

# ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020



## PTA DISCO THIS WEEK

Don't forget this week's Valentines discos for children on Friday after school...



AND NEXT WEEK: wear red or pink to school on Valentine's Day (the 14<sup>th</sup> February) to help raise additional funds for the PTA.

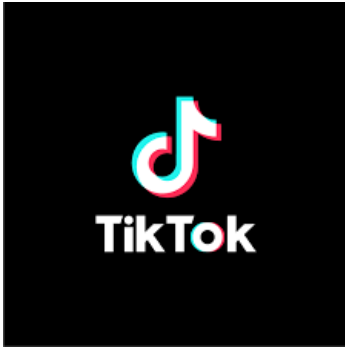
## **PARENTS' EVENING BOOKING OPENS TOMORROW- 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

Spring Term Parents' Evenings will run from 4pm to 7pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February and 5pm to 8pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February- Please book via the online app from TOMORROW -12 noon on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. We must please ask all parents to attend on the parent evening days as this is when the teachers are available in school rather than trying to speak to the teacher at a different time. The staff cannot be expected to spread the appointments throughout the weeks for individuals as they have other commitments on the other days. Children may come along to the appointment with you if you do not have childcare, but should please remain with you throughout the appointment. Thank you.



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## ARE YOUR CHILDREN USING TIKTOK?



We have become aware that an increasing number of children are using the social media app TikTok. Please see link below – a useful tool for parents to help keep children safe on TikTok.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/>

## ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK



This week, our curriculum star to focus upon is the green 'broadening horizons' star. We hope that throughout their time in primary school, the children will find out about the village of Isleham, the locality, the UK and the world they are growing up in, through learning about the world, visiting other places and communicating with children and others in other parts of the country and globe. We take part in sports tournaments and other events within East Cambridgeshire and East Anglia, and we have been finding out about the world of work through our career assemblies. If you have not yet volunteered for a career assembly and have an interesting career to tell the children about, please do contact Mrs Skillern to book a date to tell the children all about it. Our assemblies are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2.45pm.

Last week, Mrs Jaggard & the team from Wild Tracks told the children all about the exciting world of work at Wild Tracks outdoor activity park. I think there were several children who thought this could be a quite a fun job for the future!



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This week, we are thinking about the Christian festival of Candlemas on 2.2.2020. Candlemas ends the festival of Christmas and is the celebration of Jesus' coming as the Light of the World. The story of Simeon and God's promise to him is central. For centuries there has been a special service on this day when all the candles that will be used in the church next year are blessed ready for use. When those candles are lit in church services, they then remind everyone of Jesus the Light of the World. Our Bible reading is Luke chp 2 vss 25-32



## MENU

Please find below menu choices for the week ahead:-

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>MEAT FREE</b>					
<i>Freshly baked bread</i>	Garlic bread	Wholemeal bread	Focaccia	Rosemary wholemeal bread	Garlic & herbed ciabatta
<i>Menu choice 1</i>	Vegetable burger with wedges	Chicken pasta	Beef lasagne	Roast pork with roast potatoes & gravy	Fish fingers & chips with tomato ketchup
<i>Menu choice 2</i>	Jacket potato with cheese and beans	Penne pasta with tomato and basil sauce	Jacket potato with cheese and beans	Quorn fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Fishless fingers & chips with ketchup
<i>Sides</i>	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonal vegetables Selection of salads
<i>Desserts</i>	Chocolate brownie Sliced fresh fruit	Fudge tart Sliced fresh fruit	Sticky toffee pudding with custard Sliced fresh fruit	Fruit cookies Sliced fresh fruit	Marble cake Sliced fresh fruit

*Our mission* is to make your lunchtime meal the highlight of *your* day.



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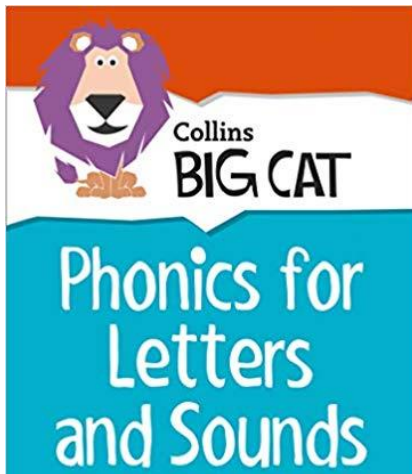


## ECO CLUB

Thank you to Cassie and Nicole for your excellent work last week litter picking around the village. Every piece of litter collected helps to tidy our environment and avoid plastic pollution for the village plants and creatures.



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We are all excited to begin using our brand new resources from the Collins Big Cat for Letters and Sounds with Reception and Key Stage 1 classes this week. As children develop their decoding skills, which they learn through phonics lessons and guided reading sessions, we want them to feel empowered and confident. Parents and carers may notice, as a result, that their children are brilliant at reading their home readers. We hope to reassure you that it is ideal for children to be independently reading books with approximately 95% accuracy. This builds their self-esteem and enables them to practice the specific sounds which they have already been taught, without the pressure of new unfamiliar sounds. Therefore, we will be calling their main home reading book their '**show off**' book. This will come from the new Collins Big Cats for Letters and Sounds range. It's a chance to show off all their new decoding skills which they have learnt at school. Children will continue to bring home a second book, however, which is a free choice reader. This second book may be more difficult to decode independently, but a chance for you to enjoy a new text together at home. Please speak with either your child's class teacher or Mrs Gibbs (English lead) if you would like any further clarification. In the meantime, we are sure you will burst with pride when your children begin 'showing off' this week.

