

# ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

Week commencing: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020



## FAMILY UPDATE

Dear Parents,



I am writing this Newsletter on what would have been the first day of the Easter holiday. We have all experienced the most incredible and surreal 2 weeks since the school was closed temporarily on the 20<sup>th</sup> March, and I am sure for you, like me, today feels far from being a holiday as we continue to be required to 'stay at home' due to the pandemic.

However, we hope you and your children are managing to stay safe and well at home, and that if your children have been working hard on home learning tasks over the past couple of weeks, that they will be able to have a bit of a break from these and think a bit about Easter over the next couple of weeks, perhaps with more art, sport and craft ideas around the house...

Mrs Deacon will be posting some fun ideas for Easter-themed activities that your child can do at home over the next 2 weeks if they would like to on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April on the website 'Home Learning page' and ClassDojo pages.



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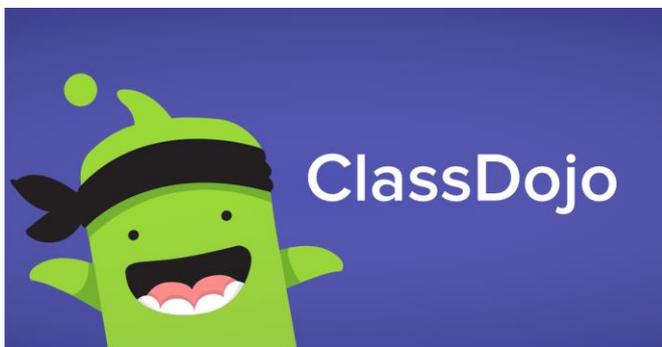
## 'SPREADING JOY' LOCAL WINDOW DISPLAY THEMES

Don't forget too that to cheer up the local community, the suggested theme for children's window displays in and around Isleham next week (for others to hopefully spot if they are out for a walk near your home)... is 'Easter'... so please do upload any Easter-themed pictures to ClassDojo, or send to [head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk) if you would like me to share them.



## CLASSDOJO

The staff have been delighted to see what your children have been doing at home over the past 2 weeks via the ClassDojo platform which launched this week. Thank you to everyone who has uploaded photos and work. We are really missing you all in school and ClassDojo is a great way for the staff to keep contact with your child and support their home learning where possible.



Remember if you haven't yet logged in to ClassDojo, the teachers post messages and videos on here as well as suggested activities, and your child can upload photos and work for marking and comment. Over 70% of the school parent community is connected and this means we can also post messages for parents on the 'school story' page too.

Log-in details were sent to your main registered parent email on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March- if you haven't received them, please email [head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk) and I will send these through for you and your children.



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If you have any queries about ClassDojo, please do email me at the above email address and I will also do my best to answer these! The ClassDojo app can be loaded onto any PC, tablet or phone with internet connection.

### ISLEHAM EMERGENCY CHILDCARE

A huge thank you to all parents who have heeded local and government advice to keep their children safe at home during the pandemic. This has meant that the school has been able to offer emergency childcare just for those key workers and families who need it most, and numbers of children in school have remained low each day, ensuring that staff and children can also practice 'social distancing' and reduce the risk of catching/ spreading the virus.

It has been very strange for staff to just have a very small number of children on site each day, but the team of staff have been fantastic in ensuring the childcare is fun and safe for those who need to attend. The school remains open and thoroughly cleaned so that, once we are able and it is safe to do so, we can re-open the school.

In the short term, if you are a key worker and require childcare for your child, please email [head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk) so that we can send you an information pack and register your child for any days when your children cannot be cared for at home.

We are open with our small team of staff over Easter, including on Good Friday (10<sup>th</sup> April) and Easter Monday (13<sup>th</sup> April), although our Isleham Primary school site will be closed from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April, as alternative emergency provision is being offered at Fordham Primary School.

### STAY CONNECTED

As our closure extends into the summer term, we will of course let you know as soon as possible any updates and school news. All letters and communications will continue to be emailed to your main email address and are also posted on the website in the LATEST NEWS section.

If you are not receiving emails, but have seen this newsletter online and want to register for emails with a different email address, please let me know [head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@isleham.cambs.sch.uk)

With all best wishes to you and your children; please stay safe and well,

Mrs Skillern

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup>- Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Emergency Childcare offered at Fordham Primary (9am-3.15pm)</b>
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Emergency Childcare returns to Isleham (8.45am-4.15pm)</b>
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Sunday- HAPPY EASTER</b>



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