

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 16th October 2017



THE RUN-UP TO HALF TERM

This half term ends on Thursday 19th October this week as there is no school on Friday due to a staff professional development day.

We look forward to seeing you this week for your booked parents' evening consultation appointments on 16th and 17th October, in the school hall. Please note that it will not be possible to book to see staff on different evenings during the week of the 16th October, as the staff will have been in school later than usual on two separate evenings already. Appointments must run to 10 minute time-slots (or 15 minutes for Year R parents) to avoid long delays for others. Your child may attend the appointment, but needs to remain with you throughout the time they are in school and listen to the teacher's comments with you, rather than being left to roam the school or play with friends/ technology at the side of the hall.



Members of the school's Governing Body will be in attendance throughout the evenings, with a short questionnaire for you to complete. Please take the time to complete the form if you possibly can as response to the Governors' questionnaires help to guide the school's development priorities.

Please remember too that our 'Cake Break & non-uniform day' to raise funds for the I.S.P.A. (Isleham Swimming Pool Association) will take place on Thursday 19th October. All donations will be put towards the I.S.P.A.'s collection to help fund a new pool liner as this will need replacement before the 2018 summer swimming season. All cake donations are welcome (please label any containers clearly which you would like returned), as well as a monetary donation for home clothes to be worn and cakes to be bought at breaktime- suggested donation £2. Thank you in advance.



We hope your children will enjoy a lovely half term and look forward to seeing them back on Monday the 30th October after their week's half-term holiday.

With best wishes,
Mrs Skillern



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THE ISLEHAM SCHOOL P.T.A.



Thank you to everyone who attended last Friday's exceptional meeting of the Isleham Primary School P.T.A. and to all those who have committed to keep the P.T.A. going this year. The first committee meeting of 2017-18 will take place on **Wednesday 3rd**

November, straight after school, as this was the preferred meeting time for the majority of committee members.

W.I. AUTUMN COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of the W.I. Autumn competition...



Mollie in Reception, Florence in Key Stage 1 & Isobelle in Key Stage 2

Well done to all 3 children who will be receiving a book token prize.

CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 2

Year 2 presented their work to the rest of the school in Friday afternoon's sharing assembly- well done to all the children for their excellent presentations and singing.



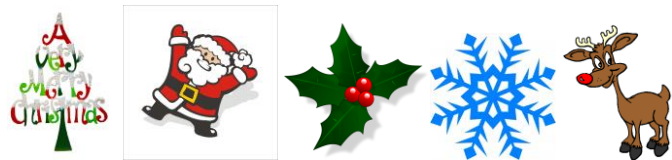
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CHRISTMAS CARD- COMPETITION TO DESIGN THE CHRISTMAS CARD FOR LUCY FRAZER QC MP, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR SOUTH EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE



Following on from a hugely successful competition last year, Lucy Frazer, the South East Cambridgeshire, member of Parliament, has written to invite Isleham pupils to take part in this year's competition to design her official Christmas card for 2017. The competition is open to all primary school pupils attending schools in the South East Cambridgeshire constituency. The winning design will feature on the front of her Christmas cards and all entrants will receive a certificate from Lucy Frazer in recognition of their efforts.

Entries should be clearly marked on the back with the pupil's name, year group and school and should be sent to Lucy Frazer's office in Westminster (Lucy Frazer MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA), to arrive no later than 5pm on Friday 3rd November 2017. Good luck to everyone from Isleham Primary School.

