

# ISLEHAM WEEKLY NEWS

**Week commencing: Monday 24th January 2022**

## YEAR 5 SUNFLOWER ARTISTS

Our Year 5 artists created these gorgeous sunflower pictures to brighten up the fence around the swimming pool throughout the year. The pictures were painted on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 in memory of Jay Davison who lost his life to cancer in April 2020- this day would have been Jay's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, and so his classmates enjoyed painting on this day and chatting about him. We are looking forward to receiving the large banners with their work on for display. Thank you to the PTA for funding the banners and well done to the children for these fantastic images.



## STONE AGE DISCOVERIES



On Wednesday 19th January, Year 4 were excited to discover a number of Stone Age tools in the playground. Mrs White first spotted a sharp, unusual looking object in the ground and went to investigate further. She was working with Mrs Norbury and some other pupils at the time, who all became curious as to what was lurking beneath the ground. The pupils collected sticks and started to carefully dig around the find, unearthing a number of arrow heads, what appeared to be an axe and a number of other interesting looking stones. It caused a big stir in Year 4, with one pupil suggesting Year 4 abandon their maths lesson and write news reports about the find - so they did! Miss Bottomley is going to enlist the help of an archaeologist to see if the Stone Tools are of historical value. We look forward to finding out more.



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## NEW UNIFORM ORDERING SYSTEM ONLINE

In order to improve the efficiency of our uniform ordering process, we are moving to an online system from after half term which can be accessed from the following link:

<https://gooddies.co.uk/product-category/schools/isleham-c-of-e-v-c-primary-school/>

We still have a large amount of stock immediately available at school up until half term at slightly lower prices so if you do wish to collect quickly, please submit your order form to the office and pay online in the current usual way- thank you.

# SCHOOL UNIFORM ONLINE ORDERING



Our School uniform is now available to purchase online through our new web store <https://gooddies.co.uk>



## Order Deadline Dates

Orders placed before midnight on the 15th of the month will be delivered approximately the end of the month. Orders placed before midnight on the last day of the month will be delivered approximately the middle of the following month. Please allow up to 20 working days from cut off during the busy months of June – September.

Deliveries into school are free, however, you do have the option to pay for home delivery.

**PLEASE NOTE** – Home delivery is not an express option. Any orders that are due for delivery into school while the schools are closed will be held in our warehouse until the school re-opens.



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## COVID-19- LATEST UPDATE FOR 24.1.22

Numbers of reported COVID-19 cases amongst the school's population appear thankfully to be reducing now, but obviously we are still conscious that we have reported cases in almost every class. As you will undoubtedly be aware, the government have suggested that most schools can reduce their restrictive measures now, especially in situations where there are only isolated COVID-19 cases amongst the school population. There has been confirmation however that schools experiencing an 'outbreak' like ours should maintain their 'stepped-up' protective measures until this has been contained. Your support in maintaining the good health and hygiene measures we currently have in place is requested so that children can attend school without increased risk of exposure to COVID-19.

These include the following:-

- Wearing of masks by adults in communal spaces
- Ventilation of indoor spaces throughout the school day
- 'Ringfencing' individual year groups to avoid mixing across the class groups
- Enhanced cleaning regime to include all touchpoints, communal resources etc at regular intervals each day
- Sanitizing hands at regular intervals including before and after toilet use, touching communal resources, eating etc
- Activities planned to reduce face to face contact and furniture organised accordingly
- Early reporting to school families if children are potential close contacts of anyone testing positive
- Recommendation of 7 day LFD testing for potential close contacts amongst the school community
- Support of face masks in school for any pupils preferring to wear these

Thank you for your ongoing support despite this difficult situation and all you are doing to minimise disruption for your children.

We have taken the precaution of cancelling the planned PTA school disco on 11.2.22 for all children, and will run virtual parents' evenings on 22.2.22 and 3.3.22 if visits to school are still not recommended at that time. No final decision about parents' evenings has yet been made however until we understand how our local picture looks in the run-up to half term.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### FINANCIAL SITUATION 2022



The school has become aware of a website available to support local families facing hardship from the increase in prices. Please go onto the website below to make a self-referral for support or to apply for a family that you know are facing financial challenges.

[Cambridgeshire ACRE | Cambridgeshire Home Energy Support Service | \(cambsacre.org.uk\)](https://www.cambsacre.org.uk)



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## LOGO LIFT OFF COMPETITION BY THE UK SPACE AGENCY

In our assembly on Friday, we shared with the children details about a logo design competition being run this year by the UK Space Agency. Children from across the UK are being asked to design a logo that could go on the first rockets ever to be launched from the UK...These rockets will carry small satellites into orbit that collect information that can be used to protect our planet from climate change. Children can enter from home or school, but are welcome to bring their designs into school so we can help them with the entry form and send the entries off together at half term.

You can find details of the competition here:

<https://www.logoliftoff.org.uk/>

And watch a video about it here:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wugPOSYtVuk>

This looks like an amazing opportunity for the children to be involved in a high profile space design project.

Please bring any entries along to the office by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February and mark for the attention of Mrs Skillern. Remember that designs need to somehow include a link to the idea of monitoring climate change on our planet.



HAPPY DESIGNING EVERYONE!



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