

Isleham C of E Primary School Newsletter



A message from Miss Williamson...

Welcome to Isleham C of E Primary School's fortnightly newsletter!

Dear Parents and Carers,

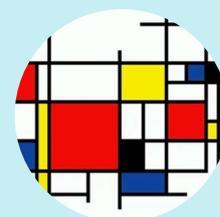
My name is Clare Williamson and I wanted to write a few words to introduce myself as the new Deputy Headteacher of Isleham C of E Primary School. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week in school, meeting your wonderful children, planning strategically with the senior leadership team, and celebrating collective worship as a school community. Thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome as a part of the Isleham family. I feel truly privileged to have been appointed to this role, and am excited to play a part in providing the best educational opportunities for your children.

Although we are only one week into term, I have been impressed by how the children have settled into their new classes. As I walk around the school, I can see happy and engaged learners, who are challenging themselves and 'letting their light shine' according to our school motto. I am looking forward to getting to know each individual over the coming weeks and will be making a concerted effort to make myself visible at the beginning of the day, at playtimes and at the end of the day. Do come and say 'hello' on the playground - I am very much looking forward to meeting you. I believe passionately that effective primary education works best when teachers and parents work together in the best interests of the children, and I look forward to sharing the journey that your child takes during their time here.



Year 1

Ahoy mateys! Y1 have begun their learning on the topic of 'Pirates'.



Year 2

Year 2 have been settling in with Ms Barnes-Weston and Miss Diplock and have been learning about the artist Piet Mondrian.



Year 6

We are excited for their residential to Thorpe Woodlands!

First Days in Reception!

The excitement around school was palpable as we welcomed our new cohort of Reception children to Isleham on Thursday 7th September.

The start of the academic year was particularly exciting for Miss Simmons and Mrs Dray who had the pleasure of welcoming our Reception children to our school this week. Home visits took place on Monday and Tuesday, where the Reception team had the opportunity to meet pupils and parents in the home environment to prepare for the start of term.

As I walked around the playground on Thursday morning, Year 6 were buzzing with anticipation of meeting their 'buddies' - a system which pairs our oldest and youngest children in order to ease the transition of starting primary school. It was a pleasure to witness the beaming smiles of the children when meeting their buddies at lunch time, and to see our newest cohort enjoying their learning environment (and their lunches!).

Miss Simmons planned an array of engaging activities for the children's first week including: getting-to-know-you games, learning new routines, practising curling and colouring skills



and exploring the provision on offer. At the end of the week, the children were ready to use their new writing books to try writing their names.

“Miss Williamson, Miss Williamson! When do we get to meet our ‘buddies’?”

Thankfully the sun was shining and the Reception cohort could also make the most of their outdoor area. Much fun was had in the water trays, mud kitchen and construction areas.

We look forward to welcoming you to our parent information evenings on Monday 11th (R, Y1, 3, 4, 5) and Tuesday 12th September (Y2, 6)!

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

This term's collective worship is focused on the Christian value of 'Community'. This week we have reflected on the practices of the early church as told in Acts 2:42-77, where wealth was distributed to those in need. We invite you to donate, or take food items from our community pantry, which is situated at the front of school. As we face a rising cost of living in our country, Isleham C of E Primary School is committed to supporting those in need. If you require further information or advice, please do not hesitate to speak to myself, Mrs Dennis, or Mrs Deacon who can signpost you to support in the local area.

