of November! There'll be bracelet style sticks for 25p each or 5 for £1, or thicker ones for just £1! Hurry, limited stock available, and don't crack them until you want the fun to start, as they only "glo" for up to 12 hours!

📣 Calling all parents and carers

Do you, or does someone you know, work for a company or organisation that might be prepared to donate a Christmas Fair raffle prize? All introductions gratefully received and treated with either the strictest confidence or widely advertised, according to preference. Please get in touch either via the school office, email us at islehampta@gmail.com, or just find one of us on the playground! Many thanks in anticipation.

CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS



Your child will be bringing home a personalised Christmas card order form today. There is no obligation to buy the cards; however, if you would like to, please ensure your order form and cheque/ cash payment is returned to the office by Friday 11th November. Thank you in advance.

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THE CHILDREN WHO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK.



MENU

Please find below details of this week's school menu. The daily menu is also on display in school for the children to view. If you would like to order a school lunch for your child, please do so in advance via the online payment system-SIMS Agora. www.payyourschool.co.uk

The cost of a school meal is £2.25, £11.25 per week or £83.25 for the half term up until the Christmas break, and meals MUST PLEASE be paid for in advance.



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Please note that we are no longer offering 'Grab & go' packed lunches, although the children can choose to have a jacket potato rather than the main meal option. From next week, we also hope to be trialling an increased choices menu.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Organic beef lasagne with garlic bread	Chicken and sweetcorn pie with gravy and mashed potatoes	Mega ham and tomato pizza	Roast turkey, stuffing and gravy with roast potatoes	Fish fingers and chips
DESSERTS	Rice pudding with mandarin oranges	Cappuccino cake with organic milk	Wicked fruity Wednesday	Apple pie with custard 50p	Mini flapjack and fruit 50p
	Frozen yogurt	Organic yogurt	Organic yogurt	Organic yogurt	Fruit and yogurt granola pot 50p

CLUBS THIS WEEK

Clubs recommence this week. Please note that unfortunately there will be **NO Maypole Dancing Club** on Friday 4th November as Mrs Skillern will be attending a course. Sincere apologies for this inconvenience.

DIARY DATES- THIS WEEK & REMAINDER OF AUTUMN TERM 2016 (UPDATED WITH KEY CHRISTMAS DATES)

- Friday 4th November- 2.40pm Year 1 Sharing assembly
- Wednesday 9th November- 7pm Reception Parents' Curriculum Information Evening
- Friday 11th November- 2.40pm Year 5 Sharing assembly
- Sunday 13th November- 10.45am School House Captains to attend memorial service for Remembrance Day at St Andrew's Church, Isleham
- Monday 14th November- 8.55m Family Worker Parent Drop-in
- Monday 14th November- 9.00am Parents' phonic information session in the hall & open classrooms
- Thursday 17th November- visit of children's author Nigel Blackman
- Friday 18th November- 'Spotacular' Day in aid of 'Children in Need'- please wear something spotty or decorate yourself with spots, and bring a donation for 'Children in Need'. We will have a cake sale at break time, so any donations of cakes will be very gratefully received...
- Friday 18th November- 2.40pm Year 6 Sharing assembly
- Friday 25th November- 2.40pm Year 3 Sharing assembly
- Thursday 1st December- 2pm Christingle Service in St Andrew's Church, Isleham.
- Friday 2nd December- 2.40pm Year 4 Sharing assembly
- Monday 12th December- 8.55am Family Worker Parent Drop-in
- Monday 12th December- Visiting pantomime company- 'Cinderella' for all pupils
- Tuesday 13th December- 9.30am Year R Nativity performance 1 of 2
- Tuesday 13th December- 3.15pm Open Classrooms after school
- Wednesday 14th December- 2.30pm Year R Nativity performance 2 of 2
- Thursday 15th December- 2.30pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Sing-a-long performance 1 of 2
- Friday 16th December- 9.30am Key Stage 1 Christmas Sing-a-long performance 2 of 2
- Monday 19th December- from 2.45pm PTA Event- carol singing on the playground, and Christmas Fayre after school
- Tuesday 20th December- End of term- break up for Christmas at end of school day



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