



Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School

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Welcome to the new year!

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. We have been thrilled with how all our children have started the new school year. We have had smiling faces from Nursery to Year Two. We understand that children and parents will be anxious at starting the new year in school after so long in a restricted lifestyle, due to the government lockdown. We have thoroughly assessed the risks, following both government and union advice and we are happy with the provisions in place for our staff as well as children and parents. Any concerns in regards to health and safety please make the school office aware immediately.

MEET THE TEAM

If you have any concerns about how your child has settled in, as we can't talk to you at the doors as we usually would due to the Covid restrictions, please use the class emails to contact teachers.

All absences or urgent concerns must be phoned in or emailed to the school office. Phone: 01933 654900 Email: iniso@ift.org.uk Teachers may not email you back immediately as they have teaching commitments and will not be constantly checking for emails.

Teacher	Contact Email
Mrs Luke- Nursery Team Leader	bluegroup@ift.org.uk
Mrs Dodds	yellowgroup@ift.org.uk
Miss Knibb	greengroup@ift.org.uk
Mrs Hurley- Reception Team Leader	monkeyclass@ift.org.uk
Mrs Matthews and Miss Chapman- Deputy head	meerkatclass@ift.org.uk
Mrs Kitson	dolphinclass@ift.org.uk
Mrs Mason	lemurclass@ift.org.uk
Miss Smart	panda@ift.org.uk
Miss Garrett	slothclass@ift.org.uk
Mrs Grocock and Mrs Wright- Deputy head	tigerclass@ift.org.uk
Miss Lees- KS1 Team Leader	penguinclass@ift.org.uk
Miss Smith	zebraclass@ift.org.uk
Mr O'Brien	giraffe@ift.org.uk



We want to ensure that our communication with families is still strong so please ensure we have a current email, address, home phone number and mobile number. If any of these change, please inform the school office as soon as possible. If we need to get hold of you quickly the more contacts we have the better!

We know there has been issues with Brigade who supply our uniforms but if anyone is still short of what they need please let the school office know as we have a number of second hand options.

Meet the Office Team

In our school office we have three very important people. **Miss Parker and Miss Ratcliffe**, are our school administration team, who you will speak to if you phone the main school number with a query. Miss Ratcliffe, is new to the school office and we are very happy to welcome her to the INIS school family!

If you need to contact the office please use Phone: 01933 654900 Email: inisooffice@iflt.org.uk

Mrs McVey, is our very experienced financial administrator and if you have any queries regarding finance or funding particularly for nursery please email: bursar@irthlingborough-inf.northnats-ecl.gov.uk

You can also contact the **Head Teacher, Mrs Marshall**, via the office email and this will be addressed during office hours.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Our school improvement plan will focus on three core elements:

Wellbeing as this is vital for all our school community particularly in the current situation.

Reading as this is important in every single aspect of life.

The wider curriculum including science, art, Computing, history and geography.

We will also be an early adopter of the new foundation stage curriculum which will be in place nationwide in 2021/2022.

Teachers will be working on all of these areas to improve the outcomes and experiences for all of our children.

READING
is to the
MIND
what
exercise
is to the **BODY.**



ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

Please do not arrive too early for drop off or collection. The Scarborough Street gates will not open until just before 8.50am. If your start time is 9am please do not be at the gates at 8.45am. This is causing issues with safe social distancing. The sibling and child minder drop off and pick ups seem to be working well.

Class and teacher	Drop off	Pick up
Dolphin- Mrs Kitson	8.50am	2.55pm
Meerkat- Miss Chapman, Mrs Matthews	9am	3.05pm
Monkey- Mrs Hurley	8.55am	3pm
Lemur- Mrs Mason	8.50am	2.55pm
Panda- Miss Smart	9am	3.05pm
Tiger- Mrs Grocock, Mrs Wright	9am	3.05pm
Sloth- Miss Garrett	8.50am	2.55pm
Penguin- Miss Lees	9am	3.05pm
Zebra- Miss Smith	8.50am	2.55pm
Giraffe- Mr O'Brien	9am	3.05pm
Nursery – morning finish 11.30am, afternoon start 12.30pm	9.05am	3pm

Reading Tip

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

Twitter



We have a School Twitter and a Facebook page. We use our Twitter page to share photos and comments about what the children are learning in school and share year group messages. Each year group has its own Twitter page so you can easily see what is happening. We never publish a child's full name but it is a great way to share what great learning the children are doing quickly and easily.

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

If you already have a Twitter account, please search for [@INISYear2](#), [@INISYear1](#), [@INISReception](#), [@INISNursery](#), [@INISMrsMarshall](#) If you are new to Twitter, it's easy and it's free to create an account.

How to set up a Twitter Account:

On your PC/laptop: Go to www.twitter.com, enter your email address and choose a password, then click on 'Sign up to Twitter'. Search for [@INISYear2](#), [@INISYear1](#), [@INISReception](#), [@INISNursery](#) and click 'Follow'.

On your **smartphone or tablet**: Download the free 'Twitter' app from your usual App Store, enter your email address and choose a password, then click on 'Sign up to Twitter'. Search for [@INISYear2](#), [@INISYear1](#), [@INISReception](#), [@INISNursery](#), [@INISMrsMarshall](#) and click 'Follow'. You can set up your account so that an alert or banner notification appears on your screen when we post a message.

