

**Issue 12 April 2019**

## Dates to remember

**23<sup>rd</sup> April**- Return to School after the Easter break at 8.50am

**23<sup>rd</sup> April**- Chicks arrive in Reception

**3<sup>rd</sup> May** – Second spring tea for those unable to get tickets for the 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Very limited number of tickets available. This is also **Bag 2 School** day so please have a sort out of old clothes etc.

**9<sup>th</sup> May 9am**- **NSPCC parent workshop on internet safety**. Important information will be shared.

**18<sup>th</sup> May- 2pm** The first Irthlingborough **Colour Run**.

**Homework return dates:** 26<sup>th</sup> April, 17<sup>th</sup> May, June 7<sup>th</sup>, June 21<sup>st</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>

## Advanced notice

**Week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> June- Arts week**

**28<sup>th</sup> June- Arts week final parade from 2.30pm and then our PTA summer fair**

**10<sup>th</sup> July- Open evening 3.15pm- 5pm**

## Class Assemblies

All class assemblies start at 9:05am in the main hall. Please wait outside the hall door.

16<sup>th</sup> May- Mrs Hurley's Class – Monkeys

22<sup>nd</sup> May -Mrs Grocock and Mrs Matthews- Tigers

13<sup>th</sup> June – Mrs Bailey- Dolphins

18<sup>th</sup> July 9.15am -Year Two leavers assembly

**Parent reading sessions** will be **24<sup>th</sup> April, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> July**. These sessions will run from 8.50am until 9.20am. Please come and join your child in Reception, Year One or Year Two and read together. You can read with all siblings, if you have more than one child in school.

## Learning Time

We work hard to ensure the children get the best opportunities and time to learn at school. This term we have moved our phonic sessions to first thing in the morning as teachers noted that this was an optimal time to engage children with reading. We have noted that there are several children who are regularly late and are therefore missing reading time on a daily basis, which will in turn lead to gaps in their learning. Reading is key to all learning and we are keen to ensure that this gets priority in our carefully planned curriculum. For the vast majority of children, this is having positive impact, but for a few this is having a negative impact when they are not in school to learn. If you are having issues getting you children to school on time, please phone to talk with our family worker Mrs Harvey, who can support with attendance concerns. Phone: 654900 and ask for Mrs Harvey.



## Parent Partnership Meetings

Thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to attend our parent partnership meetings. We feel they are hugely important to share information about your child's learning in all areas of the curriculum. If you were unable to arrange a meeting, teachers are happy to do some after school or over the telephone. If you were unable to fill in our survey on the day here is the link below. We value your opinions and this has led to changes in the past, around homework, communication and parent workshops, so thank you for all your support and ideas.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Parentspr19>

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We have had another amazing trip to Europe. This time Mrs Hall has been to Iceland. She visited a number of schools and observed some excellent practice. The children in Flamingo Class have enjoyed finding out about schools in Iceland. Mrs Hall will be sharing her experiences with staff as we work towards further developing our curriculum, to ensure it is relevant to expand the opportunities for all our children.

## Car Parking and driving on and around the school site

We are working with the Town Council to try and improve car parking issues around the Irthlingborough School sites. We will be looking at whether the traffic wardens have supported safer parking and how else we can work to improve safe access to the school site and to respect our neighbours in the roads adjacent to the school. If you have any suggestions in response to the issues around cars at drop off and pick up times then please let me know by emailing

[iniso@ift.org.uk](mailto:iniso@ift.org.uk), with the subject marked as **car parking**. I would also like to remind parents that the carpark is not accessible to parents dropping off and picking up during the day. If you do come on to the school site in a car for any reason, even if this is after school, can I remind you that the speed limit is 5 miles an hour, due to the fact that even after school we have children on site. Please be respectful of this, as our main priority is keeping children, staff and visitors safe. Please use the car park at the Cross, whenever coming to the school site.



