

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Friday 17th July 2020



AN END OF SUMMER TERM MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL'S GOVERNORS



As the school summer holiday finally arrives, the Governors would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for the support you have given to the pupils and the school over the last few months.

It has not been an easy period for anybody and we are all aware, some of us with first-hand experience, that looking after young children at this time has been a real challenge and that supporting their learning has been an added task.

There have been wonderful messages sent via the ClassDojo system, with fabulous pictures and pieces of work done at home, this is only possible with the involvement and support of parents and carers and it is really encouraging to see just how strong that support is.

The children who have been attending school have also produced really outstanding work; look out for the pictures of dragonflies appearing in the next edition Isleham Informer. Meeting the new requirements in place for children who are attending school has been an extra burden and we would like to thank everyone for making themselves familiar with the new rules and abiding by them.

As everyone takes a well-earned break we'd like to wish you all a healthy, happy and hopefully sunny holiday.

Fiona Borley and the Governing Body of Isleham C of E Primary School

I would like to echo these thanks. Thank you for all your support and good wishes.

Please note that the teachers will now be signing off on ClassDojo for the summer, other than for your next year's teacher to reply to your wonderful letters early next week. Mrs Deacon and I will be posting some summer activity packs on Monday next week which you may wish to complete, but there will be no further class tasks set. If you do wish to send a message to your new teacher or to post photos we will look at these in the holidays when we get chance. Of course, please keep reading as much as possible, and keep practising your times tables skills this summer time.

Please could all families who are UNABLE to access ClassDojo, make contact with Mrs Skillern as soon as possible so that we can ensure this is rectified before the new school year. We intend to use ClassDojo for setting reading and homework tasks initially in September.



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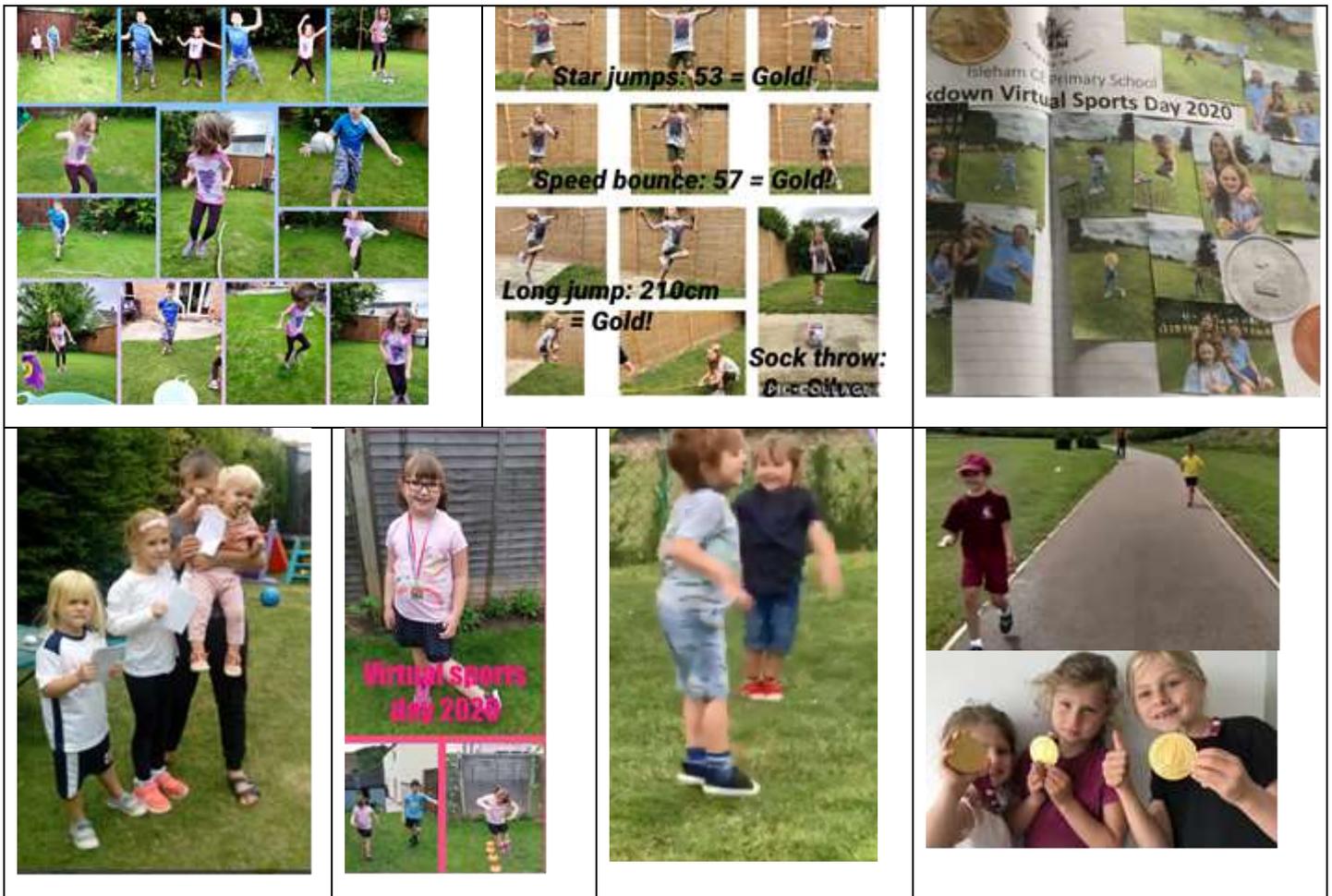
We are really looking forward to seeing all of you again after the summer break.

