



# Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School Newsletter

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**Reading Tip**  
 Try this link to "Teach Your Monster To Read".  
<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

## WE LOVE READING!

We had an amazing week of sharing books and reading, ending in our own Irthlingborough World Book Day. The children dressed in their pyjamas or character costumes and shared their favourite stories with friends and staff. The children were also involved in decorating their classroom doors to represent a favourite class story. These will be judged and a winner chosen for each year group. All the classes received some new books on Irthlingborough World Book Day to share in class and go into their new book boxes. We are having a stronger focus on phonics and reading in Reception and Year One. This is to ensure that the books are matched to the children's stage of phonics. It allows the children to be successful in what they are reading which is key to developing confident readers. Our book areas are developing well too!



## KEEP READING!

Please see below upcoming dates. A calendar of events can be found on our [website](#):

Year One and two evening catch up maths and English workshops -6pm	12 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Sports Relief- Wear your sports kit</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> March
Monkey Class assembly- 9am	18 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>PTA mufti- wear your own clothes and bring in a small donation</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> March
Nursery Coffee afternoon – 2.15pm	20 <sup>th</sup> March
Clothes recycling collection	23 <sup>rd</sup> March
Meerkats Class assembly -9am	25 <sup>th</sup> March

Reception Move and Groove workshop- 9am	27 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Sports mufti for Cransley Hospice</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> March
SATs Workshop for Year Two parents- 2.30pm and 6pm	31 <sup>st</sup> March
Parent Partnership meetings	25 <sup>th</sup> March & 1 <sup>st</sup> April
Spring tea event- tickets required	27 <sup>th</sup> March & 31 <sup>st</sup> March
Reception coffee morning	3 <sup>rd</sup> April
<b>Chocolate mufti and raffle</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> April

**Homework hand in Fridays - 27<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> April**

**NEWSLETTERS**  
 View past and present newsletters [here....](#)

**Twitter**  
 Click here to go to [our Twitter feed on our website](#)

**Science week is here!**  
 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> March  
 Parents are invited into school to see Science in action and have a go too, all this week.  
 9<sup>th</sup> Reception, 10<sup>th</sup> Yr2, 11<sup>th</sup> Yr1, 12<sup>th</sup> Nursery- all at 2.30pm

**Parent Reading- 8.50am Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

### **Small change challenge- The final Count Down!**

We are very grateful to our school community to donating their small change to our classes. We will have already purchased and booked some of the experiences. The duck and chick eggs will be in school soon for Foundation stage. Year One will be booking a reptile experience and Year Two are working hard to find an author to come into school to work with the children. We are also teaching the children about the value of money, through this project.



### **SAFEGUARDING**

We take our Safeguarding responsibilities very seriously. [For more information visit our website.](#) If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact one of these people as follows:

<b>Name &amp; Safeguarding role</b>	<b>Phone number</b>	<b>Email address</b>
Mrs Marshall (Designated Safeguarding Lead)	01933 654900	head@irthlingborough-inf.northants-ecl.gov.uk
Mrs Harvey (Designated Safeguarding Deputy)	01933 654900	tracy.harvey@iflt.org.uk
Mrs Colquhoun (Designated Safeguarding Deputy)	01933 654900	lesley.colquhoun@iflt.org.uk

We also have Miss Chapman, Mrs Wright and Mrs Luke who are also Designated Safeguarding Deputies and can be contacted through the main school number above.

A thank you goes out to all those parents who have chosen to park a little further away from the school grounds lately. This is much less dangerous for our children walking to school. Thank you for supporting our children and the local community by driving and parking responsibly.



### **Department for Education coronavirus helpline**

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is now available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

We are following all the advice from Public Health England and the DFE in relation to coronavirus. Please can you ensure that we have the correct emails for both parents as if at any point we are instructed to close by Public Health England we need to ensure we have easy contact with all our families. If you are not receiving our newsletters please ensure we have the correct email. Email Mrs Hennessey on [inisoffice@iflt.org.uk](mailto:inisoffice@iflt.org.uk) and she will update our records. Please write **email** in the subject box, to ensure you email is quickly read.

## What Is Coronavirus?

Coronavirus is the name of a large family of virus. They get their name because under a microscope they look a bit like a crown.

As it is new, scientists are still learning about it.



