# **ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS**

Week commencing: Monday 28th September 2020



#### **SCHOOL START TIME**

Now that the term is well under way, please can we ask all families with children in Years 1 to 6 to ensure children are in school by 8.55am at the latest. We start letting children through to the playground at 8.45am. Reception children can be dropped off between 9am and 9.15am. Thank you.

# PETS AS THERAPY CHARITY COLLECTION & ANIMAL-THEME CLOTHES DAY- THIS WEEK WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

On Wednesday this week, we will be supporting 'Pets as Therapy' who enable volunteers like Sarah Asbury to receive training and attend schools like ours to support reluctant readers. The Charity also supports animals attending care homes for the vulnerable. Each term, we have many children who benefit from this service, and your child may be next. Please give generously if you can- any amount large or small- via the school's SIMS Agora Pay system.

You are also invited to wear clothes with an animal theme on Wednesday to help us all raise awareness for the PAT charity (-we will allow extinct creature images/ costumes such as dinosaurs or cartoon/ imaginary/ mythical creatures such as unicorns & dragons to be worn too! Please no real fur clothing, or cuddly toys/ real pets to be brought to school though!)

If Wednesday is your PE day, <u>please do not bring a change of clothes</u>; wear your trainers with your animal top, socks or clothes- ensure that you will not need to change for PE.





Thank you in advance for your generosity in giving to this amazing charity.



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## PTA AGM 2019-2020 academic year



Our PTA AGM took place on Thursday 24th September. The committee of Dr Judkins, Mrs Espley, Mrs Minshull and Mrs Piccaver have done a fantastic job once again in 2019-20 leading the PTA raising over £8000 for the school thanks to everyone's generous support, and have now stepped down from their committee roles.

We currently do not have sufficient parent volunteers to take their places, and due to Covid-19 precluding us from meeting in person or running any on-site events this term, we feel it makes sense now to wait until later this academic year when we can meet in person to set up a new committee.

The current committee will support and provide handover to any parents who would like to take up the reins in 2021. We will set up a meeting in the hall as soon as possible in the new year.

Please do keep in mind if you may be interested in supporting the school by being a committee member of the PTA. Many thanks.

### **OFFICE CONTACT FORMS**

We are still awaiting the return of multiple home school agreement forms and acceptable use agreements. Please send back your completed forms as soon as possible this week

## **ASSEMBLIES & MUSIC THIS WEEK**

This week is anti-bullying week, so we will be following Anti-Bullying Pro's 'Big Anti-bullying Assembly' on Monday. #AntiBullyingAssembly @AntiBullyingPro

We continue our focus in assemblies this week on the value of generosity with our Charity day on Wednesday to support the work of the Pets as Therapy charity and our collection of flower drawings (and photographs if preferred, as suggested by Year 5) to spread joy to those who are not able to get out and about as much currently due to Covid-19.









and Revd David will lead our Tuesday assembly. We will be continuing with our BSL practice to help us sign words to accompany our songs of worship.



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## **CHARITY SUPPORT THROUGH VIRTUAL LONDON MARATHON**

Mrs Dalton-Cole will be running the virtual London Marathon on October and will be raising money for Pets As Therapy. We will share her Just Giving page next week if any parents do wish to support her and she will share her completed time with us!

### **ISLEHAM PRIMARY BEHAVIOURAL EXPECTATIONS**

To link with our anti-bullying Big Assembly this week, we would also like to remind you and your children of our behavioural expectations at Isleham Primary to support us all in working & playing in harmony together.

We have just 3 simple rules in our school:-



These complement the expectations set out in our home school agreement and our Christian values.

We are always grateful for the support of families who help and encourage their children to do their best in school and behave courteously towards staff and one another. Teaching and support staff work hard to ensure your children are cared for and have exciting learning opportunities to enjoy each day, and the vast majority of children behave well and work hard, save for the odd 'blip' of 'silly' or inappropriate behaviour, which is easily managed and resolved in school in line with our behaviour policy.

Children gain golden time on Fridays if they have followed the golden rules throughout the week, when they can choose from a range of agreed fun activities, unless their behaviour warrants restoration time instead of this.

We operate a yellow and red card system with the children for any incidences of extreme poor behaviour or behaviours which have not been rectified after warnings. In this instance, you will be informed of the reason for your child's yellow or red card via ClassDojo or telephone. Restoration work is always carried out in school with your child.

All we ask is that on the rare occasion that things may go wrong that you encourage your child to work with us to talk through how we can avoid further recurrences, and to take responsibility, accepting the part



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they have played in any disruption/incident. Please support us in helping to keep our school a happy and safe place to be.

Our full behaviour policy can be viewed from our website on the 'Key Documents' 'Policies and Procedure' page.

### **MENU THIS WEEK**

Please see our menu options for this week below. Please help your child to pick their school menu option in advance each day so that they are clear about what they may like to eat when the register is taken.





THURSDAY IS CENSUS DAY, SO ALL ELIGIBLE CHILDREN ARE WELCOMED TO ENJOY A SCHOOL LUNCH FREE OF CHARGE (INCLUDING ALL RECPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 CHILDREN & THOSE ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS IN OLDER YEARS); OTHERS CAN PURCHASE ONE FOR THEIR CHILD AT A COST OF JUST £2.40.

The funding for school meals is based on the take-up of free school meals on Thursday's Census Day, so please join us if you possibly can.

## **DIARY DATES**

Please find below our list of diary dates which will be added to as the term goes by- any new additions after this week will be made in red for ease!

28/09/2020	Assembly time	Anti-Bullying Big Assembly with Anti-Bullying Pro
29/09/2020		
30/09/2020	All day	'Animal theme day' in school. Donations to 'Pets as Therapy' via Sims Agora pay to support the charity providing Basil the reading dog at Isleham



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01/10/2020	All days	Consula Davi
01/10/2020	All day	Census Day
02/10/2020		
05/10/2020		
06/10/2020	6.30pm	Govs P&S Cttee Meeting
07/10/2020		
08/10/2020		
09/10/2020		
12/10/2020		
13/10/2020	6.30pm	Govs Resources Ctte Meeting
14/10/2020	From 9.00m	Pupil Flu Vaccinations in school
15/10/2020		
16/10/2020	End of school days	Mini reports out to parents in advance of parents meeting
19/10/2020	5.00pm-8.00pm	Parents' Evening 1 of 2
20/10/2020	3.30pm	SLT Catch-up
21/10/2020	4.00pm-7.00pm	Parents' Evening 2 of 2
22/10/2020		
23/10/2020		
25/10/2020		British Summer Time ends
26/10/2020		HALF TERM WEEK STARTS
31/10/2020		Vigil of All Saints/ Hallowe'en
01/11/2020		All Saints Day
02/11/2020		
03/11/2020	6.30pm	Govs Resources Ctte Meeting if needed
04/11/2020		
05/11/2020		
06/11/2020		
08/11/2020		Remembrance Sunday
09/11/2020		
10/11/2020		
11/11/2020	3.00pm	Year 5 & 6 Virtual Class Assemblies via ClassDojo
12/11/2020	3.00pm 6.30pm	Year R to 4 Virtual Class assemblies via ClassDojo Full Govs Meeting