### **STARS OF THE WEEK**



#### **Last week's children who gained 'star of the week' certificates for sharing happiness were:**

- Reception- Maverick for sharing his happiness about riding his bike without stabilisers
- Year 1- Sonny for always sharing his interests and developing a 'happy to have a go' attitude
- Year 2- Bethany Es- for always being a happy, smiling face in school
- Year 3- Evelyn for always being happy to try any task and share what she has done at home
- Year 4- Giselle for always smiling and having a happy positive frame of mind
- Year 5- Chris for spreading cheer with his joke-telling!
- Year 6- Toby for sharing happiness with your quirky observations on life!

**Congratulations to all!**



## TOYS

We need to please ask again for children to avoid bringing cuddly toys or precious belongings including keyrings into school. With 204 children in school, we cannot guarantee that each individual item will not be lost or misplaced, and the office cannot be a holding area for children's belongings. If your child has a cuddly toy or fidget toy as part of a behaviour support plan, this does not apply, but we do ask for parents to clearly name such items. Thank you in advance.

## THE TERM AHEAD- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Tuesday 4.2.20</b>	<b>Young Voices trip to O2 11am- 11pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 5.2.20</b>	<b>Late arrival permitted for staff and children who have attended the O2 trip</b>
<b>Friday 7.2.20</b>	<b>PTA Discos at end of school day</b>
<b>Tuesday 11.2.20</b>	<b>9.15am- Class café Year 1</b>
<b>Wednesday 12.2.20</b>	<b>9.15am- Class Café Year 2 Spring Term Parents' Evening 1 of 2 - 4pm to 7pm- SENCo available to 6pm Please book via online app from 12pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Friday 14.2.20</b>	<b>PTA non-uniform day- wear red or pink for Valentines Day Half term starts after school</b>
<b>Monday 24.2.20</b>	<b>Back to school after half term</b>
<b>Tuesday 25.2.20</b>	<b>9.15am- Class café Year 4 Spring Term Parents' Evening 1 of 2 - 5pm to 8pm</b>
<b>Friday 28.2.20</b>	<b>Year 5/6 Quicksticks tournament</b>
<b>Tuesday 3.3.20</b>	<b>9.15am- Class café Year R 6pm- Performance &amp; Standards Gobs Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday 5.3.20</b>	<b>World Book Day- dress up as a book character or bring in your favourite book to share</b>
<b>Wednesday 11.3.20</b>	<b>Visit of author James Campbell 9.30am- Reception vision screening</b>
<b>Monday 16.3.20</b>	<b>3.30pm- ISPA Meeting for parents</b>
<b>Tuesday 17.3.20</b>	<b>9.15am- Class café Year 3</b>
<b>Friday 20.3.20</b>	<b>Year 5/6 Hi-5 netball tournament</b>
<b>Tuesday 24.3.20</b>	<b>9.15am- Class café Year 5</b>
<b>Thursday 26.3.20</b>	<b>6pm Full Gobs Meeting</b>
<b>Monday 30.3.20</b>	<b>2pm- Year 3 &amp; 4 dress rehearsal 3.30pm- Staff RESUS training</b>



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	6pm- Parent RESUS training
Tuesday 31.3.20	9.15am- Class café Year 6 2pm Year 3 & 4 Production 1 of 2
Wednesday 1.4.20	9.15am- CP out pool carers course 2pm Year 3 & 4 Production 2 of 2
Thursday 2.4.20	Easter hols start after school
Monday 20.4.20	PD Day- whole staff- school closed to pupils
Tuesday 21.4.20	Summer term starts for pupils



#### WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP YOUR CHILD & FAMILY?

We welcome your comments and ideas about ways in which we can help your child to achieve well in school and enjoy being in school; if you have any comments of things you feel we can do better, please let us know via email [head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk) or come to chat to your child's class teacher or the Head-teacher; alternatively fill in one of the comments' form at the forthcoming parents' evenings.

Thank you in advance.



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## SENDIASS APPOINTMENTS / DROP-IN

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COMMUNITY SERVICES  
CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH FOUNDATION TRUST  
FENLAND AND EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE OPPORTUNITY AREA

As a result of a new project, SENDIASS are pleased to be able to offer parents in Fenland & East Cambridgeshire the opportunity to access increased levels of support through appointments or drop-in

To secure a 30 minute appointment with Hanna Stevenson, Case Co-ordinator for the area, please contact her directly:

Email:

[hanna.stevenson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:hanna.stevenson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Office Telephone: 01223 703202

Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Littleport Child & Family Centre, on site of Littleport Primary School, Parsons Lane, Littleport, CB6 1JT	1pm to 4pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Soham Child and Family Centre Pratt Street, Soham, Ely CB7 5BH	1pm to 4pm
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2020	Ely Children's Centre, 77 High Barns, Ely, CB7 4RB	11am to 2pm

- These are FUNDED session for parents
- Spaces are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment
- SENDIASS provide families with information, advice and support in relation to children or young people with Special Educational Needs & Disability <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer/local-offer-care-and-family-support/send-information-advice-and-support-service-sendiass>

Address: Cambridgeshire County Council, SENDIASS (formerly Parent Partnership), SH1212, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP



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