

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 14th September 2020



FIRST WEEK BACK



Dear Parents,

Last week was a busy and enjoyable week in school; the children quickly settled in to the new routines and expectations last week. Please let us know if you have any ongoing concerns or queries. Your child's class newsletter has been uploaded on Friday to your child's ClassDojo 'Class Story' page and to the class pages on our website www.isleham.cambs.sch.uk

Please check the diary sheet at the end of the newsletter for important dates coming up.

THIS WEEK, we have school photographs with Kittle Photography on Tuesday.

The photographer will take individual portrait photographs of every child, and separate photos of school-aged siblings together. There will also be a class photograph on Year 6 and Reception class. Please ensure your child attends school wearing the correct school uniform with a burgundy sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece.

Year 3 will NOT have PE on the Tuesday so should wear their usual school uniform.

Many thanks,

Mrs Skillern



INDIVIDUAL PUPIL TARGETS

Individual pupil targets will be uploaded to your child's ClassDojo portfolio page this week. The teachers will do this in their release time, and therefore each class group's targets may appear on different days. We hope to have all the targets uploaded by the end of the week.



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CLASSDOJO READING RECORDS



We are nearly there- almost every parent is connected via ClassDojo! THANK YOU.

Your children should be logging on daily to ClassDojo to record their home reading. Thank you if you have already been doing this each day.

Please note on ClassDojo when your child has read and if they have completed their book with you, so that they can swop the book for a new one.

FIRST AID NOTIFICATIONS



Please note that if your child suffers a minor injury, knock or scrape in school, you will NOT be automatically notified unless it has been necessary to administer first aid e.g. apply a dressing or ice pack. Particularly in the younger years, when TLC is given for minor complaints throughout the day, it is not practical for staff to alert you of each time something small may happen e.g. a ball hits into an arm, or a leg aches. All staff are first aid trained and will administer first aid if needed. You will receive a first aid slip in this circumstance, including if an accident has been witnessed which has caused your child major distress.



COUNTY TRAVEL SURVEY FOR PARENTS

Cambridgeshire County Council have asked for your support in completing this online survey to discover changing travel needs for children post lockdown.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/XPJOSD/>



HEALTH ADVICE

As the autumn colds are already starting to circulate, please check the guide below for advice about whether to send your child to school. The general advice is that long as your child is feeling well enough, as before the pandemic, they should be in school. They do not need a Covid test for general cold symptoms- sore throat, slight cough and runny nose etc

What should I do if?	Action needed ...
<p>My child is feeling ill with Covid-19 symptoms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high temperature – this means your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back • a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours • a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means your child cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal. <p>Most children with Covid-19 have at least one of these symptoms.</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>The whole household must self-isolate. Your child will need to isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms; the rest of the household should isolate for 14 days.</p> <p>You should book a test for your child using this link here, or by phoning 119.</p> <p>Please note - <u>only</u> the person with symptoms should be tested and there is no need for others in the household to have a test, unless they also have any of the symptoms mentioned.</p> <p>Make sure you tell the school immediately about the result of the test.</p>
<p>My child is feeling ill with other symptoms such as a sore throat, runny nose or a headache.</p>	<p>You should act in the same way as you would have done before the pandemic. This may involve sending your child to school or keeping them at home, depending on the nature and severity of symptoms. Of course you should seek medical advice via your GP or NHS direct on 111 if you would normally do so.</p> <p>Please note – if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of this, as is normal policy.</p>
<p>Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>The whole household must self-isolate and the person with symptoms should book a test using this link here, or by phoning 119.</p>
<p>Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>The whole household should isolate for 14 days. The person who has tested positive must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms, and until there is no fever for 48 hours.</p>
<p>Someone in my household tests negative for Covid-19</p>	<p>Your child can return to school, if they have been well for 48 hours and no one in the household or support bubble has any further Covid-19 symptoms.</p>
<p>My child tests positive for Covid-19</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>Your child must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms, and until there is no fever for 48 hours. The rest of the household should isolate for 14 days.</p>
<p>My child tests negative for Covid-19</p>	<p>Your child can return to school once they have been well for 48 hours and no one in the household or support bubble has any Covid-19 symptoms.</p>



PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



A note from the current committee members:-

Welcome back to all Parents/Carers,

We hope that you are keeping well and that you have had a good summer. It's certainly been an interesting few months!

You may recall that we scheduled our PTA AGM for Thursday 24th September. Due to the current situation with Covid-19 we feel that the safest way to hold the meeting will be via Zoom. Please see login in details below. The meeting will take place at 4pm - you are all invited and we would really love to see you there.

Zoom meeting code: 681-068-7393

Password: 037579

We, as a committee, have decided to step down from our roles this year to allow some new parents/carers to take over the reins.

This will happen officially during our AGM. We will, of course, continue to support the new PTA committee, either in an advisory capacity or to help out at any events the new committee chooses to run and we want to ensure that the transition over to the new committee is as smooth as possible.

It is hugely important for our lovely school to have an active PTA committee. Not only do we raise funds for 'larger' projects such as classroom smart screens, playground equipment, audio-visual equipment etc, but the PTA also contributes to many other perks that all of our children benefit from, such as subsidising class trips, buying Year 6 leavers polo shirts, etc. So please do have a think about becoming a PTA committee member and what role you might like to undertake (Treasurer, Secretary and Chair are the main roles that need filling. Each of these roles can be a joint role held by 2 people if preferred).

