



Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School

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Anti Bullying Week

This week in assembly we have been talking about anti bullying week. We have spoken to the children in simple terms about what bullying is. We talked about it being a hurtful incident which can be unkind words, physical aggression or even through the internet and that it happens several times on purpose. We use the term **S.T.O.P** (Several Times On Purpose), to help the children understand. Bullying is always an issue we take seriously. You may have heard the children talking about bullying at home, please can you reiterate this message that it is not one mean thing but several times. We tell the children they need to **S.T.O P** (Start Telling Other People). The children have all been spoken to about safe adults to talk to that will help them resolve an issue.

Anti Bullying week

Anti-Bullying Week 2020 is happening this week and has the theme 'United Against Bullying'. It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at a leading children's charity, the National Children's Bureau.

This is not the only time we talk to the children about bullying and how to be a good friend, but it is just a national week when we can find quality resources and things to share with parents and children.

At INIS we realise the harmful and damaging effects of bullying and work with children and families to educate and resolve issues as our children are very young but need to learn that there are consequences for all our actions.

Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well into adulthood. This year, more than ever, we have witnessed the positive power that society can have when we come together to tackle a common challenge. Anti-Bullying Week is no different.

Bullying has a long-lasting effect on those who experience and witness it. But by channelling our collective power, through shared efforts and shared ambitions, we can reduce bullying together. From parents and carers, to teachers and politicians, to children and young people, we all have our part to play in coming together to make a difference. We are all a piece in the puzzle, and together, we are united against bullying.



Please see the short anti bullying link and share it with your child. [Short anti bullying video link](#)

Wear your odd socks with pride and celebrate differences!



Please ensure your child has a jumper in school as we will be keeping a window partially open for ventilation in all classes during the global pandemic.

When does homework need to be done by:
11 th December
8 th January
29 th January
Please note this does not include Zapper words, reading or any spellings which are on going.

Please can only one parent or carer enter our site to reduce numbers and help with social distancing. Please wear a mask for the few minutes you are on site.

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Dates for the diary

27 th November 10am	Virtual school visit for new reception parents September 2021
7 th December 11am	Virtual school visit for new reception parents September 2021
10 th December 5pm	Virtual school visit for new reception parents September 2021
11 th December	Christmas jumper day
17 th December	Christmas lunch day- please book early with Kingswood. kingswoodcatering.co.uk
17 th December	PTA mufti day- wear party clothes
18 th December	Break up
5 th January	Return to school
11 th January 2pm	Virtual school visit for new reception parents September 2021
12 th January	East Anglia Simply Textile collection for unwanted clothes and other items. More info to follow.

PTA

Our PTA are organising some festive cheer this term with presents for mums, dads, and grandparents that the children can choose. This means you get a surprise at Christmas too! We are also looking at doing a Secret Santa for the children, as it may be difficult for Santa to actually visit the school during the day this year due to our Covid restrictions! We still want to make Christmas special for our children but things will be different in school this year.

We are always looking for support with our PTA. Most of our activity is virtual at the moment which may help some parents join in so please contact the office if you would like to support this fantastic group of volunteers.

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Email: inisoffice@iftt.org.uk

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Road Safety Week

This week is also Road Safety week! Our virtual assemblies next week will be about **road safety**.



Driving to work, or as part of your job, is the most dangerous work-related activity you do. As speed plays a part in every crash on our roads, why not use this Road Safety Week to learn more about the risks posed by speed and how to keep yourself and others safe?

Why is speed important?

Around a quarter of fatal crashes in Britain involve someone who was speeding or travelling too fast for road conditions. Reducing vehicle speeds is one of the most effective ways for drivers to protect themselves and other road users from a crash.

At slower speeds, drivers have:

- Better vehicle control
- More time to see and avoid hazards
- Greater ability to stop in time and avoid a crash.

Speed and stopping distances

Small increases in speed lead to bigger increases in stopping distances. If something unexpected happens on the road ahead, speed will determine whether you can stop in time, or how hard you will hit.

- Cars travelling at 20mph need 12 metres to stop
- Cars travelling at 30mph need 23 metres to stop



The distance a car travels before stopping involves:

- **THINKING DISTANCE** – how far the vehicle travels while you perceive the hazard
- **BRAKING DISTANCE** – how far the vehicle travels after pressure is applied to the brakes.

Speed and injury

When a vehicle crashes, the amount of kinetic energy that the vehicle has determines the force of impact. Small increases in speed lead to much higher increases in kinetic energy.

A crash at 30mph involves twice as much energy and destructive potential as a crash at 20.

