

INIS Newsletter

Head Teacher Welcome



November 2023 - Issue 5

Mrs Marshall- Head Teacher

Thank you to all those families who supported our Father Christmas Grotto event on Friday. It was so lovely to see so many happy faces. It may still be November but Christmas magic is here at INIS! The children have started practising Christmas songs. Year Two will be performing a Christmas play for parents. Year One will share a collection of songs and Reception are planning a classroom Christmas event for parents and carers. Check out the dates. There will be two spaces for each family for these events. We will have a raffle at each event.

Attendance

Following our Ofsted we have been charged to improve attendance at INIS. We want to support families but this will mean we will be sending out letters to parents when a child's attendance dips below 93%. At this time of the year this could be four days over the term. We will be trialling sending bi-weekly attendance reports to all main school parents, so you too can keep a check on your child's attendance. We understand that all children have times when they are poorly but it's important not to have any unnecessary days off school. We are working with the local authority to improve our school attendance.

We will always send children home if they seem to ill to be in school. We realise that when children are off school they are missing not only learning but also social and emotional time with their peers which is so important.

We want all our children to be in school learning with their friends.

Our school day starts at 8.50am.

Please ensure that your child is on time for school. Our phonics lessons start at 8.55am every morning so the children need to be registered and ready to learn by this time.

See the chart on the next page, which shows how just being 5 minutes late everyday can impact on learning and social time.

Thank you to all the families that sent in advent calendars for our charity. There were over seventy in the end, which will provide happy smiles to lots of children.

Upcoming Dates



[Click here for a full calendar of dates](#)

28th November - 9am Maths Workshop Rec to Year Two for parents

8th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Reception Family Celebration event with songs, crafts and cakes at 2.30pm!

14th December - Kingswood Christmas Lunch and **Christmas Mufti day**- bring in sweets or chocolates!

15th December - 9.15am and 2.15pm Year One Christmas Singing

19th December - 9.15am and 2.15pm Year Two Christmas Concert

20th December - Cransley Hospice Charity Santa Run

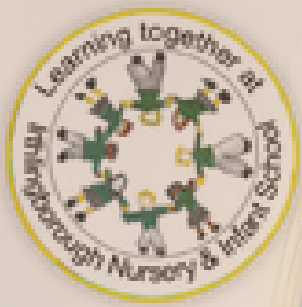
20th December - Break up for the winter break

Mental Health support

Place2Be is a children's mental health charity who also offer advice for parents and carers through 'Parenting Smart'. There are 45 topics covered to support children's wellbeing and behaviour.

parentingsmart.place2be





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Every School Day Counts



Every Minute Counts

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING (Figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Christmas concerts

There is a letter coming out today to apply for tickets to see the children in their Christmas events. There will be two tickets per family due to space in the hall. There is a choice of two times for the Year One and Two concerts. Reception has one afternoon but we can still only allow two adults per family to attend as we have limited classroom space. Please return the form as soon as possible so we can issue tickets for the KS1 events.

Please park respectfully at drop off and pick up time!

Admissions for Reception and Year Three for September 2024

If you have a child starting Reception next year please sign up for one of our tours. I have just added three more dates to the website. They are organised in small groups and are usually run by the headteacher so you can ask questions, relevant to your child. You will have a tour of the whole school. If your child is starting in Year Three at IJS or another school you must apply for a place before 15th January 2024, which is the same date as the reception placements need to be confirmed. Please click [this link](#) when you are ready to apply for your place at either INIS or IJS. Each year we have some applications which are late and this could mean that you miss out on a place at our wonderful schools!!

Come for a school tour at INIS

11th December- 10am

9th January - 10am

11th January - 5pm

Phone the school office to book (01933 654900) or book directly through the website.





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PTA news

Our Santa's Grotto event was really successful. We raised about £700! The PTA did a great job organising this and ensuring we ran to time. Thank you! Please remember if you are interested in helping you can just help for the odd event and don't need to always come to the meetings. It was lovely to see so many families at our Santa's Grotto event! Merry Christmas!



Christmas Raffles

We are having a raffle for each year group and need additional gifts. If you have any **unopened gift sets or unwanted presents**, please can you send them into the school office by **8th December** please.



If you have a concern or have seen any Safeguarding issues that you are worried about, Mrs Marshall is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and here are her safeguarding deputies, who are always ready to listen. Please ask at the office to speak to them in confidence or call 01933 654900.



Mrs Parsons-Moore



Mrs Marshall



Mrs Luke



Mrs Cummins



Miss Ratcliffe



Mrs Richardson

If you have any safeguarding concerns during the holidays or weekends, please contact the local authority on 0300 126 7000 or phone 999, if you feel the child is in immediate harm.

Ten books for Spring

We are looking to buy each class ten new books for the Spring Term. If you would like to purchase a book from our Amazon Wish List please click [this link](#) and see which books are still required. The children will use these books over the term in class, for enjoyment and as part of their learning. If you do donate a book to school please add a gift note so we know who it is from and we can share the book with your child in school.



Our Christmas Jumper Day is Friday 8th December.



If you have any Christmas jumpers or T-shirts that do not fit your child, please bring them into the office for families that haven't got any. We really don't want any child to miss out. If you do not have a Christmas top for your child please contact the school office as we may be able to help.

Donations on the day will go to Save The Children.

Please could spare Christmas jumpers be in school by Thursday 7th December

Thank you!