# ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

# Week commencing: Monday 13th September 2021



# **FAREWELL REVD SUE!**

It was lovely to welcome Reverend Sue to our assembly one final time on Friday before she retires.

We wish her all the very best for her retirement and say a special thank you for all the assemblies she has led both in the hall, but also virtually during the past 18 months!



# **HOUSE TEAMS 2021-22**



As advised in the summer term, we have rejigged house groups across the school to ensure even numbers of children in each house in each class (which aids with organisation of house days and team events such as sports), and also to allow for siblings to be allocated to the same coloured house from now on (to avoid sibling rivalry!) Your children will receive a label on the front of their home school book today or on Monday, advising of their house group moving forward. For the vast majority of children, there is no change, but for some, there will be a swap of colour group. The new house groups are non-negotiable to avoid us once again ending up with uneven numbers in each 'team'. However, if any child has moved group and a parent would like support in sourcing a coloured top of the new colour because they had already purchased tops in their child's previously allocated colour group, we will do our best to help if needed.

# **NEWSLETTER PICTURE COMPETITION**



Don't forget our newsletter 'footer' re-design competition. Please send in your pictures to be added to the footer of our newsletter each week this year- large bold pictures showing images of school or village life work best.

Please ensure all entries are with me before Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September are on A4 paper (landscape) and have your child's name clearly written in pencil on the back. There will be some arty prizes for the winning entrant and something for everyone who enters a design. Thank you



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# **HOME SCHOOL BOOKS**



Please help your child by checking for messages each day and recording what you have read at home.

Please look after the book and keep it flat in your child's book bag or a sturdy wallet with your child's reading or library book. Replacements cost £3 each. Thank you.

# **ASSEMBLIES & MUSIC THIS WEEK**

This week we will continue exploring our school rules and our Christian values, as well as preparing for our Harvest Festival which will be taking place on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021. We will be celebrating the achievements of Emma Radacanu in winning the US Tennis Open

# **SCHOOL MENU THIS WEEK**



Please note that whenever jacket potatoes are available, children may also choose beans with the potato, not just cheese.

Please note that if your child is registered as a vegetarian then any of the option 1 choices can be adapted to a vegetarian option.



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### **COVID ADVICE FOR FAMILIES**

For any SUSPECTED or CONFIRMED case of COVID-19 in a child/young person please follow the flow chart below

SUSPECTED case if child/young person has COVID-19 symptoms

#### Key symptoms:

- A new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

Additional symptoms that may be early warning signs of COVID-19 in children include upset stomach, headache, sore throat, unusual fatigue.

Book a PCR test as soon as possible online via the website

www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.

Alternatively a PCR test can be ordered by phone on NHS 119 for those without the

internet.

Ensure child/young person isolates at home till the test result.

\*Who else needs to isolate?

The rest of the household does not need to isolate if they are:

- Under 18 and 6 months and/or
- Double vaccinated and/or
- Part of a COVID Vaccine trial and/or
- Exempt for other reasons If none of the above apply then the household contacts must isolate till the test result.

# Result of test

(notify setting as soon as possible).

NEGATIVE

POSITIVE

CONFIRMED case(s) following a Positive PCR Test

### Positive PCR Result

Inform the setting of positive PCR. Young person must self- isolate for 10 days.

The rest of the household does not need to isolate if they are:

- Under 18 and 6 months
- Double vaccinated and/or
- Part of a COVID Vaccine trial and/or
- Exempt for other reasons If none of the above apply then the household contacts must isolate for 10 days.

CONFIRMED case(s) following a Positive LFD Test

#### Positive LFD Result

Inform setting of positive LFD Take a PCR test WITHIN 2 DAYS of positive LFD - Online at

www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or 119.

Young person and eligible close contacts\* must self-isolate whilst waiting for the result.

### **Negative PCR Result**

Young person and eligible close contacts\* can stop isolation and can return to the setting. Restart twice weekly LFD home testing in secondary aged pupils.

Ensure young person isolates at home for 10 days, along with any members of their household who are over 18 yrs & 6 months and have not had 2x COVID vaccines.\*

For symptomatic cases the day the symptoms began is DAY ZERO. You need to add 10 further days after DAY ZERO.

For asymptomatic cases the date of the test is DAY ZERO.

You need to add 10 further days after DAY ZERO.