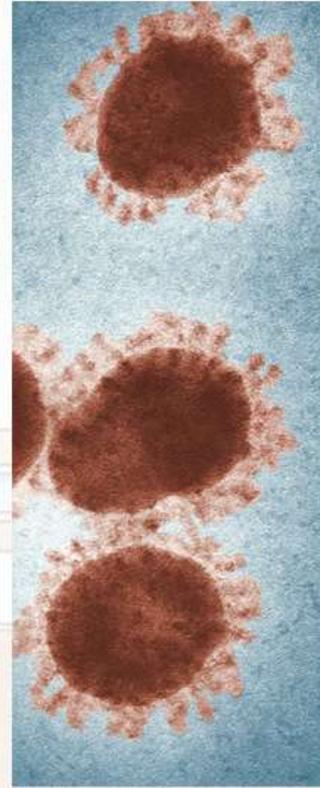
A new type of coronavirus has spread from China.

This coronavirus causes symptoms such as coughing, a high temperature and difficulty breathing.

The UK government says that the “current evidence” is that most cases are mild. The World Health Organisation say that most people recover without needing any special treatment.

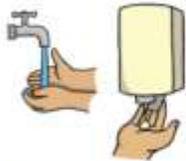
The infection is not serious for most people, including children.

The UK government said that the risk to individuals “remains low.”

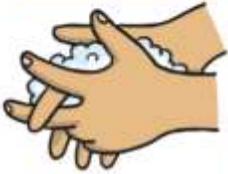


## Washing Hands

1. Turn on the tap.
2. Wet your hands with water.



3. Apply one or two squirts of hand soap.
4. Rub your hands together.



5. Wash all the soap off of your hands.
6. Use towel or elbow to turn off the tap.
7. Dry your hands with a towel or air dryer.



Great Job!!

## Hand washing

We are working hard to encourage all the children to wash their hands, blow noses and dispose of tissues responsibly. This is not just for the coronavirus but also for all the winter germs which are going around.

Please can you continue to talk with your children at home about the importance of good hygiene routines.

We are very short of tissues so if each family sent one box of tissues we could keep all the noses in school clean! **Please donate one box of tissues to your child's class!**



Please ensure that holidays are **not** taken in term time. This is particularly important for Year Two children who do their SATs in May and Year One who do their Phonics screening in June. Any extended absence is referred to the Local Authority, who may issue a fixed penalty fine.

## Science week is here!



Science is an active part of our school curriculum every term but the 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March is a time to focus more on this area of the curriculum. Our theme this year is Our Diverse Planet and we will be looking at different aspects of this across the school. It will be fun!! Look out on Twitter for photos!



### Helpful Links

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/terrific-scientific>

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>

<https://www.stem.org.uk/audience/primary>

<https://wowscience.co.uk/>

<https://explorify.wellcome.ac.uk/en/activities>

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### **Let's enjoy science together!**

#### **Can you help with spare clothes?**

If you have any spare tights, socks or pants suitable for children age between three to seven, we would be very grateful for donations. We have had a few toileting accidents recently and have run out of spare clothes!

We have lots of different **mufti days** and events from now until April - this is to encourage the children to think about others and different aspects of the world we live in!

## Anti Bullying

We have worked very hard on an anti-bullying project in school to ensure staff, children and the wider community understand bullying and the implications for children's mental and physical health. We include not just the target and the ringleader in our examination of a bullying situation but the bystanders and the assistants in the process that may not think they are involved. The diagram below demonstrates how a number of people can be involved and in order to resolve incident we do need to talk to as many children as possible. Teachers, teaching assistants and lunch supervisors have all had training, to further understand and explore these different roles.



Reference: Salmivalli 1996, 1999

We have come up with a very easy word to remember to help children tell about a worrying situations. STOP means S=Several T=Times O=On P=Purpose and also S=Start, T=Telling O= Other, P=People.

Our children understand this and can begin to look out to tell teachers/lunch ladies.

Here is a short part of the simple leaflet our children have put together to help others understand bullying. Mrs Marshall, the head teacher is the named teacher to report bullying incidents too, however all staff have had training to support dealing with bullying at school.

### Who can help me?

- .. Teachers/Mrs Marshall/TAs
- .. Someone in your family
- .. Use the Worry Box
- .. Your friends
- .. Lunchtime ladies
- .. Any other adult you know and trust

**S**tart

**T**elling

**O**ther

**P**eople



Remember if you can send in a box of tissues with your child this will help stop the spread of germs!

Please check that we have the correct telephone numbers and email addresses for all contacts. If you or one of your emergency contacts changes an email, phone number or address, please let the office know ASAP. [inisoftware@ift.org.uk](mailto:inisoftware@ift.org.uk)