



Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School

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Welcome back after the Spring holidays

We are pleased that children are settled back very quickly after the holidays. It is important that children are settled and feeling safe and secure in school so we can support the learning. We know all our children have had two disrupted years of education and so this is a priority for us. It is important to support mental health and well being so that then we can help children who are ready to learn. We are prioritising reading as this is key to all areas of learning. Children will have books matched to their stage of phonics so they should always be able to access some words in the books they bring home. We have a programme in Key Stage One called Switched on Reading and Writing which is an intense programme to quickly move reading on. This is used with a few children in each class as it is a one to one programme. For children on this programme it is vital for them to practise their reading at home. Reading is vital for all aspects of learning so sharing stories, reading to and with your child is one of the most important things you can do to help your child at home.

Welcome to our new families who will be joining us for Reception places in September! We are excited to have you with us. Please check out the website for new parents. [New parents welcome](#) [Reception parents 2021](#)

Clubs

We are very excited to eventually get our clubs up and running after all our Covid restrictions. The clubs are after school on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday until 4pm

The children will only be with their classmates and we are using staff who work with the children delivering PE and sports in school from PR Sports Coaching as we know these are high quality providers and are already use to following our in school Covid risk assessment.

If you haven't signed your Year two child up, please do as the club is free to you and will be fun and active.

- Mondays** Penguin Class
- Wednesdays** Giraffe Class
- Thursdays** Zebra Class

These clubs will run up to the week ending the 9th July and can be booked on the Arbor Portal. It's not too late to book and we have spaces in all sessions at the moment.

If you need help to book, please just phone the office as we can book it for you.

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Dates for the diary <https://www.irthlingborough-inf.northants.sch.uk/> Please check our calendar on the website.

Monday 3rd May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 4th May	Back to school
Wednesday 5th May	Parent Partnership meetings via Zoom
Friday 7th May	NSPCC Number day- wear something with a number on. This could be a sports shirt or T shirt with any number showing.
Wednesday 12th May	Parent Partnership meetings via Zoom

Smarties

We hope your children enjoyed their tube of **Smarties**. Thank you to all of those parents who have returned the **Smartie** package filled with change or have donated to our playground fund by sending in change just in a named envelope.

Our PTA are meeting on Wednesday at 9.30am via Zoom. If you would like to join our friendly group please phone or email the office so we can send you a Zoom link. **We need your help and ideas!** All funds support projects which directly impact the children.

We need lunchtime staff

We are looking for someone to join our nursery lunchtime team and also relief staff to support during absences. Training will be given and you will have a mentor to support.

Lunchtime staff are a vital role at INIS as if our children don't have a happy lunch time this could impact on their learning and well being in school.



The poster is teal with white text. At the top is a circular logo with the text 'Learning together at Irtlingborough Nursery & Infant School'. Below this is the title 'Nursery Midday Supervisor and Relief Midday Supervisors' and the school name 'IRTLINGBOROUGH NURSERY AND INFANT SCHOOL'. The main text describes the role and the search for staff. At the bottom is another circular logo with the text 'Learning for Life stronger together' and an image of children.

Nursery Midday Supervisor and Relief Midday Supervisors
IRTLINGBOROUGH NURSERY AND INFANT SCHOOL

We are looking for a kind, caring and skilled people to join our Nursery lunchtime team supporting children with eating, socialising and their personal hygiene needs.

We have one vacancy for a fixed term appointment and are also looking to build up a bank of Relief staff.

Everyone involved in our Trust believes in ensuring we do our very best to help our children become confident, resilient, and independent individuals.

Interested in joining our team? Visit our website for more details.

Closing date: 4pm on Wednesday 28th April 2021

[Link to INIS vacancies](#)



Remember we still have Covid restrictions in school and on the site.

- One way system
- One parent only on site
- Social distance
- Wear a face covering
- Keep to the staggered times

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Parent Partnership meetings

We are running our parent partnership meeting via Zoom again this term. We will have a session on the 5th and 12th of May. Please choose a time on the Arbor parent portal. This will close the night before each meeting day so appointments are fixed for that day and teachers can prepare for the parents who have booked in. If you have any problems booking, please phone the office and Miss Ratcliffe will help.

These meetings are important and allows a dedicated 10 minutes to talk to your teacher about your child. Teachers will talk about what your child is working well with and their next steps in learning.

Teachers will send out a Zoom link before the meeting. Parents just click the link to join the meeting.

Reading

We believe that every child can learn to read but it does take practise! Books open the world to a child and even when accessing online they still need to be able to read. There is nothing better than establishing a **"Bath, Book and Bed"** routine for your child. Sharing books with children will engage them and also help them to settle for sleep. We want all our children to love reading. We have a wealth of books at school and the children are always encouraged to take a book of their choice which is probably best read by a parent or carer and a book which is closely matched to their own level of reading.

We hope that either into the summer or after the holidays we will have our library and "Book Nook" back in use again but for the moment children have plenty of books to choose from in their own classrooms.

The Book Trust have lots of ideas to inspire parents and carers to support with reading, including information about the **"Bath, Book and Bed"** routines. Just follow the link to find out more.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/tips-and-advice/reading-tips/>

Top tips for reading with your child.

