



# Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School

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**Welcome back** to all our parents and children who have already been working in partnership with us.

**Welcome** to all our new families. We look forward to working with you in the near future.

**Welcome** to back to Mrs Wright, part time deputy head and to Miss Heeds a nursery teaching assistant after their maternity leave.

We have a new Trust name across our four schools. We will be known as **Learning for Life Education Trust** rather than The Irthlingborough and Finedon Learning Trust. We feel this says what we want for our children as they grow and develop.

## Meet the Team Leaders

Nursery– Mrs Luke

Reception– Mrs Hurley

Year One -Mrs Mason

Year Two– Miss Lees

If you have any queries regarding your child's education please talk to their class teacher. The team leaders are there should you need any further support. They are waiting to talk to you!

## Family Worker news

We are very fortunate to have two excellent Family Workers at our school, who can help and support with many general family issues such as behaviour, child sleep issues, housing, and attendance to name but a few.

If you have a concern or issues you would like to discuss you can either phone through to the main school 01933 654900 or to their work mobiles. Mrs Lesley Colquhoun (who also works at the Junior School) 07825666124 and Mrs Tracy Harvey 07584050433

## Class assembly

**Thursday 4th October**—Miss Smith's class assembly for Harvest. Parents/ carers are welcome to come and watch at **9am in the main hall**. The children will share some of the things they have been learning in class.

## Christmas concerts in December

11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Year 2

12<sup>th</sup> 2pm Year 2

14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Year 1

17<sup>th</sup> 2pm Year 1

18<sup>th</sup> 2pm Reception

19<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Reception

## Parent workshops and events

**9<sup>th</sup> October 9am**- Year Two English workshop and shared lesson with your child

**9<sup>th</sup> October 6pm**- Year Two and Year One English and Maths workshop for those parents unable to come during the school day. No Lesson demonstration.

**10<sup>th</sup> October 9am** Year one phonics workshop. There will be an opportunity to visit a phonics lesson with your child.

**18<sup>th</sup> October 9am** Reception parent workshop for phonics, reading and writing and a shared lesson with your child

**1<sup>st</sup> November Reception** parents evening workshop. This is a repeat of the phonics, reading and writing for those parents unable to attend on 18<sup>th</sup>.

23<sup>rd</sup> November 9am maths workshops for Year One and Year Two and lesson demonstrations.

**Nursery will be arranging a parent workshop soon.**



## Uniform

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform for school. The children need a school sweatshirt or cardigan, grey trousers or shorts, skirt or pinafore, or green checked summer dress. They also need a white polo t-shirt and plain black school shoes. The children also require a jade school t-shirt for PE and black shorts. The children will be doing regular outdoor PE in Year One and Two and will require plain grey or black joggers and plimsolls/trainers. We are looking to have **school hoodies** for outdoor PE so will let you know when they are available. If any parent is struggling with the cost of uniform, please phone to speak to the school office as we may be able to support.



# Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School Pupil Premium

We are offering parents entitled to Pupil Premium **a voucher for £100 in main school and £50 in Nursery**. This voucher can be used towards, trips, milk, uniform, school photos and clubs.

All infant aged children now can receive a free school meal if booked through our catering company Kingswood. However if you or your partner receives any of the following benefits, your child could be offered even further support in school if you are eligible for **Pupil Premium**:

- Income support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit
- National asylum seekers support
- Guarantee element of state pension credit
- Employment and Support Allowance

This is funding which is given to schools and nurseries, to support your child. However, you still must apply individually through the County Council. Even if you decided not to have the free school meal (which all Infant aged children are entitled) you can still gain additional support for your child with the cost of trips, milk, clubs, a new sweatshirt for your child when you need it during the year and small group support or 1:1 tuition if needed for your child. This can support your child's individual needs. **This support is always delivered sensitively and the child's Pupil Premium status remains confidential in school.**

## How to register

It can be confusing to apply as it is still called a **Free School Meal Application** but your child will receive the other benefits too, if you are eligible. You can apply on line through the county website [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) and select apply for **Pupil Premium** (Highlighted in purple).

