



# Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School

## Transition

We have had our main transition day throughout the school and over at the Junior School too. We will be doing more lower level story swaps and teacher visits over the next two weeks. If you have any concerns regarding transitions in to the next year group please see your child's current teacher. We will be doing additional visits and activities with those children who maybe find change more challenging. We are hoping that the teacher profiles were helpful for children to get an idea about their new class teacher. Please use these over the summer holidays as a talking point with your child.

### **Our Leavers assembly for Year Two is Thursday 20th July at 9.15am.**

We do have some changes in staff next school year.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Connolly over wonderful school business manager after 25 years at the school. She is taking early retirement. We will miss her wise words on a daily basis!

Mrs Gould is also taking early retirement from doing a fantastic job with our RE teaching and lots of other jobs around school. She has been working with us for over 10 years. Although we do still hope to see her in school as she will be covering Mrs Wright's teaching commitment when she is on maternity leave!

Mrs Claydon and Mrs Simpson are moving to new positions in September. We wish them both well in their new teaching adventures.

We have new staff joining us. In Year Two we have Mr O'Brien and in Year One Miss Bisgrove. We are also excited to welcome back Miss Chapman, our Deputy Head, after her maternity leave. Miss Chapman returns as a part time Deputy Head with Mrs Wright who has also secured a position of part time Deputy Head to compliment our leadership team.

**Sports day was very successful again.** I have to congratulate all the children for their hard work but also the students from Huxlow who organised and supported our children as part of their leadership skills. The class winners will be announced later this week.

Please remember all children need a jade school T-shirt and black shorts for PE for next year.

## Pupil Premium

You may be eligible for Pupil Premium if you receive benefits. This helps support your child what ever their learning needs. You will also be entitled to collect £100 pupil premium voucher to use on clubs, uniform, trips and school photos.

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## **School News**

### Indian Parade

Wow what an amazing arts week we had. I hope you tracked our pictures and comments on your child's year group Twitter. If not check out @INISnursery, @INISreception, @INISyear1, @INISyear2. We aim not only to post some of our more wow moments but also some of the weekly teaching elements so you can see what each year group is learning. We had some fantastic artists working with us this year. We had Clare Carney, a Bollywood Dance teacher and Nick from Festival Road, who works on large scale carnival structures. I hope you got to see our large willow peacock on the parade.

Some of the art work will be displayed in the hall so please feel free to pop in and take a look.

**Our Open day is Monday 17th July 3.15pm– 5pm.** You are welcome to come into school and see your child's new and old class room and have a look around the whole school including the hall and library area.



### Nursery

We still have a few places for September in our brilliant nursery. We have a very experienced nursery teacher and experienced early years practitioners who plan and deliver exciting opportunities everyday. We are offering the new 30 hours funded sessions places to those children who are eligible, including lunch sessions. We can also suggest wrap around care for working parents. We have seen the impact of excellent early support when children start our main school.



**Nursery would also like a little bit of help** to keep their nursery garden looking beautiful and in control. If you have a spare couple of hours and would like to do some gardening please contact Mrs Luke in Nursery **01933 654900**.

### Parking

**Please park and drive responsibly when driving children to school. The roads around the school are very congested and it has been noted my local residents that carers dropping off at school have been parking and driving dangerously.**



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## Strictly at the Derngate

We were very proud of our Strictly dancing team who performed at the Derngate a waltz and a polka. They performed with style and confidence on such a big stage to a packed theatre. A huge thank goes out to Mrs Hall and Mrs Bailey who worked with the children to perfect the dances. We weren't placed in the top three this time but the competition was very strong. The judges were Katya and Neil from the actual Strictly Come Dancing show! It was a fantastic show— well done our fab Strictly team!



Professional photos are available of the Strictly show for £2.99 per online photo from [ProFilmServices.co.uk](http://ProFilmServices.co.uk). Please phone 07941188751 for more details.

## Achievement for All

We run a programme in school called Achievement for All, which many of you have been involved with. This helps us listen to parents and children's views and support children in their learning, not only academic but also, social, emotional and physical skills. We look at the whole child and what will support individual learning. Last week we received a Quality Mark from Achievement for All for the work across the school. This is a partnership programme and we would particularly like to thank Miss Ryan, Mrs Rollings and Mrs Wright who have supported this programme all year. We have also had great support from Mary Tulley, a consultant who has worked alongside the school for several years. Our school governors have also had a vital role to play to ensure that the procedures and principles of this programme are carried out across the whole school.

## Forest Schools— We need you!

We are very keen to develop in partnership with the Junior School a shared space for outdoor learning in the overgrown area behind the sports field, which we share with IJS. Mrs Chapman is very keen to get started in September with a club to start developing this space with the children. We need to know of any willing community members who maybe have some spare time one weekend to help us develop this space. We need helpers who are not afraid to get their wellies on and get dirty! We are looking at getting started with maybe some support from our gardening contractors and then look for resources to create our outdoor classroom. If you are interested in helping us develop a community space then please phone either the Infant or Junior School office giving your phone number and email so we can contact you once we know the skills you have. Mrs Chapman is also keen to have helpers in the after school club so if you would like to volunteer please ask to talk to Mrs Chapman on **01933 654900**.



We are also looking for **parents/carers** who would like to share their passion for the world of work. If you have a job or a skill you think may interest our children then please let us know. We would like the parents/carers to talk with children in the Autumn term about the jobs they do. We can give you a small group to get you started.