

ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS



Week commencing: Tuesday 4th May 2021

ONLINE SAFETY



Dear Parents,

Over the last 12 months children have become necessarily increasingly confident with accessing the internet independently as we have experienced long periods of lockdown and remote learning. The school continues to teach children how to be safe online and we have strict online safeguarding tools for monitoring and controlling the internet on the school systems.

We have though become increasing aware of a number of children, including those in Key Stage 1, playing non-age appropriate online games including Fortnite, and then using the language and re-enacting the games in school in the playground and even classroom. There is an obvious amount of marketing and popularity to 12+ games such as Fortnite. Some children may be attracted to the older style of gameplay, possibly through seeing older siblings or relatives playing, or simply be watching the game being played by 'Youtubers' on their internet-enabled tablet, computer or mobile device even in cases where they have not downloaded the game itself or have strict parent controls installed for their own gameplay.

The actions and language within this game are something we cannot accept children mimicking within the school environment. Other children, who are not interested in the game are increasingly witnessing behaviour and hearing language which is not acceptable.

We will continue to teach and support your child the importance of on-line safety and the importance of playing and watching age-appropriate websites, games, apps and videos, and indeed in limiting the amount of screen time during which they are playing games or watching online content, as this does impact on their tiredness in school. I ask for your support in reinforcing to your child that it is not acceptable for them to re-enact 'Fortnite' in school, and the use of foul or abusive language or aggressive behaviour is never acceptable. I have asked the staff to be extra vigilant, and hope you will be able to reinforce expectations too.

Please take a look at the NSPCC Net-aware website for more details of how to keep your child safe online- there is also lots of good advice for parents about staying up-to-date with the latest apps and games, tips for managing your child's digital profile and supporting your child's online wellbeing. <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Thank you,
Mrs Skillern and the Isleham Primary team



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PARKING SAFETY- EVEN IF YOU'RE LATE, PARK AWAY FROM THE GATE!

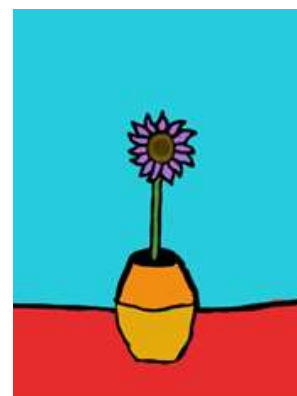


Please can all parents avoid parking opposite the school gateway and zig-zag lines at any time.

Our drop-off time now runs to 9.05am so there is plenty of time to park and walk the short distance to the school gate. Thank you.

WORK TO SHARE- YEAR 3

This term, Year 3 have been looking at Vincent Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers'. Year 3 have created their own sunflowers using different media. Fantastic work everyone.



SCHOOL MENU THIS WEEK

<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Wholemeal	Garlic bread	Rosemary wholemeal	Focaccia
Sausage under wrap	Beef Bolognese with pasta	Roast chicken with roasted potatoes & stuffing	Fish & Chips chips & garden peas or beans
Jacket Potato with cheese/tuna	Jacket Potato with cheese	Quorn fillet with roasted potatoes & stuffing	Jacket Potato with cheese
Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll	Cheese roll
Fruit Shortbread	Chocolate Krispie Cake	Fudge Tart	Fruit Jelly
Sliced fresh fruit	Sliced fresh fruit	Sliced fresh fruit	Sliced fresh fruit

SAFE SWIMMING



Thank you to all our parents and volunteers who have signed up to support our school swim sessions and woodland visits for Reception and Year 1 this term. All of our volunteers have carried out our safeguarding and Covid-safe training and will have renewed their DBS checks in advance of helping out from next week.

Swimming classes within school time start next week- the week of the 10th May.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
am		Year 3	Year 5	Year R	Year 1
pm	Year 2			Year 4	Year 6

So that you can plan ahead re clothing for swim days, children who have morning swims may wear their costume under their uniform for a quick change on arrival if preferred. With this in mind, girls may wear a 2 piece costume



(with a solid vest top) or they can roll down the top of the costume so they can go to the toilet if needed without taking off all items of clothing!

Please ensure your child has a swim hat for their swimming lessons- all hair of any length can block the pool filters if it builds up so we ask all children to wear a hat.

Please also name all items of clothing including underwear, socks, costumes and swim towels as we often are left with multiple items after changing. We ask parents to avoid sending talcum powder due to allergies.

Thank you.

ASSEMBLIES & MUSIC THIS WEEK

This week we will be thinking about the Bible story based on Acts 8.26-end The Story of Philip and the Ethiopian Court Official. Our school & class ambassadors will also be inviting the children to get involved in their plans for the term ahead. Our Picture News assembly is based on this picture, considering the recent legal debate about whether caterpillar cakes are copying!:-



TERM DATES- SUMMER 2021 THE WEEK AHEAD

- 4.5.21- Gobs meeting at 6.30pm
- 10.5.21- Swimming sessions start in school

