

# ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022



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## QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

We hope you have enjoyed a good half term break and you and your children enjoyed the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in school and in your community recently.

Many thanks to all of you for dressing in red, white and blue for our school picnic and joining us for the PTA Danceathon event on the last day of last half term.



It's now time to return your sponsorship forms and bring them into school with any funds raised. Please try to do this by Friday this week if possible. Your medals await!

A special thank you to everyone who has given so generously to our school PTA to help keep our swimming pool funds topped up and ensure the pool is heated and well maintained throughout the swim season.

Huge thanks too to all from 'Grounds Trans of the 100 LRS RAF Mildenhall' who have also raised over £100 for the school as well as around 100 US dollars. THANK YOU.

## CLUBS

Most of our clubs continue this half term. However, Mr Tull is offering a cricket club for Years 4,5 & 6 in place of girls' sport on Tuesdays after school, and Ms Sassoli is offering construction club in place of mindfulness club.

Please email [office@isleham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@isleham.cambs.sch.uk) if you would like to attend either of these clubs.



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## CLASS ASSEMBLIES



**Well done Year 2 for doing so well in your class assembly on the 27<sup>th</sup> May. It was a very busy afternoon for you as you needed to go straight into assembly after the Danceathon.**

This week, it is the turn of Year 5 to present their class assembly on Friday morning

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June- Class assembly Year 5- 9.10am

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June- Class assembly- Year 6- 9.10am

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June- Class assembly- Year 4- 9.10am

## ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

Our assemblies this week will continue on the theme of 'Respect'.



## BAG2SCHOOL CLOTHES COLLECTION- COMING UP ON TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE



Have a sort-out and donate any unwanted 'good quality' items for RE-USE through the Bag2school scheme. Your child will have brought home a bag for you to fill, or you can also use a bin liner. Please leave all bags in the car park on the morning of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Bag2School pays the school money per kilo of collected items. They accept:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags



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- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

*They **DO NOT** accept: Duvets and blankets, pillows, carpets, rugs, soiled or ripped clothing, school uniform, workwear or textile off-cuts. **THANK YOU***

## PARENT VIEWS



Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the parent survey circulated recently. I have written to each of the responding families who left their email address.

Please do get in touch with the school by email if you have any further comments which you would like the school leadership team to take into account to feed into school development.

[head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk)

The 19 respondents to the survey were overwhelmingly positive about the school in every area. We will follow up on any individual concerns with families, if requested. Please remember that you can also raise any concerns or make suggestions via your child's class teacher, and/or by emailing [office@isleham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@isleham.cambs.sch.uk) to mark a message for the Headteacher's attention.

Our recent survey responses mirror those offered in the OFSTED questionnaire Parent View- we have had 63 responses this year registered in Parent view as OFSTED carried out a similar survey in January at the time of the school inspection.

Here is the link to the most recent OFSTED parent view summary so you can see the data relating to the responses offered...

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result-print/7756/12>



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## SCHOOL UNIFORM

# Please name all items of uniform

A reminder please that footwear for non- PE days should be **PLAIN** black shoes or sturdy trainers. Strappy sandals and multicoloured footwear are not suitable for school.

Please can parents also ensure that shoes with lights are switched off during the school day to avoid distraction?

In addition, please ensure that your child is able to put their shoes on independently. Laces are not suitable for school if your child can not tie up laces. Especially in the younger years, staff & volunteers are spending a huge amount of time supporting children with personal care if they are not able to manage their clothing independently, especially on swimming days. Please help your child to gain independence.

Uniform items, including shoes must also please be **NAMED**. We cannot reunite items with their rightful owner if they are not named. Your children are not able to recognise their own possessions when they are surrounded by multiple other similar ones. Thank you for your support.

## YEAR 4 NEWS

The week before half term, Year 4 had a great time at Ely Museum learning all about what life was like in the Fens in the past. They also took part in a re-enactment of the Littleport rioters trial where the children each took on characters from the trial and acted really well! The experience brought it all to life and helped us imagine what life must have been like in those times. Well done Year 4.



