



# Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School

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## Harvest Time- please help

We are still collecting for Harvest! Please send cans, tins and packets to support the older generation in Irthlingborough. Some of our children will take the food to the Day Centre and meet some of the older people from Irthlingborough after the half term holiday.

## Class assemblies

Parents/ carers/ grandparents are welcome to come and watch in the main hall. The children will share some of the things they have been learning in class. Our assemblies start at 9.05am in our main hall. Please enter by the hall doors.

We welcome **quiet** younger siblings!

**18<sup>th</sup> October** – Mr O'Brien's Class- Giraffes

**15<sup>th</sup> November** – Miss Lees' Class – Penguins

**5<sup>th</sup> November** -Rescheduled individual school photographs- let's see you best smiles!

## Parent Partnership meetings

The dates will be Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm- 6pm and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm- 5.30pm

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 discuss their learning. We encourage your child to be part of this discussion so they too are clear of the learning targets.

Reports will be sent out on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November highlighting your child's targets and early successes.

## Dates

**18<sup>th</sup> October** – Reception phonics, reading and writing workshop with an opportunity to see a phonics lesson in your child's class.

**19<sup>th</sup> October**- Mufti day (Non-uniform day £1 donation for school library and playground projects)

**31<sup>st</sup> October** – Children's Centre consultation

### **6<sup>th</sup> November for Year Two**

**Stargazing 4pm-5pm** - Parents and siblings are welcome to join us in school to work together on some super space activities

**3<sup>rd</sup> December**- Aladdin comes to INIS. Whole school Panto performance.

**6<sup>th</sup> December** - Key Stage 1 discos

**14<sup>th</sup> December**- Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

**20<sup>th</sup> December**- Food bank mufti day. Bring in tins and packets for our local food bank at Christmas time in exchange for wearing your own clothes

## Erasmus European Funding

We have been very lucky to gain funding for some European courses from the Erasmus project, for our Trust schools. This funding comes from Europe and is additional to our school funding from the DFE (Department of education). The funds have to be used for courses in Europe based on our Trust Improvement Plan and our school's individual needs. The funding will pay for the courses, trips to European schools and flights. We will be able to take advantage of expertise in a variety of areas from across Europe. The areas we are looking to develop are wellbeing, special needs, creativity particularly in the early years, IT, outdoor learning and global learning. Teachers from across the Trust will have opportunities to take part in some of the courses and share their learning with others in our Trust, other schools and the wider school community.

The first teachers to have this opportunity are Mrs Hurley and Mrs Luke, who will fly to Italy to learn about the Reggio Emilia approach to creative teaching, working in schools in Bologna. They will be out of school for the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> November. Their classes will be covered by teachers and staff familiar to the school and continuity has been planned for.

**Mrs Hurley's** parent partnership meetings will be Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 12.15pm – 4pm and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm- 6pm

**Mrs Luke's** parent partnership meetings will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 12.30pm- 6pm



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## Irthlingborough Children's Centre

As many of you know it is over four years since INIS was managing the Children's Centre, when it was a vibrant family filled centre. The Centre was taken over first by Spurgeons and more recently by the local authority. The services that a Children's Centre offers have changed over the years and most of the work now is individual work with families and therefore the Centre has become a place mainly for administration. It has led to a situation where we have to phone to the main Centre in Rushden, if we want to use the space for our children or activities with the parents or community. I have been talking with the local authority about a way forward with the use of the building and we are now able to consult with parents and community members. There is no funding for the same level of Children Centre activities as in the past, however it could be used for our current Nursery children to have a quieter space for activities, for our family workers to use the office for private meetings with parents and other professionals, we could investigate the viability of taking two year olds in our nursery and look at community groups and specialist services such as play therapy, working with children and families across our site. For this to happen the Centre would need to be no longer classed as a Children's Centre. The Early Help services and individual work with families would still continue if referrals go into the Early Help Team but they wouldn't use the centre as an office space. We are very keen to get children and families back in this space.

We will be holding a consultation on **31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 2.30pm- 3.45pm**, where staff from our site and from the local authority will be at The Centre to answer any questions and note down your comments about how you feel the centre could be used to support children and families in Irthlingborough. There would be no additional funding for the school but we would at least be able to listen to your ideas and hopefully in the future use The Centre to support our local children.

If you are unable to come to school on 31<sup>st</sup> October, please email me your thoughts marking the subject as **Children's Centre** so I can ensure these views are also passed to the local authority. [head@irthlingborough-inf.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:head@irthlingborough-inf.northants-ecl.gov.uk) . We look forward to talking with you and using the space as best we can for local families.



Please remember you can use your **Pupil Premium Vouchers (£100)** to purchase **school photographs**. If you think your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium, please contact the school office as they can help you check eligibility. Even if you are only eligible for a few weeks your child can receive the Pupil Premium funding for the next six years even when your circumstances change.



### Kingswood Lunches

Remember you can sign up for Kingswood lunches at anytime. Kingswood provide balanced meals serving many locally sourced produce. These lunches are free for all infant aged children. Children happily eat with their friends and may often try new things when they see others eating them. There is a choice of five different meals on a daily basis. You do have to order the meals by the Wednesday the week before. To order for the week after the autumn holiday you will need to have ordered by **12 midnight on 24<sup>th</sup> October**. If you have any questions regarding school lunches please contact Kingswood on the following link <http://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk/contact-us> or phone 01536 201203.

