



Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School

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Class assemblies

Each class will have the opportunity to share some of their learning with parents at a class assembly. We invite parents and family members to these assemblies. They start at **9am** and parents are asked to enter directly through the hall doors. The assemblies last for no more than 25 minutes.

Miss Smith's class will be starting off this year with a harvest assembly at 9am on **Thursday 4th of October**. We will be making a **harvest collection** this year with produce going to our local day centre for our elderly neighbours, the food bank and The Hope Centre. We collect only tinned and packet foods- no fresh food please.

Class Assembly Dates

- 18th October – Mr O'Brien's Class- Giraffes
- 15th November – Miss Lees' Class – Penguins
- 23rd January – Mrs Chapman and Mrs Askew- Elephants
- 31st January – Mrs Hall and Mrs Wright – Flamingos
- 14th February – Mrs Mason's Class – Lemurs
- 21st March- Miss Garrett's Class- Sloths
- 16th May- Mrs Hurley's Class – Monkeys
- 22nd May -Mrs Grocock and Mrs Matthews- Tigers
- 13th June – Mrs Bailey- Dolphins

Parent Partnership meetings will be held on 13th and 14th of November. Parents will receive a short interim progress report before these meetings to allow for a focused conversation. We are keen to involve the children in their targets and would like them to be part of the meeting. There is an opportunity for the child to draw or write about their time at school.

We look forward to sharing how your children are settling in and making progress with their learning. There will be an opportunity to see the children's books and work on the walls too.

Big Draw Day come and join us

We are holding a Big Draw Day on **Friday 5th October**. The children will be drawing during the day for fun, creativity to develop their fine motor skills and to improve their handwriting. To start off in the morning we would like to invite those parents who can stay for a short while at drop off time in the morning to come and draw with your child. This session will be no longer than half an hour. If you can just stay for a few minutes that's fine too. We don't expect talented artists just everyone who is prepared to have a go and have fun!



Prospective Parents visits - We have some dates below for parents who are selecting a school for their child starting

Reception September 2019. Please email or telephone Mrs Tobin or Mrs Welch on 01933 654900

(Sally.Tobin@ift.org.uk) to book a visit with Mrs Marshall (Head teacher)

Thursday 18th October at 2pm

Monday 19th November at 10am

Tuesday 27th November at 5pm

Friday 7th December at 2pm

Apply online

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions by January 15th 2019 before 5pm.

Parent workshops- Come along and find out more!

8th October 9am- Year Two English workshop and shared lesson with your child

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

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

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

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

Parent partnership meetings to discuss your child's progress 13th and 14th November 2018



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1-2-3 Magic?

New Course starting 21st **November** for 4 weeks 1pm-3pm this course will be running at the Junior School, please call 01933 654900 to speak with Lesley or Tracy in the main office.

**ANSWER: A programme that supports the
3 parenting roles:-**

Control Unwanted Behaviours

STOP behaviour

Encourage Good Behaviour

START BEHAVIOUR

Strengthening your relationship with your child

ENJOY

What it is NOT:- 1-2-3 Magic is **NOT** Magic

1,2,3 Magic dates:

21st November

30th November

5th December

12th December

All sessions 1pm-3pm.

This is a great course for all parents. Unfortunately we haven't got a crèche for this course.



Attendance facts and figures

Average expected attendance at our school is **96%**. A **90%** attendance means that a child is missing the equivalent of 1/2 a day per week, which is a lot of learning time. If this continues as a pattern of attendance for 5 years a child will have missed **half a year of education**.

80%=1 day missing of learning every week, 70%=1 ½ days every week and 60% =2 days of learning every week for the whole school year.

You will not be surprised to learn that children with lower attendance do not perform as well at school and ultimately do not do as well in exams and therefore do not get as many qualifications, often leading to more difficulties getting a job in the world of work.

This may seem a long way off for Infant aged children but at this stage the children are developing basic skills that form the basis for lifelong learning and as the children progress, it can get difficult to fill these gaps in their learning.

The government send clear guidance to schools on attendance as it is a legal requirement which parents are responsible for. Holidays in term time cannot be authorised and only absences in exceptional circumstances will be authorised. The local authority will deliver a fixed penalty fine for families who take their children out of school for an unauthorised absence. 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 treats or trip to the hairdressers.

I hope this helps parents to understand the school's and local authority's policy on attendance. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

We love to **celebrate successes** and each week in our Friday assembly, the class with the best attendance that week is awarded a certificate and 5 golden moments which are collected by the class to receive a treat once 100 have been collected. Each term we also give out certificates for good attendance.

We monitor all children's attendance and will ask for medical evidence of hospital visits and if a child has a longer period of absence. We also offer support if there are any particular issues regarding attendance.

Please be assured that we will call you if your child is ill at school but that simple coughs and colds are just a normal part of life and we would not expect children to be off.

We expect all parents keep their emergency contacts up to date and to ensure that there are **four numbers** on the contact list in case you are not available. We only phone numbers lower down the list if we really need to contact someone.

Parking

Please can you ensure you park responsibly as I have received complaints from our neighbours on Finedon Road, College Street and Scarborough Street. The Police have been informed as drives have been blocked and residents have been faced with aggressive parents who have not moved their cars. Please be considerate and safe where you park and respect the families who live locally to our school and need to access their properties.





Dogs on site

Please can I remind parents that dogs (small or large) are **not allowed** on the school site, unless it is a guide dog, hearing dog or reading dog and has permission from the head teacher to be on site. We have had dog mess around the site which is very unpleasant for our children, parents and staff.

We love dogs at INIS but please keep them at home at drop off and pick up times.

We are all enjoying a great start to the new school year. Here are just a few photos from our year group Twitter.



And finally how to access Twitter...

Please follow your child's year group on Twitter. We are adding pictures of the children working in school and examples of work which will help in discussions at home and maybe with homework too.

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.

If you do not wish to create a Twitter account, you can still view all the information, news and photos that are posted by visiting the year group page on the school website. <http://www.irthlingborough-inf.northants.sch.uk/home> This is in the parents section on the website.

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