



October 2023 Newsletter

Message from the Head Teacher

I really do hope that you all had a fabulous half term break and that the children are now refreshed for the learning, until the Christmas break. There were so many celebratory events that have already occurred in the first few weeks of the year, I am looking forward to seeing and taking part in future activities.

Even with global warming, we will be having more cold spells and so please send your child to school each day with a waterproof coat. A fleece is great as an added level of warmth and could be used with cold, but it is not suitable for rainy days (and we never know when they will arrive!)

It was great to see so many parents attending the Parent Forum on the final day of the Autumn half term. This was a time to share the targets and developments planned for the year, but also a platform to share ideas from the parents, to make the school an even better place to be. One idea was to offer purchasing help and so I have created a list if anyone was able to spare any of the items, in the newsletter below. This is such a generous offer and will be very gratefully received.

Also, don't forget to book your parent consultation meeting with your child's teacher(s). These will take place on Wednesday and Thursday of this week, 3.30pm until 6pm. You do not need to book a place if you attended the SEND parent meeting.

With regards,
Dawn Deacon



Collective Worship

In our collective worship time, we have started to consider the Christian value of Compassion.



Over the next few weeks, the children will consider the meaning of compassion as well as thinking of ways to be kinder to people, things and the wonderful world that we live in.

If you would like to work on compassion skills at home, you could try the activities in these two websites:

<https://biglifejournal.com/blogs/blog/kids-kindness-activities>

https://www.compassion.com/child-sponsorship/kindness_activities_for_kids.htm





Charity Event



Thank you to everyone in the community who supported the Big Play Date over the half term holiday, as well as staff members who were part of the organisation team. A massive amount of money, £5,730 was raised, which has already been added to the 'Just George fund.' It is times like these when I am proud to be part of the Isleham community and know that you all consider others and think of ways to help.

Donations

As already mentioned, one point raised at the parent forum, was that some parents would like to donate items to the school. They asked if we could create a wish list and then if anyone wanted to help, they would know what to purchase. This is such a generous offering, and we would receive anything with thankful arms, but here are a few ideas:

- Glue sticks (we get through hundreds of sticks in a year!)
- 3 Wax battery-operated LED pillar candles
- Any craft materials (pipe cleaners, jewels, feathers, coloured sand, chalk, cotton wool, coloured card etc.)



- Advent candle set
- AA batteries
- Orchard toys, board games
- Childrens comics (used or new)



Thank you also, to those who were able to attend George's family, with a walk at Chippenham Estate, on Friday 27th October 2023. I am sure that the family felt the love that you all presented to them and were grateful for the thoughtful act.

Year 4, 5 and 6 visit to the O2 for Young Voices

I do hope that parents/carers of children in the Years, 4, 5 and 6, have seen the details of the exciting trip to the O2 to sing at the Young Voices concert of 2024!

Thanks to the Rotary Club, who have paid for the transportation, this is at a cost of just £1 per child!

I have found this clip <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2-6o1YYVvc>, to provide an insight into the phenomenal opportunity this is.



Year 4 Greek Day

I always joke about how children never remember the lesson that takes the teacher hours to prepare, or the ones that have required a huge amount of preparation. Children generally talk about enjoying playtimes and lunch, but they also remember the special trips and days they have.

Year 4 were lucky to have a Greek themed day, where they learned more about the Trojan Horse, the Olympic games, food from Greek times as well as other Greek themed tasks.

Thanks to parents/carers the class all arrived in costume, which helps to embed the learning. Thanks to Mrs England and Mrs Stevens-Ward for creating and delivering such fun!

One of the children quoted,
‘This is the best day ever!’
and I heard another say,
‘Everyone else in school is busy working, while we enjoy all these craft activities.’





Welcome to Isleham Church of England Primary School

Our school motto is "Let your Light Shine" (Matthew 5:16) Flourishing together in a Christian Community