Free school lunches are a great way to encourage your child to try new things and have a balanced mid-day meal but if you prefer to send your child with a lunch box we request that you send a healthy lunch.

#### Here are a few healthy lunchbox tips

Base the lunch on foods like bread, rice, pasta and potatoes. Choose wholegrain where you can. If your child isn't used to wholegrain or doesn't like it try making a sandwich from a slice of white bread and a slice of wholegrain bread.

Always add fruit and vegetables such as cherry tomatoes, carrot sticks, cucumber, celery and peppers. These all count towards their 5 a day. Adding a small pot of hummus may help children eat the vegetables.

Try chopped apple, peeled satsuma segments, strawberries, blueberries, halved grapes (lengthways) or melon slices to make it easier for them to eat. Add a squeeze of lemon juice to stop it from going brown.

Try and get your child involved in preparing and choosing what goes in their lunch box. They will more likely eat it if they have helped make it.

**Please do not** add sweets, fizzy drinks or chocolate bars to your child's lunchbox as they will not be able to eat them at school.

A healthy lunchbox is a great way to encourage a lifetime of healthy eating habits and gives your child the energy they need for a busy day of learning.



We will be saying goodbye on Friday to **Mrs Gannon**, a teaching assistant who is currently working in Sloth class. We wish her well and will miss her very much.

Mrs McSloy, who has already worked with the class, will be moving over to Sloth class and Lemur class will be seeing more of Mrs Poole and Mrs Wells. We will ensure that the children are aware of these changes, but if you have any concerns please see your child's class teacher.

**Miss Sumner and Mrs Jones**, lunchtime supervisors are also leaving us after the half term holiday, after securing other positions locally. We all wish them well and look forward to welcoming their replacements soon. Miss Holdaway will be working in Year Two.



## Nursery Lunchtime supervisor



We are looking for a kind, caring and skilled member of our nursery lunchtime team. The position is working in nursery supporting children with eating, socialising and their personal hygiene needs. Ideally, we would like a member of staff who has experience of working with young children. This position is temporary until July 2019. Nursery lunchtime is 11.30am to 12.30pm. We are keen to have all applications by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October, with interviews on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please download an application form from our website, under school information, vacancies.

<http://www.irthlingborough-inf.northants.sch.uk/about-us/vacancies>

## School improvement plan

Each year we review the previous year and changes to the curriculum and look at the areas we feel could be improved. We take on board views from parents from our surveys and from information shared at our workshops or parent partnership meetings. This year one of our main foci along with improving outcomes for our children is developing the children's sense of well being, through creativity, outdoor learning and ways to safely express emotions.

Please read the main areas of development for this year below:

Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School Improvement Plan Overview 2018-2019	
Area 1 	<p><b>Effectiveness of Leadership and Management</b>  <b>We are working hard to develop a curriculum full of possibilities, growth and diversity, ensuring children have access to a global curriculum.</b></p> <p><b>We are communicating with parents about the learning in school.</b></p>
Area 2 	<p><b>Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment</b>  <b>We are developing our teaching to ensure the best outcomes for all groups of children.</b></p>
Area 3 	<p><b>Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare</b>  <b>We are improving attendance for all groups of children.</b>  <b>We are developing a mentally healthy school for all members of our school community, with a focus on learning outside.</b></p>
Area 4 	<p><b>Outcomes for Pupils</b></p>
<b>Reading</b>	<p><b>We are helping our children become better readers by developing comprehension and vocabulary skills.</b></p>
<b>Maths</b>	<p><b>We are developing our children's number vocabulary and fluency skills so that they are more confident mathematicians.</b></p>
Area 5 	<p><b>The effectiveness of the early years provision</b>  <b>We are improving our youngest children's fine motor and creative skills so that all our children are ready and able to write.</b></p>



## Reading

**Using comments helps children to understand what they read**

**Comment on what you can see in the pictures...**

"I can see **THREE** dogs in that picture... and they look **FIERCE** don't they?"

**Comment on what people are feeling...**

"I think dad looks frightened do you? But mum is laughing – she thinks it is funny!"

**Comment on what might happen...**

"I wonder what is going to happen.. I think dad might fall in...Let's turn over and find out..."

We really want to further improve our children's reading and understanding. One of our main areas on our school development plan is reading comprehension and vocabulary. We find that our children learn phonics well at school and they develop their comprehension skills well too with direct teaching. However, we realise that these skills can be improved through more practise and discussion about books. We read daily at school with different shared texts, encouraging group discussion and questioning. For those of you who have attended our parent workshops recently you will have heard how important reading is for all aspects of learning.

To this end we want to encourage a love of reading for all our children, ensuring we have a wide range of books for the children to read both scheme books carefully matched to their reading level and library books covering a range of topics and genres. Book talk and discussion about the vocabulary in books is so important in developing these skills and no better place than at home with parents, carers and grandparents.

Over to the left are just a few ideas to help model the conversations which are useful for children. By saying it first this encourages children to start developing their language and understanding.

Why not give it a go!

We are also starting a **sponsored read** with a difference for the half term holiday- further details to follow.

If you read just **one** book a day to your child, they will have been read **1825** books by their 5th birthday.

Every Day Counts.

Every Book Counts.