Isolation ends the day after day 10 - the young person can return to the setting, if well, and any eligible household members \* can stop isolating. If the child/young person has diarrhoea or are being sick, they should continue to isolate until 48hrs after symptoms - as per usual sickness

If anyone else in the household becomes unwell and tests positive for Covid-19 they will need to restart/start their 10 day isolation. The rest of the family who have been isolating\*, do not need to extend their isolations after completing the 10 days.

Young person can return to setting once well. Any household contacts can stop isolating\*.

- We continue to ask families/children to wash hands regularly, keep spaces well ventilated, wear face covering in crowded, public indoor areas. Face covering are to be worn on transport to and from educational settings.
- LFD test = Lateral Flow Device tests are rapid tests that can be used at home and the result is available after 30 minutes.
- PCR test = polymerase chain reaction test that can be booked online and is sent to a lab for the result.
- If you have recently (within 90 days) had a positive PCR test for COVID-19 you are exempt from testing by both PCR and LFD within 90 days of a positive PCR test result, unless you develop new symptoms.
- LFD tests are used for identifying Covid-19 infection where there are no symptoms. If you have symptoms book a PCR test.
- LFD tests are safe to use in pregnancy. They should not be used in children under 12 years (unless in secondary school).
- If you have had a COVID-19 vaccination you should still take part in the LFD testing as you may still transmit the virus.
- If you have been identified as a close contact \* of a positive case, a negative LFD test does not mean you can stop isolating unless part of a
- If you have had a recent nosebleed, or have a nose piercing use the other nostril to swab for the LFD test.







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# **PAYMENTS TO THE SCHOOL**

Payments to the school are made through Pay360 online. Pay360 Education Payments is the new name for SIMS Pay. The product features and its functionality will remain the same. When you log into the system, you'll notice the Pay360 logo in place of the SIMS logo and the new name – Pay360 Education Payments, is used throughout



# **CLUBS AUTUMN TERM 1**

Our Autumn clubs start this week. If you child has been allocated a place, he or she will have brought home a club allocation sheet on Friday.

\*Digital Photography Club (Yrs 1-3) to 4pm with Mrs Skillern will take place this week on Tuesday as a one-off as Mrs Skillern will be accompanying the Year 6 residential from Wednesday to Friday.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
*Monday	*Ocarina Club		*Cosmic Yoga	•
lunchtime- KS2	(all years) 8am		(Yrs 2-4) to 4pm	
extra swimming	to 8.45am with		with Miss	
(by invitation)	Miss Simmons		Stanley	
Miss Diplock &				
Ms Sassoli	*Art & Craft		*Digital	
	Club (Yrs 3-6)		Photography	
	to 4pm with		Club (Yrs 1-3)	
	Mrs Deacon		to 4pm with	
			Mrs Skillern- no	
	*Tag Rugby		Thursday club	
	(Yrs 4-6) to 4pm		this week	
	with Mr Tull			
			*Coding Club	
	*Digital		(Yrs 4-6) to 4pm	
	Photography		with Mr Walker	
	Club (Yrs 1-3)			
	to 4pm with		*Premier	
	Mrs Skillern (on		multisports	
	Tuesday for		(Key Stage 2)	
	this week only)		with Mr	
			Reynolds	



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### **LUNCHBOXES**

Please can I remind parents that as we a healthy school, lunch box contents should provide for a child to eat a balanced meal across all food groups and avoid an excess of sweet, fatty or sugary items? (Please avoid any sweets or sticky products such as winders.)

Children should bring home all wrappers and waste as we are unable to wash and recycle the many plastic items which are provided, and this enables you to see what has been eaten.

Please note that in line with other schools, we are now permitting children to bring in hot pasta/ food in a thermos container if desired. Please avoid soup however as this tends to spill when well-sealed flasks are opened.

Again, please ensure that your child knows to bring home containers and all items of rubbish.

Thank you

# **SNACKS**

Please note that Key Stage 1 and Reception children are provided with a fruit or vegetable snack as part of the School Fruit scheme.

Key Stage 2 children may bring in a vegetable or fruit snack to eat at break-time. No other foods are permitted at this time. Thank you.



# **TERM DATES- AUTUMN 2021 WEEK 1**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September- SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS- apologies these have been postponed from Monday

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September- Clubs commence before or after school on allocated days & school swimming sessions recommence at the following times:-

Monday- Year 2

**Tuesday-Year 3** 

Thursday- Year 6

Wednesday- Year 4 & Year 5

Friday-Year 1

Please note that Reception children do not swim in the first term whilst they are getting used to school.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September- Year 6 children will be off on their visit to Thorpe Woodlands adventure centre (returning at around 4pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September)



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