

Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School

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Goodbye

We will be saying **goodbye** to some of our amazing staff this summer. We want to thank them and wish them well in their new adventures. Mrs Rice will be leaving as a lunchtime supervisor after working with us for 28 years and also Mrs Foster moves to Pastures new. Mrs Stephens, another long serving member of staff is also leaving, as a teaching assistant. Mrs Lickerish and Miss Bisgrove are moving on to pastures new. Look out for Mrs Lickerish at IJS, as she will be teaching music across IJS. Mrs Gould, is taking her retirement after working in a number of different roles at INIS. We value her dedication and experience. If any parent would like to contribute to a leaving present for any member of staff please just drop your contribution into the main office.

Dates for the Summer Term

12th July- Discos 4pm-5pm Year One, Year Two 5.10pm-6.30pm.

13th July – reports go home

We are still looking for parent helpers for this event. If you can help, please contact the school office on 654900

16th July- Open evening- meet the teachers

17th July Nursery graduation

19th July –Year Two Leavers assembly 9.15am

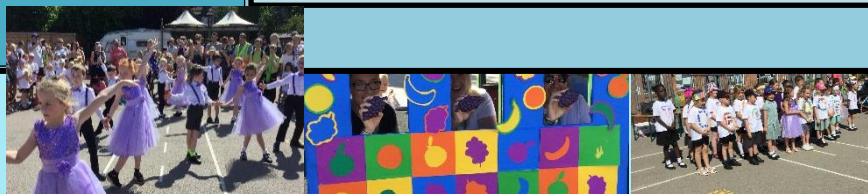
20th July – Mufti day and last day of term

28th September – family disco at The Band Club Irthlingborough- keep the date. More information after the holidays.

School fair

A huge thank you goes out to our wonderful PTA group and all the staff who organised a fantastic summer fair. There were lots of games for the children to play and entertainment from the Strictly Dancers, choir and the Ruff edge dancers. The weather was perfect for this event. We also want to thank the students from Huxlow who also helped out on the day. We have raised about £1800 all of which will support our redevelopment of our library, including buying new books.

If you would like to join the PTA please email our chair Joanne Greaves at PTA.INIS@IFLT.org.uk She will contact you giving details of the next meeting or ways that you can help us raise money for our school.



Caravan update

I was really hoping I would have better news on the progress of our Reading Caravan, but we seemed to have stalled to a halt at the moment. We have the electrics fitted as you are aware, but we are still trying to get a water damage problem fixed. We had a local caravan company who came to look at the repairs needed but they have not been back in touch and don't seem to be at the end of the phone, since saying they could support with the work. We have since asked one of the tradesmen that regularly work at the school to come and have a look at the internal problems before quoting for decking and fencing. We want to have sloped decking from the caravan door to the playground. We have also asked Clare Carney, the fabulous artist we worked with in arts week to work with the children to paint the outside of the caravan. We hope to start this early October once the decking is completed. The Year Two children were asking when could they go in- they will be involved in the official opening probably in October. We are hoping to have it open during pick up time and so our lovely Year Twos (who will be Year Three in Sept), will be welcome to look at books after school with parent supervision too.

We also now have the support of the Wellingborough and District Lions Association who are keen to help.

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Social Media

We have had reports from the local Police about issues regarding adults using Facebook in Irthlingborough in an offensive manner.

They sent some useful information for parents regarding such posts, which is below.

Under the Malicious Communications Act, any letter or electronic message/post that is intended to be offensive, indecent, threatening or reporting false information with the intent of causing another person anxiety or distress is a criminal offence and will be treated as such. For example, posting comments on Facebook that do not directly name an individual, but it can be assumed that the individual will find them offensive, can be classed as an offence.

Creating a post on Facebook to complain about the behaviour of another child or parent, which then becomes a platform for others to use abusive, offensive and derogatory terms can also be looked at as a criminal offence, as well as a hate crime.

The use of social media is part of our and the Junior school's home school agreement. Staff at our school and across the site work hard to establish safe use of the internet and social media with our children but of course children pick up on what parents are posting whether good or bad.

The advice from the Police is if you wouldn't say it to someone's face, don't post it on social media. If you don't want your children to copy this behaviour, don't post it on social media. If you have been a victim of this kind of cyberbullying please report it to Facebook as they can and will remove posts. The Police are particularly keen to stop this offensive and distressing use of social media in our area, so please ask for advice from the Police if required.

The Police have also advised to remove yourself from social media groups and block individuals if this kind of cyberbullying occurs.

Even very young children are often more aware than you think about social media. The children know we use Twitter to celebrate the work we do in school. There are lots of positives with social media but parents need to be aware of these negatives and how posts can easily be misinterpreted.

Here's to positive holiday postings!

Safety

This week we are focusing on safety in our assemblies. We have been talking about keeping safe with strangers, sun safety and what to do if you feel unsafe generally. This is part of our ongoing safeguarding work as we head towards the summer holidays.

Transition

We had a successful transition day with the children enjoying their new classes. Teachers have been to see the children in their present classes too and any children who are anxious about the move can be given extra transition time. Please talk to your child's current teacher if you feel they may need more time with their new teacher before the holidays. We do not have any new teachers starting this year so we are in a good position to ensure children get additional support.

Help needed tomorrow Thursday 12th July for the school disco. Please phone the school office if you can help for an hour.

There are also still some "bags for life" with the children's drawings on for



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sale. Please contact the school office.

What a busy summer term!

We have had such a busy time lately with our Huxlow music concert, sports days, class assemblies, trips out, arts week, school fair, our strictly team performing at the Derngate and a Royal wedding! We found out that our strictly team came 6th in the very competitive dance competition out of 23 teams- FANTASTIC!

We are very proud of the achievements of all our children from Nursery to Year Two. We want to celebrate the wonderful children at INIS and their fantastic growth mindset in which anything is possible when you just have a go even when it is out of your comfort zone. You are amazing! Here are just a few photographs of some of the events mentioned.