If you have any questions about the information included in this letter please do not hesitate to ask at the school office. All enquires can be made in a confidential manner.

**This is important funding which can have huge long-term benefits to your child's education.**

## Attendance

Please ensure that your child attends school every day. All children may be poorly from time to time but please ensure that you phone the school office on 01933 654900. You can use the dedicated absence line or talk to a member of staff during school time. Do try and phone before 9.30am so we know not to expect your child. The government send clear guidance to schools on attendance as it is a legal duty for parents to ensure their children attend school. Holidays in term time cannot be authorised and only genuine illness and absences in exceptional circumstances will be authorised. The local authority can deliver a fixed penalty fine for families who take their children out of school for unauthorised absences. It is important that parents understand that the initial fixed penalty notice of £60 is issued to **each parent for each child**. A two-parent family with two children would be fined £240. Unauthorised absences can be holidays in term time or when a school is not satisfied that a child has a valid reason to be off school, such as a birthday shopping treat or trip to the hairdressers. We ask that all parents inform the school of any absences as it is important that we know that the child is not missing from education. We have a duty to report all children missing from education to the local authority.



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## Clubs

We have our first round of clubs starting. We have had a great response to our first clubs.

We have basketball, gymnastics, multi skills and football club, which have all started.

**We still have spaces on a Wednesday after school for Multi skills with Mr Patrick our skilled and experienced coach.**

We have nature club starting soon too with Mrs Chapman. We are hoping to make best use of our nature area on the school field.

There is also the opportunity for either Private group music lessons with **Rock Steady Music**. The children work together to form a small band playing, drums, keyboard or guitar for maybe your child would like to be the lead singer of the band. For more details contact Rock Steady directly.

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool/>

If your child is eligible for **Pupil Premium** you can use your voucher to pay for any of the clubs. Please talk to the office about this as your child has the opportunity to try something new!

## Curriculum

Some of our **Nursery** children have just started exploring their new environment and we have been excited to welcome back some children too.

**Reception** are exploring **"Turrets and Tiaras"**. The children will be talking about their world and castles, knights, Princesses and dragons.

**Year One** will be learning all about the history and geography of London in their **"London's Calling"** theme. They will look specifically at the Great Fire of London and the Gunpowder plot.

**Year Two** have already started learning about space- **To infinity and beyond!** They will be having a planetarium to visit to see the galaxy up close. They will also be finding out about famous astronauts, Tim Peake, Neil Armstrong and Yuri Gagarin.

Please look out for your Year group curriculum guide to tell you more information about what your child will be learning and ways you can support at home.

We are all looking forward to lots of active learning this term.



## How can you help?

We really want parents to work in partnership with us to promote and develop all of your child's skills. You can help in lots of different ways.

Our **Parent Teacher Association** meeting is on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 1.30pm in school**. We are dedicated group of parents. Teachers and TAs who just want to support the school by raising money for further equipment and experiences. The PTA have done an amazing job of funding tablet technology and books in school. They raised over **£9000** last year with some great events. We will be refurbishing some of the play equipment with the funds and turning our Caravan into an amazing reading space, which will be called the Book Nook!

We love to see some more parent/grandparent helpers in school. We are particularly keen to hear from Dads /grandads who enjoy reading, to promote a male reading role model for the children. We are particularly keen to have as lots of parent helper readers to develop the children's skills.

**Please come and join in the parent sessions we organise.** We make the workshops relevant to your child's learning. Please see the dates for all the parent workshops. They are great fun and we often add a teaching and learning session, so you can join the class with your child and see how whatever we have talked about is translated in the classroom.

**Ensure that you read with your child as often as possible as this key skill will support all other learning.**

**We are looking for a new parent governor!** Please think about joining us in our quest to ensure we are delivering a high quality learning experience for your children. It is a very varied role, offering support and challenging, monitoring standards and asking questions about how and why we do things. The nomination form has been sent to all parents.