If you have any questions about any of these roles and what they entail, please do contact us via the PTA FB page or email islehampta@gmail.com.

OFFICE CONTACT FORMS

Contact forms for your signature will be forwarded this week- our first week proved to be busier than expected so the home school agreements and forms were not sent out. Please return these as quickly as possible. Thank you in advance.

MUSIC LESSONS WITH MR WRIGHT IN CURRICULUM TIME

Due to the lockdown, Year 5 will recommence their brass lessons at the start of this academic year until half term. The Year 4 children will then be taking up brass lessons in groups of 15.

Ukulele lessons with Year 6 will take place in the summer term.



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.

LUNCHTIME CO.

Week 2
Commencing • 14th Sept & 5th Oct

MEAT FREE

Freshly baked bread	Poppy seed bloomer	Wholemeal	Poppy seed bloomer	Rosemary wholemeal	focaccia
Menu choice 1	Macaroni cheese	Hotdog/quorn dog in wholemeal roll & salad	Meatballs/quorn mince in tomato & basil sauce with pasta	Roast Beef/quorn fillet with Roasted Potatoes & yorkshire pudding	Fish Fingers/ fishless fish fingers served with Chips & Garden Peas or Beans
Menu choice 2	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll
	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables
Desserts	Chocolate brownie Sliced fruit	Mixed berry muffin Sliced fruit	Pancake & sauce Sliced fruit	Carrot cake Sliced fruit	Apple sponge Sliced fruit

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

Available every day:

- Selection of Fruit

Some of our food may contain allergens. Please ask our chef for advice.

Please note that there are only 2 meal options now- Option 1 (hot meal) and Option 2 (the grab & go cheese roll picnic lunch). A vegetarian option will be offered to children registered as vegetarian automatically if they order Option 1. Please ensure that you have let the office know if your child requires a vegetarian diet. Due to the difficulties in ensuring sufficient food stocks are ordered for the children's dietary needs, it is not possible for children to have the vegetarian option unless they are vegetarian. Thank you for your understanding.

ASSEMBLIES & MUSIC THIS WEEK

Our assemblies this week will focus again on the value of generosity



and Revd Anna 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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SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 6 PUPILS

Year 6 parents should now be aware that the process to apply for secondary school for next September 2021 is now open and will close on the 31st October 2020. Parents will receive their offer on the 2nd March 2021. Any late applications received after the 31st October will be allocated on the 27th April. Please make applications on time to ensure the best opportunity of obtaining one of your 3 school preferences.

In order to apply for a secondary school place, you will need to log into the Citizen Portal to make your application. Last year the majority of parents chose to make their applications for a school place online. Parents must apply via their home local authority (where they pay their Council Tax to) for transferring from Primary to Secondary school.

This is the link to the Cambridgeshire online application process:-

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/secondary-school>

If parents do not wish to make their application online, paper application forms are available on request if you call 0345 045 1370. Any students that have deferred places must apply via a paper application as the portal will not accept their date of birth for this transfer group.

If you have any questions about the application or online processes please refer to the booklet on our website "**Next Steps - Starting Secondary School; a guide for parents 2021-22**" or contact the Admissions Team.

MATHS MAGICIANS

Last spring, before lockdown, our Maths Curriculum leader, Mrs Tait, set up an estimation station which required the children to estimate the number of items on display for the class group objects, or the length of string etc. Well done to the children who won Maths awards for their excellent estimation skills in each class. The new estimation station will be up and running this week for each class to visit separately. Let's see whose estimation skills are on form this term!



Well done Alfred who estimated there were 19 play people in the bag, and there were 18.

Well done Carly who estimated that there were 42 multi-link cubes and there were 39.

Well done Ethan, Lois and Ellouise who estimated that there were 34 beads in the bag and there were 32.

Well done Millie who estimated that there were 323 counters in the bag and there were 322.

Well done Isla who estimated that there were 100 lollipop sticks and there were 106.

Well done Lexi who estimated that there were 76 dice in the bag and there were 74.

PE DAYS

Children will need to attend school wearing their PE kit on the following days (black leggings or joggers may be worn with the PE kit, and **school BURGUNDY sweatshirt or fleece**). Please note children require a plain cotton white or school logo-ed burgundy t-shirt for PE- football tops or other sports tops are not permitted. Thank you

Reception	Thursday
Year 1	Wednesday & Friday
Year 2	Thursday & Friday
Year 3	Monday & Tuesday
Year 4	Thursday & Friday
Year 5	Wednesday & Friday
Year 6	Monday & Wednesday

Very many congratulations to the children who took part in our virtual sports day this summer and shared their photos on ClassDojo. Medals arrived last week and were distributed on Friday. Well done to all who took part.





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!

11/09/2020	9.00am	Class Newsletters to families
14/09/2020		
15/09/2020	am	School Photographs
16/09/2020		
18/09/2020	End of school day	Pupil targets out to parents via ClassDojo
21/09/2020		
22/09/2020		
23/09/2020		
24/09/2020	4pm-5pm	PTA AGM via Zoom: meeting code: 681-068-7393 Password: 037579
25/09/2020		
28/09/2020		
29/09/2020		
30/09/2020		
01/10/2020		
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 Cttee 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
27/10/2020		HALF TERM
28/10/2020		HALF TERM
29/10/2020		HALF TERM
30/10/2020		HALF TERM
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
13/11/2020		