Mrs Skillern and the teaching team

VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY 2020

Huge congratulations to all who took part in the Virtual Sports Day- these are the ones I definitely know about-Lewis M, Abi W, Evie W, Lottie W, Soren, Mollie Mc, Maisie Mc, Felix, Imogen, Darcey, Harry R, Oscar, Boaz, Carly, Sophia L, Theo, Nicole, Molly D, Jake, Erika, Bethany Es, Lois & Oliver. It has been wonderful to see your photos of the events and medal ceremonies, as well as younger siblings getting involved!

A medal will be waiting for you in September for your efforts. (If you haven't yet posted your photos, please do so if you want to receive one of our limited edition Lockdown Sports Day 2020 medals!)



ROUTINES & PROTOCOLS FOR SEPTEMBER'S RE-OPENING

We will be sending out more detailed guidance in the summer holidays prior to the return to school in September, but for now, please see last week's newsletter for guidance so far... children will be returning to school on the 7th September (or the 8th September for new intake Reception children).



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT RE-OPENING

Can children wear leggings for school? Leggings will NOT be permitted as school uniform. Children should please have grey school trousers, pinafore dress or skirt to wear with their school uniform plain black shoes and burgundy sweatshirt/ cardigan

Black leggings or jogging bottoms CAN be worn however JUST on PE days with trainers. Whilst we are happy for children to wear up any trainers which fit in the autumn term for PE, please try to avoid brightly coloured and patterned trainers for school as these become a fashion-statement rather than sportswear.

How will lunches be kept cool? Any packed lunches provided by parents will be stored at room temperature. If you are worried about any items keeping cool on hot days, please add a frozen ice bag to keep items cool or refrigerate the full lunch bag before bringing it in. The whole lunch bag needs to be disposable at the end of each lunchtime.

Can parents come into the office reception area? Unfortunately not- we do need to reduce the number of people accessing the school building. If any parents have enquiries, they are asked to please email these through to the office@isleham.cambs.sch.uk email address or post any paperwork into the letterbox. Due to the exit arrangements, it will also not be possible for children to go back into school at the end of the day if they have forgotten things. They will have their own space in each classroom, and will need to ensure they pick up their coat, water bottle and book bag when it is time to go home. Similarly, in the mornings, if your child forgets an item of clothing, a water bottle or book bag, this will need to be left at home for the day and we will manage without items being dropped off late to the office.

Will my child be provided with a reading book and home-school diary? From September, we will be sending home books each day for your child to read. However, we have decided NOT to purchase home school diaries as ClassDojo will be used as an online reading log. Children will need to bring their reading book to school each day and it will be swapped for a new book if required. Older pupils who no longer wish to use a book bag or who have lost their school book bag WILL NOT be permitted to bring a rucksack instead. Parents are asked to please provide a plastic folder or sleeve which will keep the book flat and protected, similar to those below. Alternatively, spare school book bags are available in the office at a cost of £4.50.



Can my child bring a snack to school? Children may bring a small piece of fruit or vegetable to eat at school at mid-morning snacktime. This should be included in their book bag or lunch bag in a disposable wrapper if needed- no non-disposable plastic pots please. Key Stage 1 children will have fruit provided from the national KS1 fruit scheme so need not bring additional snack from home unless desired.

We are expecting all children to be returning to school **from Monday 7th September 2020 unless they are required to be medically shielded**. Please see the link below to the latest guidance which we will be working to. Final updates will be provided on 17th August, so we will send through final confirmation of arrangements after this point.



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Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns or queries about September's re-opening.

With all best wishes for the summer,
Mrs Skillern

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM

Term Dates 2020 -2021

Thursday 3rd September	Professional Training Day – School Closed
Friday 4th September	Professional Training Day – School Closed
Monday 7th September	Autumn Term Opens Years 1 – 6- timings to be confirmed
3rd – 7th September	Reception class home visits at pre-arranged appointments
Tuesday 8th September	Reception class pupils first full day in school
26th – 30th October (inclusive)	Half Term
Friday 18th December	Autumn Term Closes
Monday 4th January 2021	Spring Term Opens
15th – 19th February (inclusive)	Half Term
Friday 26th March	Spring Term Closes
Monday 12th April	Professional Training Day – School Closed
Tuesday 13th April	Summer Term Opens
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
31st May - 4th June (inclusive)	Half Term
Monday 7th June Professional	Training Day – School Closed
Wednesday 21st July	Summer Term Closes for pupils
Thursday 22nd July	Professional Training Day – School Closed



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