

Newsletter

11th March 2020



Irthlingborough
Junior School

WELCOME

We hope you are having a good week. Please see below some of the latest news from IJS.

READING PROJECTS IN SCHOOL

Our main improvement target for this academic year is to improve the children's outcomes in reading. This means that we want the children not only to be better readers but to also have a love of reading books and poetry.

One of the projects that year 5 children engage in with Mrs Ward is visiting the Infant school to read to younger children. This has been happening since the start of the school year and benefits both groups of children, providing a strong reading link between both schools.



WELCOME MR CROWLEY!

On Monday we welcomed our new site supervisor Mr Crowley to school.

He will be on the gate this week at the end of the school day so please introduce yourself to him and make him feel welcome.



NEWSLETTERS

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

HOMEWORK

[Click here for information about your child's homework.](#)

ABSENCE REPORTING

Attendance is very important for your children's education. Missing a day or half a day can lead to gaps in their learning particularly in reading, writing and maths. The national average for attendance is 96%.

This year our attendance is better than it has been over the last 3 years and at the moment our average attendance for the whole school is 96.4%.

If your child does have to miss time for illness or an important medical appointment, please can you inform the school office so they can manage the registers accordingly.

Some of you speak to the class teacher or email the school which is helpful but regardless of whether you choose to do this, telephoning the school office is essential.

There is an office answer machine and Mrs White accesses the messages on a daily basis so you do not have to wait until the office is open before you ring. Thank you for your help in this matter.

FAREWELL

Sadly we said goodbye to Vera Doran who has been working as a lunchtime supervisor in school for the last twenty two years! She has been a wonderful servant to the school, to the children and their families.

We wish her every happiness in her retirement!

UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES

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

Year 5 Holdenby House visit	w/c 9 th March
Year 4 Residential to York	w/c 16 th March
PTA Cake Competition (see page 3)	20 th March
Parents Evening	26 th March
Parents Evening	30 th March
LFLET AGM	2 nd April

PTA Mufti Day – Chocolate donation	3 rd April
PTA Chocolate Tombola (after school)	3 rd April
Term Ends	3rd April
Term Begins	21st April
PTA May Day Event (see page 3)	22 nd May

LFLET ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A letter was recently sent out inviting you to attend the Trust's Annual General Meeting on Thursday 2nd April 2020 at 3.45pm. This year the meeting will be held at Irthlingborough Junior School.

The AGM provides an opportunity for you to hear about how the trust has been contributing to the success of your child's school. There will be reports from the Chair of the Board of Directors, the Executive Headteacher and the Headteacher from each school. A full copy of the agenda is available on the Trust website.

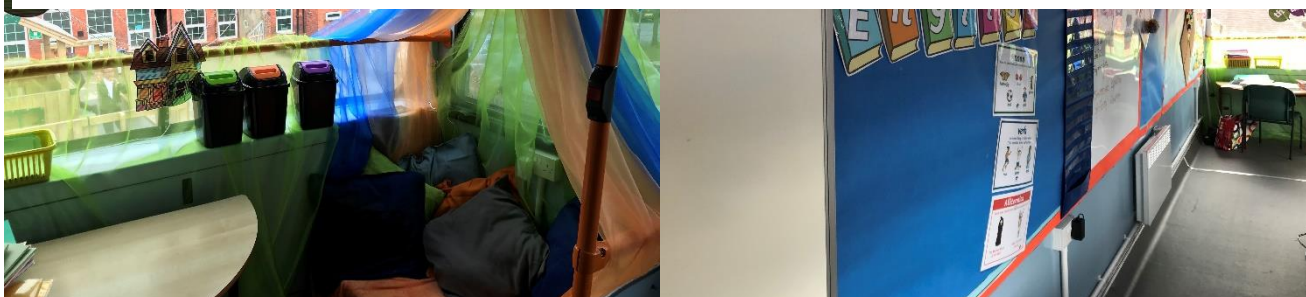
This year, the Directors of the Trust will be available from 3pm should you wish to meet them and have a chat prior to the meeting. We hope to see you there!



BUS UPDATE

We now have heating and lighting on the double decker bus which means that the groups of children who are working on it to improve their reading, writing and maths, are now doing so in a lovely cosy temperature!

Well done and thank you to Mrs Mayes who has created a really engaging learning environment on the top deck with coloured lighting and a welcoming reading corner.



GET INVOLVED – UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

Our PTA brings together parents, teachers and the local community to raise funds and to support our school. We have lots of lovely events planned for the upcoming academic year, so your support is invaluable. Here are just a few of them...

Cake Competition!

Friday 20th March

We are holding a cake competition and cake sale, please bring in any cakes or cupcakes to be sold afterschool.



If you would like to enter the competition, please bring in any homemade cake/cupcakes with your name and class clearly marked on the box if you would them to be entered into the competition.

There will be a winner in each year group who will be able to order a book of their choice, a runner up in each year group will also receive a small prize.

Chocolate Mufti Day

Friday 3rd April

Donate some chocolate for our Easter Tombola e.g. Easter Eggs, Chocolate bars etc and come to school in your own clothes.



The chocolate tombola will take place in the school playground after school on

Friday 3rd April.

May Day Event – Save the Date!

Friday 22nd May

We will also be repeating the May Day event that we held last year, more details to be shared soon!



Thank you for your ongoing support!

If you would like to get involved with the PTA please contact the school office or email