ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: 10th October 2016

PLAYGROUND START TO THE DAY

Thank you to all the adults who have been stepping back from the lining up zone when the bell rings in the playground each morning to enable the children to line up. It has been so much easier for the children to see their lines and for the staff member on duty to send the children into school. We would be very grateful if this pattern can be maintained for the remainder of the year.

It also would be appreciated if children could be encouraged to hold on to their own bags and belongings at the start of the day, and avoid running around/climbing on the playframe at this time. The playground is really very busy with adults, children and younger siblings as well as parents with pushchairs and toddlers trying to access the pre-school, so it is not a good time for a 'play-time' as the children to be running around as they risk knocking into others!

Thank you again for your support,
Mrs Skillern

IMPORTANT- SWIMMING POOL NEWS

Unfortunately we are unable to swim for the remainder of this term due to an issue discovered last Monday with the school's swimming pool heating system. The heater has stopped working and the water would not be sufficiently warm for the children to swim in, now that the weather has turned colder. Obviously, this is disappointing for the children, especially those who were just starting to make gains with their swimming. We are very sorry about this, but have been advised by the engineers that the issue can not be resolved straightaway. We will therefore look to see if we can start swimming again at the end of the Spring Term 2017 to gain back some valuable swimming lesson time for the children once the issue has been resolved. Please be aware that the money raised towards the pool from the recent triathlon event will continue to support the running and maintenance of the pool next year.

TRIATHLON AWARDS

Huge congratulations to the children from each Key Stage who were awarded First, Second & Third place in Swimming, Running & Cycling in the recent I.S.P.A. triathlon event after school. The children are photographed below with their certificates (unfortunately Joshua Bruyneel was absent for the photograph.)

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BIRTHDAYS

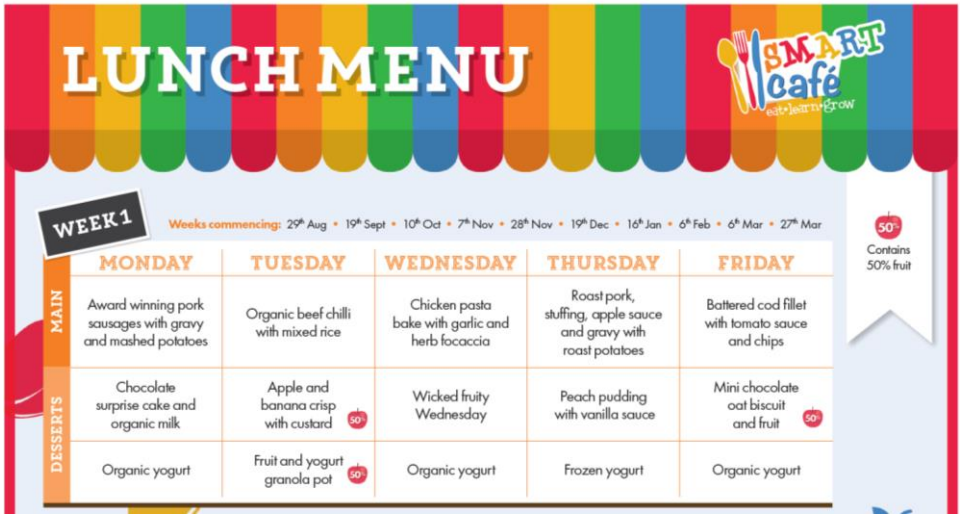
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OF THE CHILDREN WHO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK.

LONDON SUMMER STAGE SHOW ADVANCE NOTICE

Thank you to all who have responded already regarding the proposed summer 2017 visit to see 'The Lion King' in June 2017. We have been very fortunate to secure reduced price tickets for the children in Key Stage 2 to watch a London show once again this year. Please return the slip attached to the letter sent out last week, as soon as possible, to secure a place for this show.

MENU

Please find overleaf 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



LUNCH MENU

SMART café eat•learn•grow

WEEK 1 — Weeks commencing: 29th Aug • 19th Sept • 10th Oct • 7th Nov • 28th Nov • 19th Dec • 16th Jan • 6th Feb • 6th Mar • 27th Mar

50% Contains 50% fruit

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Award winning pork sausages with gravy and mashed potatoes	Organic beef chilli with mixed rice	Chicken pasta bake with garlic and herb focaccia	Roast pork, stuffing, apple sauce and gravy with roast potatoes	Battered cod fillet with tomato sauce and chips
DESSERTS	Chocolate surprise cake and organic milk	Apple and banana crisp with custard (50%)	Wicked fruity Wednesday	Peach pudding with vanilla sauce	Mini chocolate oat biscuit and fruit (50%)
	Organic yogurt	Fruit and yogurt granola pot (50%)	Organic yogurt	Frozen yogurt	Organic yogurt

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PARENT DROP-INS

Don't forget that we have a fantastic on-site 'drop-in' facility for parents at Isleham C of E Primary School. You are all welcome to come along and chat to the experienced visiting family workers if you have any concerns or queries about your child, or would welcome some parenting support. The drop-ins take place in the group room (where breakfast club takes place).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE P.T.A. (PARENT- TEACHER ASSOCIATION)

The Annual General Meeting of the PTA took place last week. Very many thanks are due to the outgoing committee of Mrs Furze, Mrs Gardella, Mrs Carrington & Ms Richardson who worked tirelessly on behalf of the school and helped to raise a large amount of money last year, and also to Mrs King who helped as PTA fund-raiser last year.

I am pleased to report that a new committee have volunteered to take forward the work of the PTA this academic year and continue the good work of the outgoing committee:-

Mrs Guest- Chairperson, Mrs Davidson– Vice Chair, Mrs Clark- Secretary & Mrs Smart- Treasurer.

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All parents present at the AGM have also become committee members. There are plenty more spaces available on the committee of the PTA, so if you would still like to become involved this year, please come along to the first committee meeting on Tuesday 18th October after school 3.30pm-4.15pm (a crèche will be available).

PARENTS' CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

Please remember to come along to school on Thursday for your booked Parents' Evening appointment. If you would like your child to attend with you, please enter school via the main entrance, and you can walk along to your child's classroom to collect him/her. Please deliver your child back to class after the appointment though, unless it is the end of the afternoon! Appointments are only 10 minutes long per child, and therefore it is vital for the teachers to run to time. They will need to round off the conversation after 10 minutes.

DIARY DATES- OCTOBER 2016

- Week commencing 10th October-NO clubs running due to Parents' Consultations
- Thursday 13th October- Parents' Consultation appointments 1.30pm-7.00pm Appointment times have been returned to families in line with parental requests. Children may attend with their parents, but there is no compulsion for your child to be present if you would prefer him/her not to be.
- Monday 17th to Thursday 20th October- Year 6 'Bikeability' classes
- Monday 17th October- cross country event at Witchford Village College for selected pupils in Year 4, 5 & 6.
- Tuesday 18th October- Open Classroom
- Thursday 20th October- Year 1 visit to Ely Museum
- Friday 21st October- school closed- Professional Development Day for staff
- Week commencing 24th October- HALF TERM- no school
- (Monday 31st October- return to school after half term)

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