## **Year Two SATs**

After the Easter holidays, in May, the Year Two children will be engaging in the SATs tasks. For those parents who were unable to attend the workshop, I just wanted to ensure that parents were informed of the process for next term. The children will continue with the exciting curriculum they have been involved in. They will be learning all about pirate figures from history and much more. In between their usual curriculum the children will take the national reading and maths tests. Teachers administer the tests very sensitively and often the children are unaware that they are doing a test. Teachers will not necessarily tell parents when they are taking the tests as it is important that the children are relaxed and just try their best. The teachers have been assessing the children's progress all year and therefore have an excellent understanding of where the children are. The final outcomes are a combination of the tests and the teacher assessment. Teachers assess both science and writing from the work the children complete in class and not a test. The SATs information, when collated, is shared with the Junior School to ensure that the children are targeted correctly when they move to Key Stage Two.

To help at home read with your child, talk about the books and use any opportunity to engage your child in practical maths activities. This could include working out shopping bills, weighing when cooking or using TT Rock Stars.

## Reading sessions

We have had great feedback from our main school reading sessions, so we would like to continue these. Here are the dates for the next term. The sessions will run from 8.50am- 9.20am so please come and read with your child in any of these sessions: **24<sup>th</sup> April, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> July.**

**We will have an open evening on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 3.15pm-5pm**

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## Phonics Screening in June

In June the children in Year One and those children in Year Two, who did not pass the phonics screening last year, will take the phonic screening check. Here is some information to help, but if you need any further support do not hesitate to contact the school to talk with Mrs Marshall, Miss Lees or Mrs Wright.

### A Guide for Parents...

## Year One

# Phonics Screening Check

**What is Phonics?**

Children begin to learn phonics (sounds) in Early Years both Nursery and Reception. Once children begin learning sounds, these sounds are used orally to identify and make words. They will then begin to learn the letters which make each of the sounds and these are used to read and spell words.

For this reason, the first initial sounds that are taught are 's', 'a', 't', 'p', 'i', 'n'. These can immediately be blended for reading to make simple CVC words (consonant, vowel, consonant) e.g. sat, pin. Children then develop segmenting for writing skills; breaking the word into sounds to spell it out.

**What is the Phonics Screening Check?**

Children in Year 1 throughout the country will all be taking part in a phonics screening check during the same week in June. Children in Year 2 will also take the check if they did not achieve the required result when in Year 1 or they have not taken the test before.

Headteachers should decide whether it is appropriate for each of their pupils to take the phonics screening check. The phonics screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to an appropriate standard.

**What Happens During the Screening?**

The test contains 40 words. Each child will sit one-to-one and read each word aloud to a teacher. The test will take approximately 10 minutes per child, although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace. The list of words the children read is a combination of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (nonsense words).

**Pseudo Words (Nonsense Words)**

The pseudo words will be shown to your child with a picture of an alien. This provides the children with a context for the pseudo word which is independent from any existing vocabulary they may have. Pseudo words are included because they will be new to all pupils; they do not favour children with a good vocabulary knowledge or visual memory of words.

**Reporting to Parents**

By the end of the summer term all schools must report each child's results to their parents. They will also confirm if the child has met the standard threshold. Children who do not achieve the expected level will retake the test when they are in Year 2.

**How Are the Results Used?**

Results from the check will be used by schools to analyse their own performance and for Ofsted to use in inspections.

“ Read as much as possible to and with your child. ”

**How Can I Help My Child at Home?**

- Play lots of sound and listening games with your child.
- Read as much as possible to and with your child.
- Encourage and praise – get them to have a 'good guess'.
- If your child is struggling to decode a word, help them by encouraging them to say each sound in the word from left to right.
- Blend the sounds by pointing to each one, e.g. /c/ in cat, /p/ in pat, /ng/ in sing, /ee/ in been.
- Discuss the meaning of words if your child does not know what they have read.

Please remind children **not to bring toys** into school as there have been issues with things getting lost or broken. If your child needs a comfort toy please talk with your child's teacher.

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## Easter Holiday Activities



Please register for **Beat the Street**. At present we are 19<sup>th</sup> out of 20 schools competing! There are goody bag prizes to be won in the Easter holidays and extra points too. Parents can sign up and use the card in the pack to play too. You can help the children move up the leader's board! Here is the link to register below. Simply by googling Beat the Street, you will find lots of ideas.

