



# Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School

## We wish you all a safe and happy summer.

Some families will be moving on, some moving up to another year group and some joining us but all have been a pleasure to get to know. We have had a very positive year with a "Good" Ofsted rating, great progress from our children in their academic skills, wonderful social and emotional development, fantastic sporting and creative skills. With lots of wonderful events from school and our PTA.

We have completed most of the school improvement plan which we set out to do in September last year. We have made improvements to our phonics teaching, spelling and our Early Years outcomes. We aim to give all our children the best possible start to their life long learning journey. We are still working on supporting families where attendance is an issue, as we have seen the impact on the learning in school, when attendance is low.

We will have a new improvement plan in September which will be shared with parents.

**Our Leavers assembly for Year Two is Thursday 20th July at 9.15am. Please ensure you have your tickets.** We have collections for leaving staff if parents would like to contribute.

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Bagley our Reading Recovery teacher, who has worked brilliantly on this intensive reading programme with a number of our children over the past three years.

Miss Parker will be leaving after doing an amazing job and achieving her apprenticeship qualification. We wish her well when the new baby comes.

Mrs Curtis and Mrs Nelson, teaching assistants will be leaving at the end of the week too. We wish them well.

Mrs Burdett our Inclusion lead will be working with us for three days per week starting in September and an experienced Year One teacher Mrs Lickerish will be taking on the two days in Lion class. Mrs Burdett will continue with her inclusion work with children, parents and educational professionals.

We also have a sad goodbye to say to Mr Roger Jones our Chair of Governors who is retiring from his role as governor and director of the Irthlingborough and Finedon Learning Trust. We wish you well on your extended travels and will miss your wise words and huge commitment.

**Wishing you all a safe and happy summer.**

**From all the staff and Governors at INIS.**

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### Nursery graduation

Our nursery children have been working really hard all year and those children moving onto Reception will be having their Nursery graduation. Parents and family members are welcome to join in the celebration. The children are practising for a short performance to entertain you all! The graduation will take place in the main school hall on **Friday 21st**. The morning performance will be at 10.30am and the afternoon performance will be at 2pm. We are looking forward to the children celebrating their nursery successes and moving on their learning journey into Reception. It's an exciting time for all!!

### **Mufti Day On the Final Friday!**

We will be having a mufti day on Friday so all the uniform can go away for the final time of the year! Please bring a small donation for our PTA fund. We have been very pleased that we have been able to raise funds for tablet technology in school. We will have had additional funds from the PTA to purchase over 20 tablets and 2 storage units this year. This is all from parent and community donations and has led to the children accessing information and learning in a variety of ways. We will continue to develop the use of this technology with our children now we have it but our PTA will be raising funds to support our library development and our joint project with the Junior School regarding the school field. We hope to develop a Forest School type space for the benefit of all the children across the site.

### **Some highlights from this year!**





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## Car Parking

Please remember to park responsibly and safely when we return from the summer holidays. I still regularly receive complaints from the local residents and the Town Council about parent parking. The College Street Day Centre have taken the decision to have a barrier fitted to their car park as this has regularly been used by parents at the beginning and end of the day and has caused difficulties for the centre.

Please note that there is no parking on site unless you have a Blue parking badge.

## Labels

Please can you ensure all children's uniform is name labelled. We have over 350 school jumpers in school everyday and lots of lost property which often doesn't have names in so we struggle to get it back to the right child.

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### Facebook

We have had reports from the local Police about issues regarding adults using Facebook in

Irthlingborough in an offensive manner and they have asked the local schools to contact parents about this issue.

Under the Malicious Communications Act, any letter or electronic message/post that is intended to be offensive, indecent, threatening or reporting false information with the intent of causing another person anxiety or distress is a criminal offence and will be treated as such. For example, posting comments on Facebook that do not directly name an individual, but it can be assumed that the individual will find them offensive, can be classed as an offence. Creating a post on Facebook to complain about the behaviour of another child or parent, which then becomes a platform for others to use abusive, offensive and derogatory terms can also be looked at as a criminal offence, as well as a hate crime.

The use of social media is part of our home school agreement. Staff at our school and across the site work hard to establish safe use of the internet and social media with our children but of course children pick up on what parents are posting whether good or bad.

The advice from the Police is if you wouldn't say it to someone's face, don't post it on social media. If you don't want your children to copy this behaviour, don't post it on social media. If you have been a victim of this kind of cyberbullying please report it to Facebook as they can and will remove posts. The Police are particularly keen to stop this offensive and distressing use of social media in our area.

The Police have also advised to remove yourself from social media groups and block individuals if this kind of cyberbullying occurs.

Even very young children are often more aware than you think about social media. The children know we use Twitter to celebrate the work we do in school. There are lots of positives with social media but parents need to be aware of these negatives and how posts can easily be misinterpreted.

**Let's have positive holiday postings!**