

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: 19th December 2016



CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

We were treated to some wonderful events last week in our penultimate week of term... a superb visiting pantomime 'Cinderella', the Reception 'Nativity' production, the 'Year 1, 2 & 3 Christmas sing-along', our Christmas lunch, as well as an informal concert by our talented musicians led by Mr Wright.



A huge well done to all the children who performed in any of the presentations which were of an exceptionally high standard. Thank you too for your support with costumes and props!

As we prepare for the final two days of term, our big event for this week, is the PTA Fair this evening which follows whole-school carol singing on the playground.

Carol singing & Fair arrangements- The children will be singing from the pagoda and climbing wall end of the playground, starting at 2.45pm. Santa hats for the event have kindly been donated by the PTA, although your child can wear his/her own if preferred. Parents are welcome to come and listen from the tree and gate area in the playground. Please can I ask everyone to come right into the playground rather than congregating by the gate though, as otherwise it will be difficult to fit everyone into the space!... Once the singing is finished, the children will be returning to their classrooms to collect their bags, ready to be collected as usual by you before the fair... Please note that the only classrooms which are open for the fair are the Year 2 & Year 3 classrooms... the other rooms in use are the library (Santa's grotto), the hall, the group room, and the area outside Year 3, Year 2 and Year 1....Please do not roam into the other classrooms during the fair. Each class will be selling a range of craft items with all proceeds going to the PTA. If you are unable to attend the fair but would like your child's craft items to be sent home tomorrow, please forward £2 to the office. Thank you.



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DIARY DATES- SCHOOL CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN!

- Monday 19th December- from 2.45pm PTA Event- carol singing on the playground, and Christmas Fair after school

Isleham Primary School

Christmas Fair
at the Primary School

19th December 2016
3.15 – 5.30 pm

Free entry

Book Stall

Tombola

Grand Draw

BBQ

Santas Grotto

Gift Stalls

Lucky Dip

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies



A special thanks to Robbies Vehicle Repairs Soham (01353 721052), Purple Recycling Prickwillow, Wildtracks and many others for their donations.

CAROL SINGING- 2.45pm

- Tuesday 20th December- End of term- break up for Christmas at the end of the school day
- Wednesday 4th January 2017- return to school for start of Spring Term



SOUTH EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE M.P. CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION WINNERS



Congratulations to Zachary and Sophia who were successful in being 'finalist' and 'runner-up' respectively in the M.P. Christmas Card Competition run by our local Member of Parliament Lucy Frazer. Isleham Primary School submitted some excellent entries for Ms Frazer to choose from!



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SAPPHIRE'S SECOND SUCCESS OF 2016!

Sapphire house were once again crowned champions of the House merits this term, and enjoyed an extra playtime and parachute games last week. Well done to all the Sapphires who contributed to the team's excellent termly total.



CHRISTINGLE THANKS

Very many thanks to all Isleham families for their generous donations in the Christingle 'purses' presented during the Christingle Service in Isleham St Andrew's Church on the 1st December... We raised an amazing **£371.61** for the Children's Society. THANK YOU.

GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS

Congratulations are due to the 12 children who were this term's recipients of 'Golden Tickets', awarded in recognition of their consistent hard work and the superb presentation of work in their books. All can be exceptionally proud of their efforts. Well done.



BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THE CHILDREN WHO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AND DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.



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'FRANK COCHRAN' SCHOOL CUP FOR CITIZENSHIP- CONGRATULATIONS

The Frank Cochran School Cup has been awarded this term to Jordan for her kind nature and support of everyone in school this term, especially those younger than her at lunchtimes, and at Cheerleading Club where she has been an excellent helper with a group of much younger pupils. Well done Jordan. You have been an excellent role model to others.



MENU

The menu for the final two days is as follows:-

MONDAY	
MAINS	Award winning pork sausages with gravy and mashed potatoes
	Quorn sausage with gravy and mashed potatoes 
	Salmon salad wrap
DESSERTS	Chocolate surprise cake and organic milk
	Organic yogurt

Option 1
Option 2 (vegetarian)
Option 3

Tuesday
Option 1- Fish Fingers & chips
Option 2- Quorn dippers & chips
No Option 3
Apple & banana crisp with custard
Fruit & yogurt

The kitchen staff would like to extend warm wishes for the Christmas season to all Isleham families.

CHRISTMAS POST

If your children have any final Christmas cards which they would like to be delivered to children or staff before the end of term, please bring them in and post them in our postbox just outside the hall. Please help your child to ensure that each name is written clearly on the outside of the envelope and the year group of the recipient, so that the cards can be easily delivered by our Year 6 post people! Many thanks.





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STAFF NEWS

Mrs Julia Gilbert will be leaving us today in order to take up a new post at Soham Village College. Obviously, we are very sad to be losing Mrs Gilbert but delighted that she has been successful in being appointed to a new role. Mrs Gilbert's support work will be covered by other staff within the team to ensure that the children in Year 6 continue to be supported to achieve their best. We extend our warmest wishes to Mrs Gilbert and wish her all the best for the future.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ELY ADHD/ASD Parent/Carer Support Group

Are you the parent / carer of a child that has non-diagnosed or diagnosed ADHD / ASD?

Would like to meet other parents to share your experiences and gain practical advice and support?

We would like to invite you to attend the following sessions:

- 13th January
- 10th February
- 10th March

Where: Ely Children's Centre,
Spring Meadow Infant
& Nursery School,
High Barns, Ely, CB7 4RB
Time: 12.30-2.30pm

Along with Family Voice Peterborough, Pinpoint is running 4 monthly support groups for parents / carers whose children are on the waiting list, have had a referral turned down or are accessing services for ADHD/ASD. Each month we aim to invite speakers that will offer advice on how to support you, your child and your family.

In January we have Donna Sparrow from SENDIASS (SEND Information, Advice and Support Service) to offer impartial information, advice and support to parents / carers of children and young people with special educational needs and / or a disability

We can reimburse your childcare and travel expenses. Refreshments are provided

We also run groups in Peterborough, Huntingdon and Histon - Cambridge, please check our website for further details.
For latest information and directions see the pinpoint website: <http://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk/events>

To book your place contact: jackie@pinpoint-cambs.org.uk 01480 499043

AND FINALLY...

I would like to wish all Isleham C of E Primary School families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all again at the start of the Spring Term on Wednesday 4th January 2017.

With all best wishes,

Mrs Skillern and all the school staff.



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