<https://beatthestreet.me/eastnorthants/register>

### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

Big Cycle along the Greenway

A free, fun family cycle along the Greenway. Meet at Stanwick Lakes AJ Cycles at 9:30 and the ride will start at 10:00. We will begin our ride to Rushden Lakes AJ Cycles and will loop back to finish at Stanwick Lakes. Make sure to look out for the Mobile Beat Boxes at Stanwick Lakes and Rushden Lakes on your journey.

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

Hunt the Beat Box 12:00-14:00

Come and find the Beat Boxes hidden somewhere in Kinewell Pocket Park, look out for clues on Facebook. The first three people to find them will win some prizes.

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Dress up like a Settler at Stanwick Lakes

Design and make your own Viking sword and shield, learn how fabric was made by weaving on a loom and get a free Settlers Activity Booklet. Times; 10:30-15:30, drop in activity. I will be there with my beat box 11:30-14:00.

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

Xplorer 11.00-13.00

Come and join the freedom active community team at Central Recreation Ground in Irthlingborough for our family friendly Easter Explorer event! Every person that takes part will get a prize and a special Easter prize for finding the golden egg. Bring a friend or the whole family and join the fun exploring and completing new challenges!

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## Come and help our community

Join the Great British Spring Clean 2019

### COMMUNITY LITTER PICK



Join your Town Councillors to clean up your Town

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Meet at 10am Parsons Green

For info contact ITC on 01933 650866

We are really proud of Year One after writing to the Town Council. They asked the Council to look at the litter problem they saw on a walk around Irthlingborough and the Council contacted us to say that they had organised the litter pick. Well done Year One – we hope lots of you can attend on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **Our children can change the world!!**

We are still waiting to hear from Pepsi and what they are doing about their use of palm oil!

Why not start training over the Easter holidays for our first Irthlingborough Colour Run. Let's make it a success together! Invite families, family and colleagues- this is a whole community event!



**MAY 18**

*Let's run & have fun!*

**Colour Run**

**@Huxlow Science College**

Finedon Road, Irthlingborough

REGISTRATION FROM 1PM | RUN AT 2PM  
ENTRY COSTS £10,  
OR £5 WITH £5 MINIMUM SPONSORSHIP

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## Caravan update

We are really moving forward with our caravan now after a slow start. We have a recommended local decorator who has agreed to paint the inside of the caravan, at a very reasonable rate and have commissioned an artist to paint the outside of the caravan in the design we chose from the children's work last summer. One of the Wellingborough Lions is making us some cushions and we hope to be all ready to open the "Book Nook" before the end of the summer term.

## Defibrillator news

The PTA have raised enough money now to purchase a defibrillator for the school site. We have many parents, children and visitors on the schools site and feel this is an essential purchase, as every second counts in a medical emergency. Thank you!

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## Homework Heroes

Thank you for all of your continuing hard work with homework. We love seeing all of the imaginative ways children complete their tasks. Thank you to everyone who shares their work on Twitter too, it's a great way for all of the children to see what their friends have been working on. We give three weeks for most homework tasks to be completed.

Homework dates for the rest of the year are:

26<sup>th</sup> April

17<sup>th</sup> May

June 7<sup>th</sup>

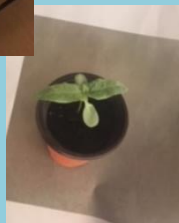
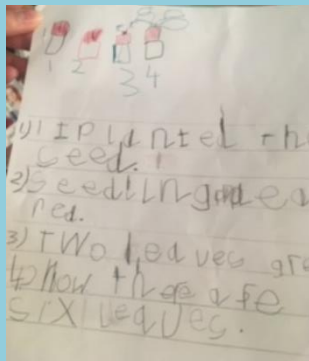
June 21<sup>st</sup>

July 12<sup>th</sup>.

There is an Easter challenge for all children to complete this holiday – have fun and please share your adventures on Twitter! (Look up @INIS..... on Twitter to find each year group)

Don't forget to continue with reading and spelling, even a few minutes per day has a huge impact on your child's learning.

Please speak to your child's class teacher if you would like any further support with reading or any other homework.



**Have an amazing break from school and enjoy some family time!**

**Have fun with the Easter activity sheet! We are looking forward to seeing some of your adventures on Twitter too! Can we move up the leader board for Beat The Street?**

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