The amount of kinetic energy transferred in a crash depends on the mass of a vehicle and its speed. Large vehicles like trucks and buses often cause the most catastrophic collisions.

What can you do?

- never exceed local speed limits
- adapt speed to 20mph in built-up and residential areas
- drive at safe and appropriate speeds in adverse weather conditions
- apply defensive driving techniques and spot hazards well in advance
- maintain safe following distance from the vehicle in front
- avoid unnecessary risks like dangerous overtaking manoeuvres.

1.3 million people die on roads every year.



Each death is a tragedy, each death is preventable. MyBrake gives you the tools and guidance to help you make a difference. Sign up at brake.org.uk and together we can make roads safer for everyone. [@brakecharity](http://www.brake.org.uk)



#RoadSafetyWeek2020

Find out more at www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk

I wanted to share an observation regarding road safety on Scarborough Street. I have been **shocked** by the reckless driving on Scarborough Street. There is little consideration for children and parents walking to school. Cars have been parking on our access road and have dangerously tried to turn, often mounting pavements. There has also been little regard for our neighbours. I have noted parents parking in the Excelsior Flats car park. This is a private car park and should not be accessed by school traffic. This is where many of the issues have been, with cars carelessly reversing, driving too fast and trying to pass on Scarborough Street

We all share the roads and need to play our part in keeping everyone safe. We are encouraging everyone to take time to consider how they use the road and how it impacts on all other road users.

Road Safety notice from the Police

Police have been made aware of an incident on Scarborough Street recently where a parent had blocked a private driveway whilst waiting at school pick up time. There was a verbal argument because the resident could not access their private driveway, which was fully blocked.

We understand the difficulty around parking at school pick up and drop off times, especially with the staggered times currently in place to assist in maintaining social distancing measures.

But we would like to remind everyone to be mindful and considerate with where they park to avoid issues in the local community. **Complaints received in recent weeks include blocking of driveways, obstruction of footpaths and junctions, parking on double yellow lines and parking in private car parks without permission.**

Scarborough Street is very narrow and access is difficult. We would like to request that parents find **alternative parking in the town away from the school** to ease congestion and avoid incidents like the above from occurring.

The safety of the children is the highest priority for both the school, local community and the police.

If children and families are having to walk in the road or attempt to walk / cross between vehicles causing obstructions, this is not safe and action will be taken.

Many thanks

East Northants Neighbourhood Policing Team



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Pupil Premium

<p>Call 01604 366656</p> 	 <p>Apply online</p>	 <p>Text 'FSM' followed by your full name, National Insurance Number, your child's name and school name to 60622</p>
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Snacks (Reception to Year 2)

We still find our children benefit from a daily snack. They have a plain biscuit or savoury snack and have access to fruit too throughout the day, as we are part of the fruit for school scheme. We use the money raised for the snacks but also for ingredients for cooking, playdough and treats for your children throughout the year. Please can you remember to send the money in a named envelope.

Half term = £7

Autumn term = £10

Whole year = £30

Small change challenge 2020

Before the March lockdown we raised money for each year group via a small change challenge. We only spent the money for the current year three, on leavers gifts, to help make the end of this strange year special. All the money raised has moved up with the children who raised it.

Reception- spending on small world equipment for the children

Year One- Science equipment and experiences including apparatus for weather measurement.

Year Two- have already had a virtual soldier visit and are also looking for an author visit.

We thank parents from last year for their generous small change donations. We hope to do this again early next year.

Birthdays

We know it's difficult for children to celebrate their birthdays at the moment so we will be having a monthly celebration in class on a Friday.



Nursery children have been busy making things with natural objects, making gingerbread men, dancing for diwali, making fantastic firwork paintings and writing letters to a toy shop.



For more information visit our website: <https://www.irthlingborough-inf.northants.sch.uk/home> We have recently added a new calendar to support parents.

Reception

The children worked really hard on physical challenges for Children in Need, have made rangoli patterns, learnt about Remembrance Day and created their own poppy pictures.



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More wonderful work from Reception



Year One



The children have been writing some fabulous sentences about the Elves and the shoemaker. They joined in with lots of physical challenges inside and out for Children in Need and have enjoyed learning about Irthlingborough in the past as a shoe town.



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Year two working hard inside and out and having lots of fun!



The children have been learning about World War One and how to crack codes like real spies. They have also been to the nature area developing resilience, confidence and just having fun!



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The children showed respect and understanding when they visited the local war memorial. A special visitor went with a small group of children to lay our school wreath. Can you spot Star?



What a busy couple of weeks we have had at school with Children in Need, bonfire night, Diwali, Remembrance day, anti bullying week, road safety week as well as the year group themes the children have been working on! Well done everyone!