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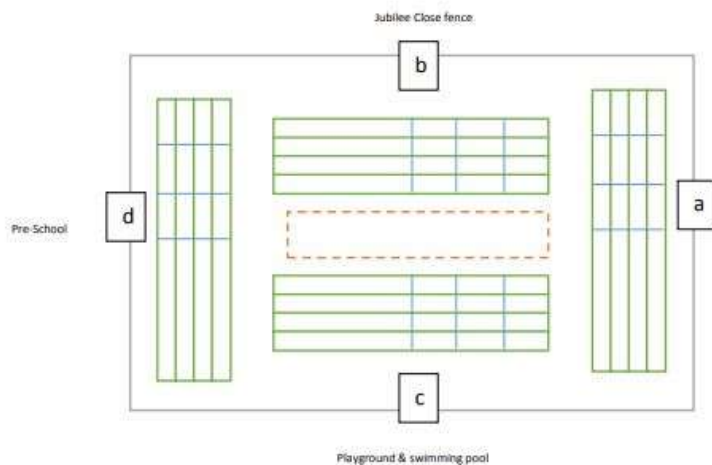
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## SPORTS DAY- 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2022 ADVANCE NOTICE OF TIMINGS

We are looking really forward to welcoming parents back into school on 22<sup>nd</sup> June for our sports day events. The house teams from each class group will be competing on the tracks on the field for the coveted house cup, before the whole class and house races, and the parents' races.

Please see the plan below for a guide to where your child will be competing:-



Spectators will need to please sit or stand outside the perimeter line near the fence closest to their child's track.

For the house and class races, spectators will move to sit or stand on track c.

Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Track a-Year R	Track a-Year 3
Track b-Year 1	Track b-Year 4
Track c-Year 2	Track c-Year 5
	Track d-Year 6

We will send further information nearer the time. Timings so far suggested are as below:-

### Key Stage 1 and Reception Timings

10.15am- Parent spectators arrive

10.30am-11.10am- class races on tracks

11.10am-11.20am- move to track c/ centre of field for parent and house races

11.25am-11.45am- parent, year group and house races

12pm-1.00pm- picnic lunch- parents may join on field

### Key Stage 2 Timings

12pm-1.00pm- picnic lunch- parents may join on field

1.00pm- Parent spectators arrive

1.15pm-2.00pm- class races

2.00pm-2.10pm- move to track c/ centre of field.

2.15pm-2.45pm- parent and house races



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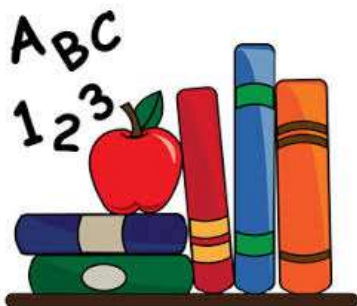
## NEW RECEPTION CLASS 2022-23- INFORMATION SESSION FOR PARENTS FROM 6.15pm 9.6.22



Our Year 5 children will act as tour guides on Thursday evening this week for the new parents' information evening for NEXT year's Reception class. The information session takes place from 6.15pm

Please attend if you have a child joining Reception class in September 2022 even if you already have a child in another year group. This is the first opportunity for parents to meet other families whose children will be joining the school, and to find out about the arrangements for transition and familiarisation for next year's Reception class. **The meeting is for parents and not for children.**

### CLASS TEACHERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022



The class teachers have now been allocated for the 2022-23 academic year:-

Reception Class- Miss Simmons

Year 1- Miss Stanley

Year 2- Ms Barnes-Weston & Ms Sassoli

Year 3- Mr Walker

Year 4- Mrs Stevens-Ward (-maternity cover to be confirmed)

Year 5- Mrs Gibbs & Ms Eatock

Year 6- Mr Tull

There will be a move-up day for all children on July 7<sup>th</sup> when the children will be able to work with their new class teacher(s) in preparation for the school year ahead.

### BABY NEWS

Miss Diplock is currently on maternity leave and intending to return to work in May 2023 to work with Year 2.

She is delighted to announce that her new baby Sophia Rose was born on 30.5.22. CONGRATULATIONS!



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## PTA PET DAY- 1<sup>st</sup> JULY & ISLEHAM GALA PET PARADE- 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY



On 1<sup>st</sup> July, we will be enjoying a pet-themed day in school, in advance of the Isleham Gala on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. This event is being organised by the Year 6 House Captains and School Council. We will be welcoming some pets to school, and carrying out some art tasks as well as inviting the children to dress up in animal costumes, or in clothing with an animal picture or motif/ animal mask.

The children will be creating art work during the day on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, but are also invited to take and bring in photos of their pets or favourite animals for the Pet Day or draw picture which can be included in a display at the Isleham Gala on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Please either send photos to the school for printing or print A4 size for display. Images drawn of pets should also be A4 size.

In advance of the Pet Day, we will require information from families about any known allergies or phobias in relation to the creatures visiting us, and also permission for children to take part in the Isleham Gala parade if they would like to. (For the parade, children are invited to wear their animal costume/ mask and join us for the late morning parade. Further details will be sent to families whose children wish to take part and who have returned the slip below.) There will be a pet-themed raffle on the 1<sup>st</sup> July in school- tickets can be purchased throughout the week of the 27<sup>th</sup> June at the start and end of the school day.