YEAR 6 STEM CHALLENGE



On Wednesday 11th October, Year 6, Miss Hunt and Mrs Airey visited Soham Village College (SVC) for the STEM Challenge. We travelled by coach and arrived at SVC after the short bus journey. We signed in at Lodeside and made our way over to the Performing Arts Centre (PAC). There was a lot to see on the way and it was great for Year 6 to see a normal school day at the college with the SVC students in their lessons. We were welcomed by Miss Knight from the Technology department and Miss Afford from the Maths department. Our day was filled with different challenges as STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. The first challenge was the Maths round where we had to answer questions in teams and take the answers to the different flags around the auditorium. It was very busy and a race to get as many boarding passes to the different countries as possible. We had break in Beechurst playground and then took part in the Science round which had a focus on forces, balance and momentum. After each round, we had to record our findings and make a poster. The staff at SVC were very impressed with our handwriting and presentation, which was fantastic to hear. The Year 8 and 9 STEM helpers had lunch with us in the dining hall and we had the chance for another look around. In the afternoon, we had the Technology challenge where we had to



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design and make a flying machine to send a message home and land 'closest to Soham' from Madrid. Our different groups won different awards and we had a great time along the way. A big thank you to Miss Knight, Miss Afford and everyone who made our visit to SVC so fun! We are looking forward to working in partnership with SVC on more projects this year. Check out more photos on the Year 6 page of the school website. Miss Hunt



BASIL THE READING THERAPY DOG

Basil, and his owner Sarah Asbury, have been making regular visits to school this half term in order to support reading in the school. Basil is a trained PAT dog (Pets as Therapy), who is skilled at listening to children read! So far, Basil and Sarah have been listening to 4 children read each week, and he will gradually listen further children as the year progresses. Thank you, Basil and Sarah!



SWAYNE & PARTNERS VETS VISIT ISLEHAM

We were thrilled to once again welcome vet Aimee Barker, and veterinary nurse Sammi Hunt to Isleham to talk to the Reception children about how to look after animals and what happened when they are ill or injured. The team from Swayne & Partners vets in Newmarket visited us for the second year running, and brought along some special visitors for the children to pet and hold, including two guinea pigs called Potter and Ginny, and dog 'Star' who was very good whilst all of the children used the stethoscope to listen to her heartbeat. <http://www.swaynevets.co.uk/>



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VALUE OF THE WEEK

In our assemblies this week, we are thinking about our school value of 'Service'. This week is "Thank Your Vicar Week", so this is an opportunity to give thanks for all those who support Church schools and churches in different ways – especially our associate priest at St Andrew's Isleham, Revd Sue Potts, and the new rector of the Three Rivers Group of Churches- Revd David Cleugh who will be installed by the Bishop of Ely on Friday 20th October during a service in St Peter & St Mary Magdalene Church, Fordham at 7.30pm.

MENU

LUNCHES THIS WEEK

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
MAINS	Local pork grill in a bun	Beef Bolognese with penne pasta	Barbeque chicken with rice	Roast turkey, stuffing and gravy with roast potatoes
	Quorn grill in a bun ✓	Cauliflower and broccoli bake with garlic bread ✓	Bean and vegetable bake with herby diced potatoes ✓	Quorn fillet, stuffing and gravy with roast potatoes ✓
	'Grab and go' lunch bag			
DESSERTS	Mini chocolate brownie with fresh fruit 50%	American pancake and ice cream with raspberry sauce	Wicked fruity Wednesday 100%	Vanilla cheesecake
	Fruit and yoghurt granola pot 50%	Fruit yoghurt	Iced fruit smoothie	Fruit yoghurt

Option 1

Option 2

Option 3

'GRAB & GO'- THIS WEEK

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Tuna roll	Cheese roll	Ham baguette	Egg roll
Veg sticks & fruit	Veg sticks & fruit	Veg sticks & fruit	Veg sticks & fruit
Flapjack	Biscuit	Cake	Flapjack
Bottle of water	Bottle of water	Bottle of water	Bottle of water

Please note that on days when the 'grab & go' option is NOT vegetarian, vegetarian children may order a cheese roll in place of the meat roll, wrap or baguette.



LUNCHES AFTER HALF TERM

After half term, jacket potatoes will be making a come-back in place of the 'grab & go' option 3!



