



# Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School

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**Welcome** to Mrs Gould who will be working on a Friday in Class Flamingo when Mrs Wright goes on maternity leave. We have ensured there is a crossover of staff to allow smooth transitions. You will see Mrs Loveridge on the door each day and Mrs Stephens' will be working mainly in Elephant Class for 4 days a week.

We wish Mrs Wright well and look forward to meeting a new member of the Irthlingborough Family!

Welcome to the world Mollie, Miss Heeds' new daughter born on 1<sup>st</sup> September. Miss Heeds is one of very experienced Nursery teaching assistants. We look forward to seeing you both again very soon. Also we would like to welcome Ted to the world, as Miss Parker became a Mum for the first time at the weekend. We look forward to meeting Ted soon.

**Parent events** - PTA meeting - all parents/carers welcome.  
6.30pm 5<sup>th</sup> October- snacks and friendly chat available!

**New Reception 2018** - please phone the school office for visits - 01933 654900.

## Class assembly

**Thursday 12th October 9am** - Mrs Mason's class assembly for Harvest. Parents/ Carers are welcome to come and watch in the main hall. **Please bring tins, packets and cans for our Harvest collection. All produce goes to community elderly groups.**

**Parent Partnership meetings will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of November.** Parents will have a short interim progress report before these meetings to allow for a focused conversation. We are keen to involve the children in their targets and would like them to be part of the meeting. There is an opportunity for the child to draw or write about their time at school.

We look forward to sharing how your children are settling in and making progress with their learning. There will be an opportunity to see the children's books and work on the walls too.

## Dates

**10<sup>th</sup> October** -School Photos for Reception to Year 2.

**20<sup>th</sup> October**- Mufti day (Non-uniform day £1 donation for school library project)

## Christmas concerts in December

11<sup>th</sup> 2pm Year 2

12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Year 2

13<sup>th</sup> 2pm Year 1

14<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Year 1

15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Reception

18<sup>th</sup> 2pm Reception

## Family Worker News

**Please come and join us at one of our new courses.**

**21<sup>st</sup> November One pot cooking** –Food for autumn

**28<sup>th</sup> November One Pot cooking**- winter warmers

Course will provide ingredients and foil trays for both sessions and parents will be able to take these home.

**December 4<sup>th</sup> Budget Christmas** – Cards

**December 11<sup>th</sup> Budget Christmas** – Gifts

Course materials provided.

Babies and Toddlers are also allowed to attend.

Please come into the office to sign up for all these courses.

**They will be fun and informative and you get to take home what you make!**

**All Parent Courses are Free.**

**Please see the information below about the 1,2,3 Magic course which explores supporting with a number of behaviours.**

## Exciting start to the term

All our children are settling well and starting or continuing their journeys with us. There has been good transition with the Junior School too with new teachers reporting how well they are prepared for Year Three!

Year Two have been finding out all about the planets and had an experience in a planetarium!

Year One are having a visit from the fire service and will be walking to a local church.

Reception are looking to go to our local library and to visit the nature area on our field.

Nursery are loving exploring their new environment and particularly enjoying their fantastic outside space. Mrs Luke and Mrs Wright are looking forward to welcoming parents to a workshop and play session on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am and 2pm.

**Excellent behaviour has been noted in classes and children have responded well to our new raffle ticket reward.**



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## 1-2-3 Magic?

New Course starting **7<sup>th</sup> November** for 4 weeks 9.15-11.30 this course will be running at the Infant school, please call 01933 654900 to speak with Lesley & Tracy in the main office.

**ANSWER: A programme that supports the 3 parenting roles:-**

**Control Unwanted Behaviours**

**STOP behaviour**

**Encourage Good Behaviour**

**START BEHAVIOUR**

**Strengthening your relationship with your child**  
**ENJOY**

**What it is NOT:-** 1-2-3 Magic is **NOT** Magic

**1,2,3 Magic dates:**

7<sup>th</sup> November

14<sup>th</sup> November

21<sup>st</sup> November

28<sup>th</sup> November

**All sessions 9.15-11.30am.**

This is a great course for all parents. Unfortunately we haven't got a crèche for this course.





### Attendance facts and figures

Average expected attendance at our school is **96%**. A **90%** attendance means that a child is missing the equivalent of 1/2 a day per week, which is a lot of learning time. If this continues as a pattern of attendance for 5 years a child will have missed **half a year of education**.

**80%=1 day missing of learning every week, 70%=1 ½ days every week and 60% =2 days of learning every week for the whole school year.**

You will not be surprised to learn that children with lower attendance do not perform as well at school and ultimately do not do as well in exams and therefore do not get as many qualifications, often leading to more difficulties getting a job in the world of work.

This may seem a long way off for Infant aged children but at this stage the children are developing basic skills that form the basis for lifelong learning and as the children progress, it can get difficult to fill these gaps in their learning.

The government send clear guidance to schools on attendance as it is a legal requirement which parents are responsible for. Holidays in term time cannot be authorised and only absences in exceptional circumstances will be authorised. The local authority will deliver a fixed penalty fine for families who take their children out of school for an unauthorised absence. It is important that parents understand that the initial fixed penalty notice of £60 is issued to **each parent for each child**. A two-parent family with two children would be fined £240. Unauthorised absences can be holidays in term time or when a school is not satisfied that a child has a valid reason to be off school, such as a birthday shopping treat or trip to the hairdressers.

I hope this helps parents to understand the school's and local authority's policy on attendance. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

We love to celebrate successes and each week in our Friday assembly, the class with the best attendance that week is awarded a certificate and 5 golden moments which are collected by the class to receive a treat once 100 have been collected. Each term we also give out certificates for good attendance.

We monitor all children's attendance and will ask for medical evidence of hospital visits and if a child has a longer period of absence. We also offer support if there are any particular issues regarding attendance.

Please be assured that we will call you if your child is ill at school but that simple coughs and colds are just a normal part of life and we would not expect children to be off.

We expect all parents keep their emergency contacts up to date and to ensure that there are more than just parents on the contact list in case you are not available. We only phone numbers lower down the list if we really need to contact someone.



Well done Mila and Amelia our Learning Behaviour Superstars!