



ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Monday 6th December 2021

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

The PTA would like to invite all Isleham pupils to take part in their Christmas competition this year to be in with a chance of winning one of the class Christmas hampers packed with goodies for your age-group.



To be in with a chance of winning, your child is invited to either :-

decorate the Christmas stocking outline shown overleaf with festive pictures and patterns

OR

write a Christmas poem into the Christmas stocking outline.

Children are invited to enter their efforts into the PTA competition which closes **THIS FRIDAY- on Friday 10th December**. All entries will require a £1 entry fee.

All proceeds will go towards the PTA who help to provide lots of extras each Christmas and throughout the year.

This year, the PTA have funded Christmas decorations for each of the classrooms, as well as crackers for each child to accompany the Christmas meal on 16th December. **THANK YOU**

Here are photos of some the festive classrooms (and a sneak preview of Reception class doing a great job in their first nativity rehearsal is included later in the newsletter)



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The PTA have 2 great events taking place in the run up to Christmas this year...

*The teddy and bottle tombolas at home time on the 16th December in the playground (- this is also Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day)

and

*A Christmas poetry or design competition for children to enter.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Please send in any of the following donations you may have this week to support these events:-

*bottles for a bottle tombola on 16.12.21 at the end of the school day in the playground (alcoholic/non-alcoholic drinks, bottles of sauce, shampoos, smellies etc- please ensure all are sealed and in date)

*teddies for a teddy tombola on 16.12.21 at the end of the school day (any clean and presentable teds large or small seeking a new home)

*any new children's toys, stationery or unisex accessories to contribute towards year group children's prize hampers for this year's poetry and colouring competitions (e.g. hats, scarves, gloves, felt-tip pens, colouring books, books, small toys, card games or small board games)

Thank you for donating what you can to support these fun events

CHRISTMAS POSTBOX

For the next two weeks, post can be delivered on Mondays and Tuesdays to the postbox near the school hall. The Year 5 children will deliver it to classes on Friday 10th and Friday 17th December.

Please ensure you help your child to write the name of the intended recipient and their class carefully.

Thank you.



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CHRISTMAS LUNCH



Christmas Lunch

Thursday 16th December

Traditional Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes
Mini Sausage, Carrots, Broccoli, Peas & Gravy

OR

Quorn Christmas Roast with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes,
Mini Sausage, Carrots, Broccoli, Peas & Gravy (V)

Festive Cookie

Christmas cupcake

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Christmas Lunch Menu Contains
(G) (W) (BU) (SO) (B) (MILK)

Allergen Key: Barley (B), Celery (C), Egg (E), Fish (F), Gluten (G), Lupin (L), Milk (MILK), Mustard (MU), Sesame Seeds (SS), Soya (SO), Sulphites (SU), Wheat (W)



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PTA CHRISTMAS POEM OR DECORATION COMPETITION



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| Name |
| _____ |
| Year _____ |



NATIVITY SHOWS & CHRISTMAS CONCERTS



We have now received further advice from the local authority about audiences for this month's planned nativity performances and plays.

Due to the local picture with regard to COVID-19 cases in the community, Cambridgeshire's designation as an ERA (Enhanced Response Area) has been extended to 24th December 2021. As our school lies within the current Enhanced Response Area (ERA), like all other primary schools in this area, we have been advised that 'performances with an external audience including parents/carers do not take place and streamed or recorded options are used instead.'

I am sorry for this disappointment but obviously we wish to protect your families and the children and staff from any additional risk and disruption prior to the Christmas period. We are sure that the children will still enjoy the experience of being on the stage and putting on their play, and hopefully watching it with you at home. We will release the videos on the final day of term for you to enjoy at home.

COVID-19 ADVICE FOR FAMILIES

Thank you to all our families for continuing to support us in ensuring any cases of COVID-19 are quickly identified and children do not attend school in this scenario. ClassDojo post at the weekend has confirmed that we currently have two positive cases in school (in Year 6 and Year 4), and therefore your ongoing vigilance is appreciated. Please book a PCR for your child if they are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19. A PCR test can be booked by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE THIS FRIDAY

Please remember your collection candle tube for Friday's Christingle service in Church. The money donated at Christingle goes to the Children's Society to support children in need at Christmas time. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate parents at the service, but the children will be able to enjoy the trees and lights all set up for the Festival of light this weekend.

Please see overleaf for details of the family fun carol concert you are welcome to join this weekend.



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CHRISTMAS CRAFT FUN DAY

We are very excited to be holding a day of craft at Isleham Primary School, which will take place on the final day of term, the 17th December 2021. The day will entail a full set of craft tasks, to include; bag decorating, calendar creation and photo frame production, alongside Christmas tunes and a touch of tinsel magic! We hope that the children will enjoy this end of term treat and have a 'craft-acular' last day to the term.

We do however ask for your help in supplying the following craft items

- cardboard boxes, such as cereal boxes
- old fragments of wool
- buttons
- cardboard tubes from kitchen rolls
- and donations of bags of cotton wool balls

We thank you for your support with these items and ask you to leave them with Mrs Skillern and Mrs Deacon who can be found meeting and greeting on the gate, each morning. THANK YOU



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YEAR 5 NEWS



In science, Year 5 are learning about different forces. They have been weighing different items around the classroom using a Newton metre and have been investigating the impact of mass on gravity, by using paper helicopters and paperclips. Great work, Year 5.

DIARY DATES COMING UP THIS TERM

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| 06/12/2021 | | |
| 07/12/2021 | | |
| 08/12/2021 | - | Class Café for Year 3 parents- postponed until spring term |
| 09/12/2021 | | |
| 10/12/2021 | 10.30am | Christingle service at St Andrew's Church- no parents permitted |
| 12/12/2021 | | <u>Third Sunday of Advent</u> |
| 13/12/2021 | - | Christmas week |
| 14/12/2021 | | |
| 15/12/2021 | | |



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| 16/12/2021 | 12pm 2.45pm-3.15pm 3.00pm | Xmas lunch & Christmas Jumper day WOW work published. (Open classroom cancelled) Teddy & bottle tombolas at the school gate |
| 17/12/2021 | All day - | Christmas craft day Year 1&2 show video released & Year R nativity story video released End of term |



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