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BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Many happy returns of the day to all the children who celebrate their birthdays this week and during the half term holiday



COMMUNITY NEWS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>



We are pleased to once again be supporting Pound Lane Free Church Isleham (PLFC) in their endeavour to collect as many shoebox gifts for needy children as possible in the run-up to Christmas. Your children will be bringing home a leaflet about the project this week, and are invited to bring in a packed shoe box for a child which you have prepared at home, or contribute to a class box. If you would like to contribute to a class shoebox, please approach the class teacher, who will let you know which items are still needed for the class box. Please see the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas child website for more details. We will be collecting shoeboxes up until the 16th November after half term. PLFC is an official Drop-Off point for shoeboxes, and is open to receive boxes from the 1st - 18th November. For many years PLFC has operated as a Satellite processing centre for OCC. This means that all boxes provided from within the CB6, CB7, and CB8 postcode areas are brought to PLFC for processing.

Thank you to everyone who feels they can contribute towards this wonderful scheme for children in need at Christmas- time.



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DIARY DATES- THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2017-18

AUTUMN TERM 1:-

Monday 16th October- Year 5 Bikeability training all week



Week of Monday 16th October- No after school clubs on Monday and Tuesday due to Parents' Meetings

Monday 16th October- Parents' evening appointments 4pm-7pm

Tuesday 17th October- Parents' evening appointments 4pm-7pm

Wednesday 18th October- Year 4 visit to Denny Abbey

Thursday 19th October- **Cake Bake and non-school uniform day** £2 suggested donation to include cake donation. All proceeds to I.S.P.A.



Friday 20th October- Professional Development Day- NO SCHOOL

Week of 23rd October- Half term- NO SCHOOL

AUTUMN TERM 2:-

Wednesday 1st November- Year 6 to Duxford Museum

Wednesday 1st November- Deadline for initial payments towards current Year 6 residential trip in July 2018

Friday 3rd November- **Year 1 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)

Wednesday 8th November- Year 5 parents and child meeting re next year's Year 6 residential trip to take place September 2018

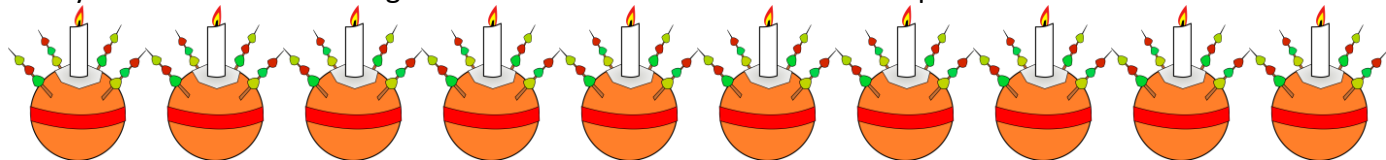
Friday 10th November- **Year 3 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)

Monday 13th November- Parent/Carer Family Support Drop-in 9.15am-10.45am

Friday 17th November- **Year 5 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)

Friday 24th November- **Year 6 Sharing Assembly** 2.40pm (Parents welcome- enter via Reception playground)

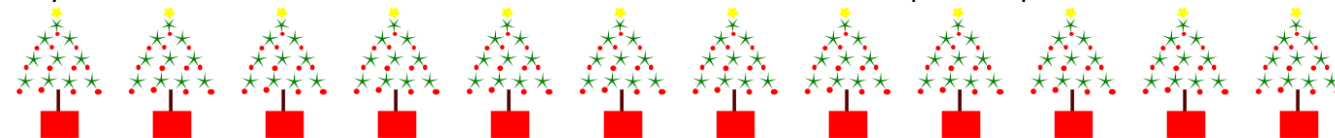
Friday 1st December- Christingle Service St Andrew's Church Isleham 2pm



Monday 11th December- Parent/Carer Family Support Drop-in 9.15am-10.45am

Tuesday 19th December- 2pm- Carol Service for children and families- 2pm St Andrew's Church Isleham

Tuesday 19th December- End of autumn term 2- Start of Christmas holiday at end of school day Children may be collected from the church at the end of the Carol Service 3.00pm-3.15pm



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