1) CHOOSE A QUIET TIME

Set aside a quiet time with no distractions. 10 to 15 minutes is usually long enough.

2) MAKE READING ENJOYABLE

Make reading an enjoyable experience. Sit with your child. Try not to pressurise if he or she is reluctant. If your child loses interest, then do something else.

3) MAINTAIN THE FLOW

If your child mispronounces a word do not interrupt immediately. Allow your child to self-correct, using their phonics skills. You can always discuss mis-pronounced word at the end of your reading time.

4) SUCCESS IS THE KEY

Until your child has built up his or her confidence, it is better to keep to easier books. Struggling with a book with many unknown words is pointless because the flow is lost, the text cannot be understood, and children can easily become reluctant readers.

5) VISIT THE LIBRARY

Encourage your child to use the public library regularly, once you feel it is safe to do so. The Irthlingborough library has an excellent children's section.

6) REGULAR PRACTICE

Try to read with your child every day. Little and often is best. Share stories with them too.

[Story time with the teachers](#) [Story time with the Reading Dogs](#)

7) COMMUNICATE WITH THE SCHOOL

We would love to hear the children's opinions of the texts they read and their progress, so please email your child's class teacher. Teacher's will email you after a guided read with a group message or an individual message after an individual reading assessment.

8) TALK ABOUT THE BOOKS

There is more to being a good reader than just being able to read the words accurately. Being able to understand what has been read is just as important. Always talk to your child about the book; about the pictures, the characters, how they think the story will end, their favourite part. You will then be able to see how well they have understood what they (or you) have read. You will help them to develop good comprehension skills.

9) VARIETY IS IMPORTANT

Remember that children need to experience a variety of reading materials eg. picture books, hardbacks, comics, magazines, poems, recipes, instructions and information books.

Find out more about reading by looking at information about how reading is taught at INIS on our website. You will find a demonstration reading session and some information about reading and phonics in both early years and key stage one.

<https://www.irthlingborough-inf.northants.sch.uk/news/whole-school>

Oxford Owl offers a range of free online books, many of which we have in school to support reading.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Have fun reading together!



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Over the Spring holiday

During the two week spring holiday we had some of our Key stage one toilets refurbished. They are now bright, easy to clean and very child friendly. All the toilets have separate cubicles and long trough sinks. We have had hygienic cladding added to all the walls to allow all surfaces to be easily wiped.

Here are a few photographs of the new toilets.



In the summer holidays we are having the second set of Key Stage One toilets refurbished. This time I have planned a sea theme. There will also be an entrance out into the side play area by Tiger class so children do not have to come through the classrooms to go to the toilet, when playing in this area.

We are very pleased with the work which has been done!

The Art of our Town..... Irthlingborough

In the Autumn term all our children went into the streets and town to look at the buildings in Irthlingborough. They made sketches and the teachers took photos so the children could refer to these back at school. The children practised drawing shapes and parts of buildings before they created their final pieces. Each class had a particular colour of the rainbow and this was used as part of the final art work. As we can't invite parents into school. We couldn't share the art inside so we have shared the art outside! We had all the children's art work scanned and added to this amazing piece of art work! We hope you enjoy looking at the many colours of our wonderful town!



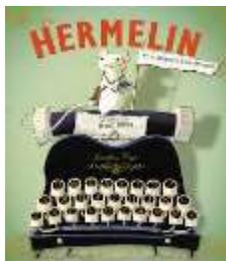
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Everyone has been so busy since returning to school last week.....

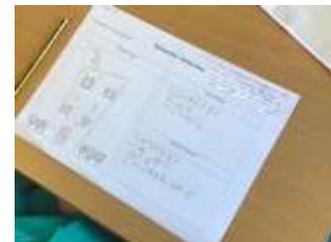
Reception have been watching the chicks hatch, reading, designing homes for their eggs and making homes for worms!



Year one are enjoying a fantastic story about Hermelin, the detective mouse.



In Year one the children have been following and writing their own instructions.



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In Year Two the children have been working on a Picasso art project and learning all about plants.



Nursery have been busy both inside and outside, working together and developing independent skills too!



Star, one of our reading dogs was in school last Friday to help give out our learning behaviour awards for our "Stars of the week". Each week teachers give out raffle tickets to acknowledge fantastic learning behaviour. This could be getting on with work straight away, focusing on a task, answering a question, listening actively or being kind to a classmate. If your child comes home with a raffle ticket, they have been spotted for great learning behaviour, so please celebrate their achievements.



Star was waiting to have her post lockdown groom when this photo was taken in school, last week!

This week we have two certificates and prizes for each main school class, one of great learning behaviour and one for a child who has demonstrated improved reading skills.

If your child or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms of **Covid 19** we ask that the household isolates and the person with symptoms has a PCR test. The household must self-isolate until you know the results. The household must self isolate for 10 days, if anyone tests positive. We will send out the home learning but if your child is ill or a parent is poorly, we will not expect all the work to be completed. Your child's class teacher will be in touch, to check if there is anything you need.

Please click the link to book a test from the government website <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

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