Remember you can post your child's practical homework on Twitter!

You can just use Twitter to see your child's adventures, even if you don't use it as your regular social media page.

Safeguarding

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
Mrs Marshall (Designated Safeguarding Lead)	01933 654900	head@irthingborough-inf.northants-ecl.gov.uk
Mrs Harvey (Designated Safeguarding Deputy)	01933 654900	tracy.harvey@ifit.org.uk
Mrs Colquhoun (Designated Safeguarding Deputy)	01933 654900	lesley.colquhoun@ifit.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.

FaceBook



Our FaceBook page is new and we are just starting to add small pieces of information and updates.

Just search on your FaceBook account for Irthingborough Nursery and Infant School.

We do not answer direct school related questions on either platform as these are to share and celebrate school and home working together. If you have a question either send to the school office or the class email.

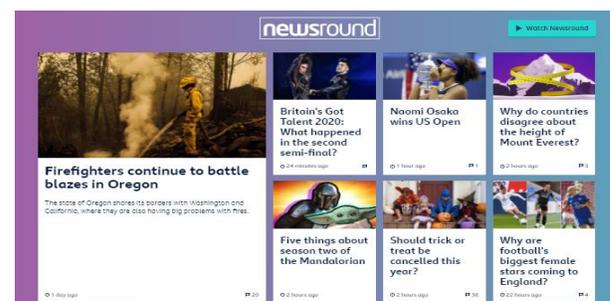
Local Library

Follow your local library on Facebook and keep up to date with the latest reading challenges, online craft sessions and resources for children.

[Irthingborough](#)



Newsround News explained for children. [Find out more.](#)



FACTS ABOUT HEAD LICE

- Head lice are small, six-legged, wingless insects that live close to the scalp – not much bigger than a pin head.
- Head lice cannot fly, jump or swim.
- Head lice are common. Anyone can get head lice, but children are most affected because they often have close head-to-head contact.
- Head lice are not fussy about hair length or condition.
- 'Nits' are the empty white egg sacs from which lice have hatched out. Many people mistake the empty egg sacs or nits for head lice when they are actually evidence of a previous infestation of head lice. Only finding a live louse in the hair is evidence of an infestation.

HEAD LICE DETECTION

Head lice can't be prevented but regular checking ensures early detection and treatment if necessary. The best detection method is wet combing (see back page) as head lice can easily be missed in dry hair. You should aim to check your children's hair once a week during hair washing. You need your



usual shampoo, ordinary conditioner and a louse detection comb. Remember that you are looking for living, moving head lice – the only evidence that your child has a head lice

infestation. The comb must be fine enough and robust enough to catch the lice. Your pharmacist will be able to recommend a suitable one.

If you find any head lice, you should check all family members at the same time, and then begin treatment.

IN SCHOOL

It is impossible for a school to stay head lice free at all times. However, at INIS, we have several practices in place to help to reduce the number of cases:

- We send out information about detection and treatment to all parents every year.
- If staff see live lice in a child's hair, we will contact the parents or carers to let them know.
- We ask parents to let their child's class teacher know if they have live lice, so that classes with several cases within a short period of time can be sent the information leaflet and a fine-toothed comb.



TREATMENT

There are three treatment options. One is to use insecticide lotion, another is silicone oil (such as dimeticone) and the third is removal by wet combing.

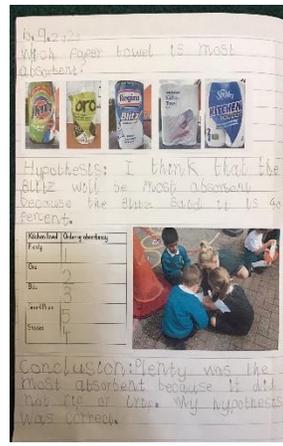
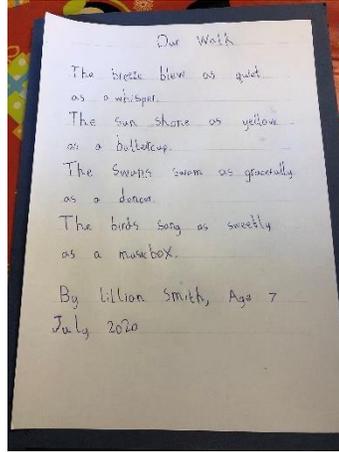
Lotions and silicone oils

Lotions and silicone oils can be bought over the counter at your local pharmacy. You can ask your health visitor, pharmacist or doctor about which lotion or silicone oil is most effective.

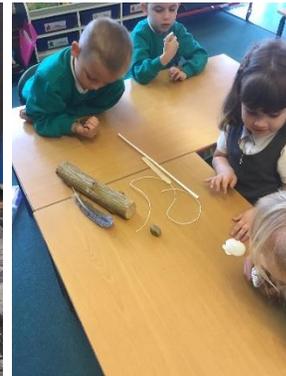
Wet Combing

This is a non-insecticide alternative to lotions that involves combing out all lice with a fine-toothed detection comb using the wet combing method. We have combs at school, so just email the office and we will send one home.

BACK TO SCHOOL



We have had a fantastic start to the Autumn term full of positivity, a Blue Peter Badge and a Tweet from the Little Lemurs author!



We are all looking forward to the term ahead and excited about all the new learning at school and home!

For more information visit our website: <https://www.irthlingborough-inf.northants.sch.uk/home>