For your information, we have the following pets making a visit to school on 1.7.22:-

**Dogs, a chicken, rabbits, a snake, rats, a Giant African millipede & stick insects**

THANK YOU

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### REPLY SLIP- PET DAY FRIDAY 1.7.22 & ISLEHAM GALA PET PARADE 2.7.22

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Year group \_\_\_\_\_

Any known allergies/ fear/ phobias relating to animals

Please tick if you are happy for your child to be near/ look at any of the creatures listed to visit school

Please tick if you are happy for your child to hold any of the creatures listed to visit school (-if they wish to, and if this is appropriate for the individual creature)

Please tick if your child would like to take part in the Isleham Gala 'Pet' Parade on 2.7.22

Please tick if your child would like to submit a pet photograph for the Isleham Gala gallery display (-please send in any contributions by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June)

Parent/ Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_



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## DIARY DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SUMMER TERM

8th June- Return to school after half term, Kittle Photographic in for Class Photos

10<sup>th</sup> June- Year 3&4 Quadkids (Athletics) event at Witchford (am-selected pupils)

14<sup>th</sup> June- Bag2School collection at 9am

16<sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm- PTA Committee Meeting- all welcome. School Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6810687393?pwd=VVVjaGxVaTBEZH6MTF6OHVXR2NmUT09>

Meeting ID: 681 068 7393

Passcode: 037579

18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> June- Sport Stacking tournament over weekend

22<sup>nd</sup> June- Sports Day- am- KS1, pm-KS2 (House colours)

24<sup>th</sup> June- Tri golf tournament (Year 3&4 event)- selected pupils

Deadline for pet photos & pictures for gala competition

30<sup>th</sup> June- KS2 Trip to London- 'Frozen' production

1<sup>st</sup> July- PTA Pets Day

2<sup>nd</sup> July- Isleham Gala and Pet parade

7<sup>th</sup> July- SVC taster day, Isleham Primary Move Up day- meet the new teacher and visit your new classroom

8<sup>th</sup> July- Year 5&6 cricket/ rounders at LECA (selected pupils) am

21<sup>st</sup> July- PTA School Discos and Year 6 Leavers' Parties

22<sup>nd</sup> July- Leavers' Service

23<sup>rd</sup> July- Summer holidays commence

1<sup>st</sup> September- NO SCHOOL- Professional Development Day for school staff

2<sup>nd</sup> September- NO SCHOOL- Professional Development Day for school staff

5<sup>th</sup> September- School term starts for Year 1 to 6 (Home visits for new intake Reception pupils at pre-advised times)

6<sup>th</sup> September- (Home visits for new intake Reception pupils at pre-advised times)

7<sup>th</sup> September- School term starts for new intake Reception pupils

## THE PTA NEEDS MORE COMMITTEE MEMBERS- CAN YOU HELP?

**Our next PTA Zoom Meeting will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 6:30pm**

PTA meetings are open to all parents and staff to contribute to the planning of activities and upcoming events and help decide how to spend the funds raised. Please come along if you're interested in helping in any way, e.g. joining the committee to help spread the tasks among more people, or to volunteer to help at upcoming events. We would particularly like someone to help with social media, posting information on the PTA Facebook page. The PTA can be contacted on [islehampta@gmail.com](mailto:islehampta@gmail.com) Please join us if you can.



Past minutes are available at

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B4Zvup5AIzhQkRhNy1yMjNoUWM?resourcekey=-h9D4V7MHapUOiniHZdAdmA&usp=sharing>



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## SUMMER INTENSIVE COURSES

Swimming lessons at King's Ely outdoor pool  
and St Andrew's Primary School, Soham

### King's Ely outdoor pool

Week 1 commencing 25th July 2022  
Week 2 commencing 1st August 2022  
Week 3 commencing 8th August 2022  
Week 4 commencing 15th August 2022

### St Andrew's pool, Soham

Week 1 commencing 25th July 2022

Offering beginner, improver class & advanced classes  
Boost water confidence; develop technique in fun classes.  
Specific technique development for club swimmers  
30 min lessons Monday - Friday

£90.00 per swimmer

To book your place please go to [www.seahorseswimely.co.uk](http://www.seahorseswimely.co.uk)



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Newmarket  
Hockey Club



Missing hockey already?

# Summer hockey

**Juniors - Age 4-13**

**Tuesday evening - 6-7pm  
14th June - 19th July**

£15

Newmarket Leisure Centre Astro

All ages welcome

13+ can attend adult session at 7.15pm

Just turn up or drop Vicky an email.

For more information:

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