Phonics Screening for Year Two

The children in Year Two will all be doing a national phonics screening in December of this year as they missed the June 2020 screening. The children have been working hard on their phonics to ensure they can decode words to support reading. The children will take the check and then if they do not pass the expected standard usually 32 out of 40, they will re take the screening in June 2021, when the Year One children will have their screening too. We are aware this year that many of the children have missed chunks of learning due to the pandemic and since June and the wider school opening and into the Autumn Term phonics has been a key learning area. Phonics is a key ingredient for reading, which when a child can read well a whole world of knowledge and learning is open to them.

Please follow the link to our reading and phonics workshop which will support and explain the learning needed. <https://www.irthlingborough-inf.northants.sch.uk/news/whole-school> There is also information for reception parents regarding reading and a demonstration reading lesson on the same link.

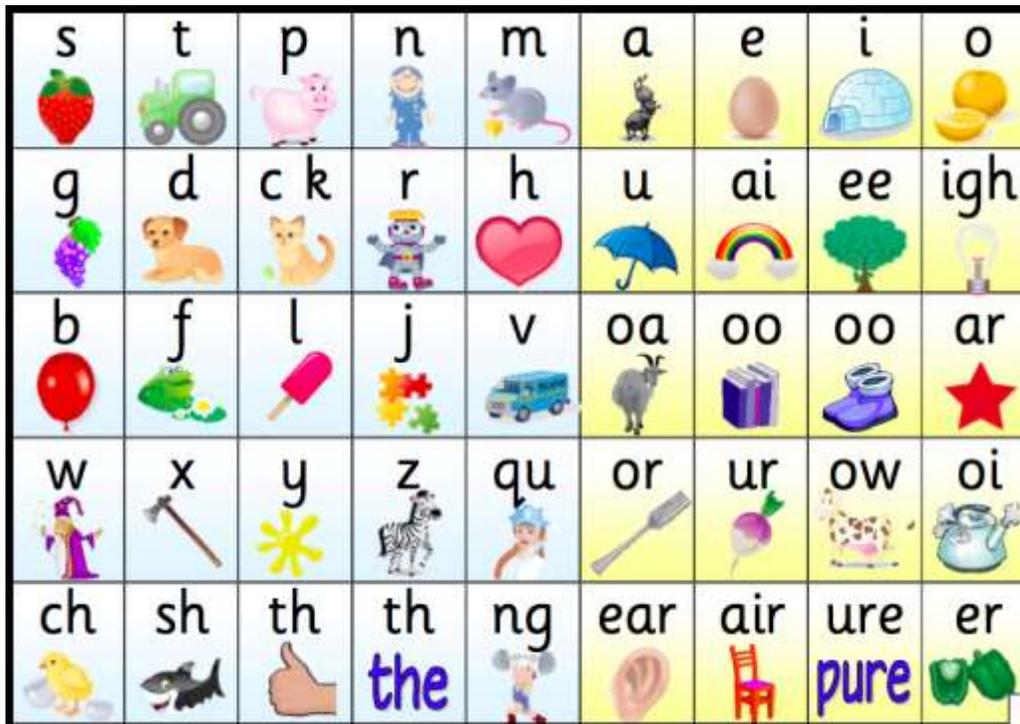
How can you help at home?

Ensure you support your child with any phonic homework and read together with your child whenever you can! Use this fantastic revision link to help [Letters and Sounds short videos for support at home.](#)

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Here is a link to a parent guide which will explain all about phonics and its importance to reading.

<https://irthlingboroughinf.sites.schooljotter2.com/news/whole-school> You can find the phonic guide on our website in curriculum, whole school.



Christmas cards and teacher gifts

Please be aware that due to the pandemic we will not be accepting Christmas cards from the children or teacher gifts in class. We would appreciate kind emails to the class email address, which we can share. You may like to donate to a charity of your choice and share with the class, what you have done instead. I will be donating to the Alzheimer's Society Charity, this year instead of sending class and staff Christmas cards. A cause close to my heart, as my mum has this challenging disease and daily I see her slipping further away. I know a number of people in our school community can relate to this. We will do other Christmas activities in school to ensure your child still gets the magic of Christmas.

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



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[Join our exciting new Christmas Raffle! Great prizes to be won!](#)

Our PTA are running this exciting Christmas raffle this year!

For every ticket purchased you will have 12 chances to win up to £5,000! At the same time, we will raise 50% from every ticket sold supporting our PTA.

You've got to be in it to win it!!

Follow the link below to buy your tickets

[Join the INIS Big PTA raffle by clicking here](#)



[Wishing you all a restful weekend!](#)



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