

Newsletter

16th September 2020



Irthlingborough
Junior School

WELCOME

This is our first weekly newsletter of the new school year where we will share with you the latest news and initiatives, upcoming dates and events.

We would like this publication to be a useful source of information for you, therefore if there are any topics you would like us to cover please let us know.

WELCOME BACK!

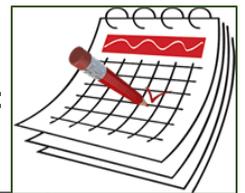
Thank you to all of you for your co-operation in welcoming children back to school. Your support with new staggered times and drop off arrangements has made it as smooth a transition as possible.

We're delighted to report that children settled almost straight away. The learning behaviour in classrooms and behaviour on the playground has been extremely positive.



UPCOMING SCHOOL DATES

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



School Photos	23 rd September
Irchester Park Visit for Year 3	29 th & 30 th September
Road Safety Talk PCSO Nadia	20 th October
Half term	23 rd October

Children's flu vaccinations	1 st & 2 nd December

First Aid Notifications

We are now texting you if your child has received first aid at school. This is for cases of grazed knees, trips and falls. If there is a serious concern (bumped heads or swollen ankles etc.) we will telephone you as is our normal practice.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

In the infant school all children enjoyed universal free school meals. By the time children get to Year 3, free school meals have to be applied for. If you qualify, your child will receive free hot meals or packed lunches as well as the school receiving extra funding which we can use to support you for trips and other school essentials.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please see the Northants County website to apply online - <https://bit.ly/3iBM7VX>

If you would like support in filling in the online form, please contact the school office on 01933654921

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:

Name & Safeguarding role	Phone number	Email address
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Staff Changes

We would like to say a huge welcome to Mrs Turner who has joined us as our new Inclusion Leader replacing Mrs Mancini as she relocated. Mrs Turner joins us with a wealth of experience. In her last role she was the 'Executive SENCO and Deputy Head Teacher' across two schools in Cambridgeshire.

Mr Baldwin is now working as our full time sports coach. He will be supporting and developing staff's skills in delivering top quality PE and Games sessions. He is also responsible for school clubs which we plan to start after October half term. Mr Baldwin will also be supporting Miss Roche in running our new holiday clubs which we started in the summer holidays.