



Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School

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Priorities for 2019/20

Developing our curriculum with reading, writing and learning to be kind to each other, through our work on anti-bullying with IJS.



Christmas concerts in December

9th 9.30am/2pm **Year 2**

13th 9.30am/2pm **Reception**

17th 9.30am/2pm **Year One**

This is a ticketed event with 2 tickets only per child due to space in the hall.

Reading dogs

Thank you for all the great photos of your children reading with the reading dogs at home! I've loved looking at the photos and particularly those of the children reading with real dogs! And cats! Reception have been doing a great job of not only reading but looking after such a range of pets! It is lovely to see such caring and kind individuals.

If you have the opportunity to take a "reading dog" home remember to read, read, read with your dog!!



We return to school on Tuesday 5th November at 8.50am

Parent and Child reading sessions. 8.50am-9.15am

Friday 8th November

Wednesday 4th December

Other events

25th October- Colour Mufti Day Children can wear colourful clothes in return for a colourful item for our raffle prizes. (See the flyer for year group colours)

6th November - Parent Partnership meetings

13th November - Parent Partnership meetings

Letters have gone out in book bags so please sign up to discuss your child's progress on one of the above two dates.

15th November - Flu immunisations in school

12th December- Key Stage One Disco

13th December – Christmas Jumper day

Class Assemblies

Each class shares an assembly about their learning - once during the year in which we invite parents, carers and grandparents. The assemblies start at 9am in the main hall. Please join us - all welcome.

Zebras	20 th November
Dolphins	29 th January
Sloths	11 th March
Monkeys	18 th March
Meerkats	25 th March
Tigers	13 th May
Elephants	20 th May
Lemurs	17 th June

Homework return dates

Friday 25th October

Friday 29th November

Break up 25th October

Friday 20th December

Friday 8th November

Break up 20th December

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Beautiful Community



We were very proud to be asked by the Flower Company on the High street to help support a community project, adding a beautiful flower bed to the area at the end of Victoria Street. A few children and parents from INIS, IJS and Huxlow, as well as community members all worked together to plant over a hundred plants.

We braved the weather, enjoyed getting muddy and worked in cooperation with the other community members to ensure all the plants will have a good start. We look forward to seeing the plants grow and flourish to help brighten up our neighbourhood!

Thank you to all the children who carried on planting even when it started to rain.

A sign of a great day at work- going home with muddy heels!!
Maybe not the most practical gardening wear!



We are **still collecting** for the community with our Harvest Festival produce. We collect tins, jars and packets for the Day Centre on College Street and the Irthlingborough Food Bank. This is then distributed locally. Thank you all for your support. Mr O'Brien's class will be visiting the Day Centre to take the food and sing some Harvest songs to the older members of our community.

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Pupil Premium

Please check if your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium. This allows additional support and funds for your child. There is a **£75** voucher for main school children and a **£40** voucher for Nursery children that can be used for **uniform, trips, school photographs** which are ready to be purchased now!

Please use the link below to check or refer to the previous newsletters which had more information for main school parents.

https://northamptonshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply_for_the_pupil_premium

If you are a nursery parent please phone and speak with Mrs McVey regarding Early Years Pupil Premium.

Remember to vote for INIS each week for our **Brick Club models**. We are up against older childer children, but our children do a great job and are loving this club! Please follow the link to vote! <https://www.kidswithbricks.com/voting-page>



Parking

Thank you to all those parents who park responsibly around our school and the town. Please ensure that you do not park in front of anyone's drive way or park dangerously or inconsiderately. We recommend that you park at the Cross car park, where there is plenty of parking if you drive to school as it is only a five minute walk away. The children love to walk even if it's only a short distance to share stories and events of the day.

Keep calm and walk to school or just from the car park!

Safeguarding is everybody's business



Please be aware that as a community we are committed to safeguarding all our children. If you have any concerns in the community and you feel a child is not safe , please make an online referral to the NSPCC or give them a ring. This can be anonymous but could help protect a child from harm.

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Learning Behaviour and Raffle Tickets

Each week staff give out lots of **raffle tickets** when they have spotted great learning behaviour, such as starting work straight away, listening well, following instructions or concentrating really well. On a Friday in our celebration assembly, Mrs Marshall draws a ticket for each year group out of a box and then those children receive a prize and an "I was in it to win it" certificate. We email out to parents our winners each week. We also have a special chair certificate each Friday, where teachers choose a child who has shown a particular skill. This week it is reading, as this continues to be a focus across our school.

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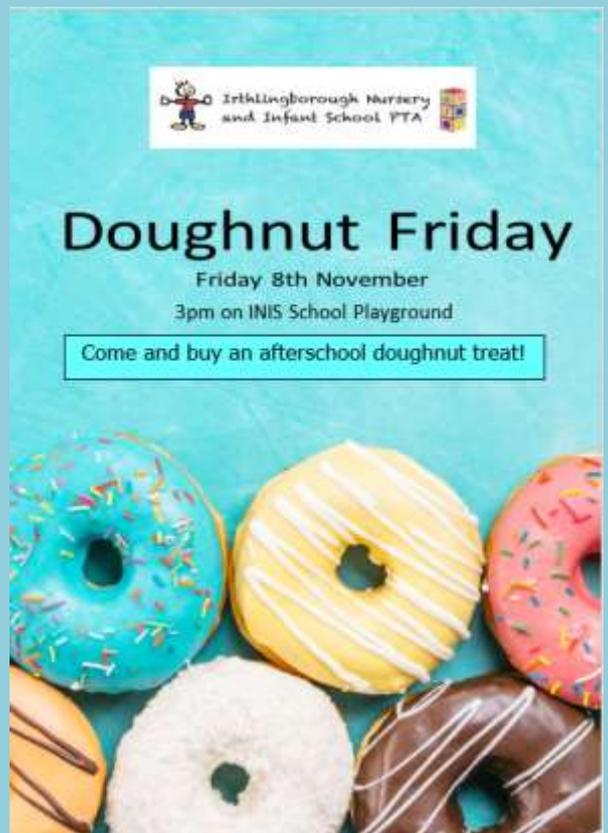
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Help our PTA raising funds to support education and fun at INIS. They raised all the money to refurbish our "Book Nook", in the playground where the children can read. They are now supporting by looking to raise money for technology in the classrooms, play equipment for our playground and still helping ensure the children have quality texts to read. The Book Fair sales will give the school around £300 worth of books from Scholastic! This is fantastic news, as quality texts are a huge part of our strategy to engage all children in the love of reading.

Please support our PTA events and help where you can. It may only be an hour sorting prizes or pouring drinks at the disco, or even just buying a doughnut at our sale after half term. It all helps!

The children can wear their most colourful clothes on 25th October (It doesn't need to be the colours for each year group, that's for the donations!). In return we ask for a donation of a colourful item for our raffle. It could be a green bottle of bubble bath for nursery, a red mug for reception, a gold box of chocolates for year one or a silver necklace for year two! Thank you for your support.



Please note there is no smoking within our school grounds – this includes the use of e-cigarettes and vaping.

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