



### Dates for the Term

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Parent's Evening

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Parent's Evening

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Parent's Evening 4CB only

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October - PTA Disco for Yrs 3 and 4

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October - School Council Parliament Visit

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October - Last day of term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Training Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November - First day back to school

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Yr 6 Gurdwara

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Yr 5 Cinema Trip

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Antibullying Week

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Yr 6 Gurdwara

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Yr 6 Gurdwara

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec - Yr 3 Christmas Play afternoon and evening performances

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - Yr 3 Christmas Play morning performance

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Yrs 5 and 6 Awards Assembly

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Yr 3 and 4 Awards Assembly

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - Term Ends

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### Goodbye to Mrs Foster

Mrs Foster, who has been a Midday Supervisor is retiring today after almost 25 years' service to the school. We would like to thank her for those years and the kindness that she has shown to the children and the school community.

We we wish you a long and happy retirement.



### Year 3

Thank you for supporting the learner events in Year 3 this term. The trips to Irchester Park and the visits from the Nene Valley Settlers have really brought this history unit alive.

We would also like to thank you for supporting our drop-in reading session this term.

### Year 4

The reading drop in sessions will be continuing every Thursday morning from 8.40 to 9.00. Pop along to your child's classroom, pull up a chair and share a reading book. The sessions have been very well attended and we would like to thank everyone for their continuing support.

### Year 5

Thank you for supporting the Year 5 reading morning. It was well attended and we consider it to have been a great success.

Year 5 are visiting the iMax on the 8<sup>th</sup> November to watch a screening of a documentary about the oceans and pollution called Under the Sea. This is a free event as part of the Into Film Festival and fits in with our writing unit about protecting the environment.

### Year 6

Year 6 have had some really engaging and thought provoking visits to Stibbington to learn about evacuation. We would like to thank the parents who have come along as volunteers to support this learning.

We also held our SAT Information evening that was really well attended.

We are excited to be working and supporting them with their KS2 Maths Masterclasses. These will run after school at Huxlow and will have sessions for children based on whatever their level of confidence is. The children will find out about these on Monday.

### Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Festival - 26<sup>th</sup> September

We took ten Year 5 & 6 children to Wellingborough Rugby Club to take part in a Tag Rugby Festival. They did extremely well considering they had only 1 training session prior to the festival. They improved as they played, coming 6<sup>th</sup> overall. This was a brilliant effort, against much more experienced teams. They demonstrated a range of skills including team work and resilience. They were a real credit to the school. Well done to them all.



### Clubs

Year 3 and 4 homework club is cancelled on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October due to Parent's Evening.

Children will be invited to join running club (Thursday lunch times), running through Irthlingborough Lakes & Meadows in preparation for our annual participation in November's Cross Country competition at Croyland Park, Wellingborough. If your child is interested in taking part please ask them to contact Mrs Warner, Mrs Drew or Mrs Meekings.

### Story Telling

We have developed our reading curriculum to make sure we include classic fiction and poetry; performance poetry and play scripts and myths, legends and traditional tales.

It has been really interesting in assemblies this term finding out that a surprising amount of children do not know classic, traditional fairy stories and tales.

It would be a really valuable exercise over the half term holidays to share those much loved traditional tales over the holiday - Goldilocks, Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood etc...

### Holiday Club

Don't forget we are now running holiday clubs through Fun 4 All with the first club starting at October Half Term. If you are interested in signing up, please contact the school office.

### School Environment

Thank you to the Irthlingborough Flower Company for their kind donation of flowers and plants. We have a gardening club who meet on a Friday afternoon to keep the site looking neat and tidy.

Children have been invited to plant in the town on a piece of communal land at the bottom of Victoria Street with the flowers being provided by the Irthlingborough Flower Company.

The Irthlingborough Flower Company can be contacted on 07411 200878 and/or 01933 743101. (Please see attached flyer).



### **Parent's Evening**

Just a reminder that we are holding our Parent's Evenings on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 24<sup>th</sup> for 4CB - next week! If you have somehow missed this, please contact the school office or your child's teacher.

