# **ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS**

Week commencing: Friday 22nd May 2020



#### **HALF TERM**



Next week is half term week, so the 'work' set on Classdojo will be optional tasks so that your child can have a break from completing and sharing work with their teacher if you wish them to.

The activities for your child's class will be set on ClassDojo on Monday 25th May for those who'd like to submit responses, and will be commented upon by Mrs Deacon and me. Please feel free to share any photos in the same way for us to see!

We will be updating you during half term about arrangements for the marking of work on ClassDojo after 1.6.20 for those who are continuing with home learning, as obviously if the school re-opens to a wider group of children from this date, most teachers will be teaching groups in school and not able to respond in the same way as they have to date. We will keep you updated.

Have a lovely half term break. Mrs Skillern and the team



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### SCHOOL PROPOSED RE-OPENING

Thank you to all parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, as well as key worker families/ invited pupils, who have responded to our survey booking provisional places at school if we are permitted to re-open to these groups from 1.6.20.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AS 1.6.20 was originally a staff training day, we have now moved this planning day to the end of the school year as this seemed less disruptive to families who may have made provisional plans for their children to attend from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

This means that our final day of the summer term will now be Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June will be a school day.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June School re-opens for Summer 2 if permitted after lockdown

Tuesday 21st July Last day of summer term- holidays start after school

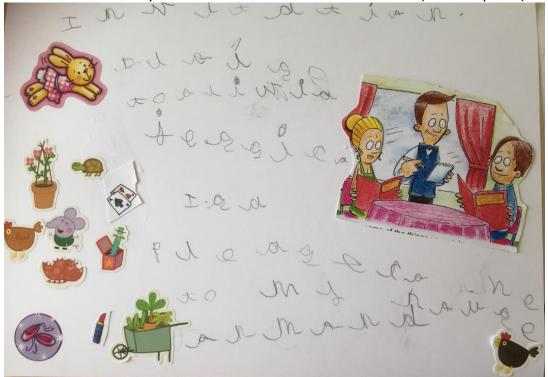
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Professional Training Day – School Closed

Please note that at this stage, we have been advised that parents are able to choose whether to continue home learning in the summer term and that attendance will not be compulsory from the 1<sup>st</sup> June for selected groups. Non-attendance will not be fined, but children do please need to engage with home learning tasks.

## **FOCUS ON RECEPTION**

A huge well done to Reception for your wonderful work this week based on the book 'The Tiger who came to tea'...

Here is Eloise C's lovely invitation for her friends to come to tea (once they can!)





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### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

We have been asked to further promote fostering opportunities in the area- as there are currently a shortage of foster carers in Cambridgeshire.

## **FOSTERING A CHILD**

Can you consider fostering in support of this year's Foster Care Fortnight  $11^{th} - 24^{th}$  May 2020.

There are around 1000 children & young people across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, particularly teenagers and children over ten, who need the love and support from foster carers. Anyone who is interested can find out more about the process by phone or video call and ask any questions they may have about becoming a foster carer and what's involved.

Foster Care Fortnight is the UK's largest foster care awareness raising campaign, and aims to show the positive impact foster care has made on children's and young people's lives.

We are encouraging people from all walks of life to consider fostering – and we want to hear from anyone who is over 21, has a spare bedroom and the passion and dedication to help children and teenagers thrive.

People should not rule themselves out because they have children, are single, married or partnered, work, unemployed, live in rented accommodation or want to foster past retirement age.

If you would like to register your interest then please

visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering or www.peterborough.gov.uk/fostering Or call 0800 052 0078



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### WHAT SCHOOL WILL BE LIKE IF WE OPEN ON JUNE 1st

Many parents have asked if they can prepare their children for what the school will be like if they are returning on the 1<sup>st</sup> June, from the physical environment and drop-off arrangements, to lunchtimes, staffing and new routines.

We will be sending a pack of information to all families who have booked for their children to attend next week, so that they can read through and share photos with children to prepare them for what school now looks like in our streamlined classes set up for 'bubbles of 10'.

### SOCIAL DISTANCING FOR CHILDREN

As your children may now be able to head further away from home since lockdown restrictions have been reduced and may now be considering returning to school, please support your children to understand the need to keep their distance from others whenever possible, and practice good hygiene e.g. regular handwashing for at least 20 seconds... and coughing/ sneezing into elbow/ a tissue if absolutely necessary- as well as carefully throwing away tissues and then washing hands thoroughly.

A great NHS handwashing clip is shown below:-

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9VjeIWLnEg

I like this poster too for younger children showing that you can keep your distance by imagining you're an aeroplane and not bumping into others.



If you'd like to create a poster for us to show others how to keep their distance, or wash their hands, please send these in, and we will laminate them for display around the school. Thank you.





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