### **Charity Fund Raising**

Thank you for supporting our Breast cancer charity day today. We raised over £600.00 with the raffle alone raising £195! Many thanks to the team of pupils that put this together.

Food Bank - we raised £200 for the Irthlingborough Food Bank. The money was spent on groceries which our Food Bank Ambassadors have delivered to the food bank.

Christmas Jumper Day - please note that we are having our Christmas Jumper day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December which will raise funds for Save the Children.

### **Team Points**

Next week we will find out which team has won this term's House Cup. The relaunch of team points has been a massive success. Mrs Meekings and Mr Garley have written out lots of certificates for children who have already earned 50, 100 and 200 team points.

Children from the winning team will get an extra afternoon playtime next week!

### **Uniform**

We will have a uniform check in the first week back after half term. We now allow trainer style shoes as part of the school uniform but these need to be all black - no white soles, logos or stripes please.

Year 6 should also be wearing ties. If you have lost your tie or have a child in years 3, 4 or 5 who would like to wear a tie, then these can be bought from reception for £5.

### **Safeguarding**

We have PCSO Nadia Norman visiting to lead assembly next week about being safe in the dark and how to keep yourself safe during Hallowe'en.

Simon Aston, governor and Northants Online Safety Officer, will be in school during one of the parent evenings to talk to you about online safety. Do you know what your child's presence looks like? Do you know what games they play or what apps they use online?



### Book Fair

7<sup>th</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> November - Open after school from 3.30pm in the Year 4 and Year 6 Learning Hub. Please support because the school gets a percentage of the money made to spend on books for the school.

### Free School Meals

If you or your partner receives any of the following benefits, your child could be offered even further support in school if you are eligible for **Free School Meals**:

- *Income Support*
- *Income Based Job Seekers Allowance*
- *Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit*
- *National Asylum Seekers Support*
- *Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit*
- *Employment and Support Allowance (income related)*
- *Universal Credit (income dependant)*

This is funding which is given to schools and nurseries to support your child. However, you still must apply individually through the County Council. Even if you decided not to have the free school meal (which all Infant aged children are entitled) you can still gain additional support for your child. This can support your child's individual needs.

How to register for Free School Meals:

You can apply on line through the county website [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

### Kingswood Hot Meals

Our hot meal providers are Kingswood Catering. If you would like to order your child a hot meal, please see the link below. If you think you might qualify for free school meals, please contact Northamptonshire County Council on 0300 126 1000.

Click on the link below for the Irthlingborough Junior School page on their website:

[www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk/menu-page/47102](http://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk/menu-page/47102)

### Parking

Please be considerate around the school site when dropping children off and collecting them at the end of the day. We do try and support our neighbours by reminding you of this.



### Play Equipment

Children should not be on site before the doors open at 8.45am. There have been a number of children arriving early and using the new play equipment - please ensure that your child does not do this. If you need child care before school please contact Miss Roche to find out about Breakfast Club on 07717 004735.

### Main School Reception

Just reminder that the school office/reception is open from 8.15am to 3.45pm. Please do not ring before or after these times unless leaving a message on the designated answer machines.

Please do not use the school office area as a short cut.

### Absences

Please telephone the school office on every day of your child's absence. This would save time for office staff who are having to make calls to parents who aren't making daily calls to the office.

If you have updated your mobile phone number and/or email address please let the office know.

### End of school day

Can we remind all parents collecting their children after school that they should wait for them at the designated outside areas, due to health and safety reasons. We can not allow parents/carers to wait in the office area. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

### Brexit Information

We have a duty to inform you that if you are an [EEA](#) or Swiss citizens that they need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 2020.

Read the [guidance on EU Settlement Scheme](#) to find out who needs to apply.

Irish citizens' right to live in the UK will not change when the UK leaves the EU.

Irish citizens do not need to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme, but their family members, who are not Irish or British citizens, will need to.

We have also been assured by Kingswood, our hot dinner providers that they will continue to provide hot food for children after we leave the European Union.