



Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School

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The children have had their **school photographs taken**. Please remember you can use your **Pupil Premium vouchers** to purchase school photographs. If you think your child may be entitled to Pupil Premium please contact the school office as they can help you check eligibility. This funding will also support your child at school with their learning.

Class assemblies

Parents/ carers are welcome to come and watch in the main hall. The children will share some of the things they have been learning in class. We welcome **quiet** younger siblings!

Thursday 16th November 9am—Miss Smith's class

Thursday 18th January 9am- Miss O'Callaghan's Class

Thursday 1st February 9am- Miss Lees' Class

Thursday 1st March 9am- Mrs Hall's Class

Wednesday 7th March 9am – Mrs Grocock/ Mrs Lickerish's Class

Parent Partnership meetings

Letters will be coming out next week for our parent partnership meetings after the half term break.

The dates will be Wednesday 8th November 3.30pm- 6pm

And Thursday 9th November 3.30pm- 5.30pm

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 discuss their learning. We encourage your child to be part of this discussion so they too are clear of the learning targets.

Dates

20th October- Mufti day (Non-uniform day £1 donation for school library project)

November 14th 2017 for Year

Two Stargazing 4pm-5pm - Parents and siblings welcome (more details to follow).

15th November- Reception walk

23rd November- Key Stage 1 discos

Christmas concerts in December

11th 2pm Year 2

12th 9.30am Year 2

13th 2pm Year 1

14th 9.30am Year 1

15th 9.30am Reception

18th 2pm Reception

Tuesday January 9th 2018 End of Key Stage One assessments (**SATs**) workshops at 9am and 6pm (more details to follow).

Family Worker Courses

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

21st November One Pot Cooking –Food for autumn

28th 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 4th Budget Christmas – Cards

December 11th 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 these courses are free.

1,2,3 Magic course which explores supporting with a number of behaviours in children. This is a fantastic course that would be suitable for all parents.

7th November

14th November

21st November

28th November

All sessions 9.15-11.30am.

This is a great course for all parents. Unfortunately we haven't got a crèche for the 1,2,3 Magic course.

Please phone 01933 654900 to join us.



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Nature Area

The Nature area at the top of our school playing field has been successfully explored and enjoyed by our KS1 nature club this half term and a new group of children will be exploring after half term. The club have been busy setting up a bug hotel, a hedgehog hibernation house (kindly donated by a parent) as well as taking part in various natural crafts and artwork which can be viewed on our school twitter account. Teachers will be planning in visits during the year so that ALL children have opportunity to access the area. To continue the success of nature club we are looking for a little help with collecting resources.

The children have been very excited to see if we get a hedgehog in our box so we are hoping once the weather gets colder we may have a guest on the field! If anyone could donate a **bird table**, we feel this would also really gain the children's interest.

We require **pallets, logs large enough for children to sit on and pine cones**. Also, if you or any family members have any spare time and own some gardening tools we would appreciate your help to raise the canopy of a couple of trees (chopping lower branches from trees.) The children will use the branches to make bivouacs. If you would be willing to volunteer and don your gardening gloves as well as bringing in your gardening tools... then please email Mrs. Chapman on: louise.chapman@iflt.org.uk for more information.

We are keen to develop this area and will be working with the Junior School on this joint project to develop this resource for all the children across the site from three to eleven!





Kingswood Lunches

Remember you can sign up for Kingswood lunches at anytime. Kingswood provide balanced meals serving many locally sourced produce. These lunches are free for all infant aged children. Children happily eat with their friends and may often try new things when they see others eating them. There is a choice of five different meals on a daily basis. You do have to order the meals by the Wednesday the week before. To order for the week after the autumn holiday you will need to have ordered by **12 midnight on 25th October**. If you have any questions regarding school lunches please contact Kingswood on the following link <http://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk/contact-us> or phone 01536 201203.

Free school lunches are a great way to encourage your child to try new things and have a balanced mid-day meal but if you prefer to send your child with a lunch box we request that you send a healthy lunch.

Here are a few healthy lunchbox tips

Base the lunch on foods like bread, rice, pasta and potatoes. Choose wholegrain where you can. If your child isn't used to wholegrain or doesn't like it try making a sandwich from a slice of white bread and a slice of wholegrain bread.

Always add fruit and vegetables such as cherry tomatoes, carrot sticks, cucumber, celery and peppers. These all count towards their 5 a day. Adding a small pot of hummus may help children eat the vegetables.

Try chopped apple, peeled satsuma segments, strawberries, blueberries, halved grapes (lengthways) or melon slices to make it easier for them to eat. Add a squeeze of lemon juice to stop it from going brown.

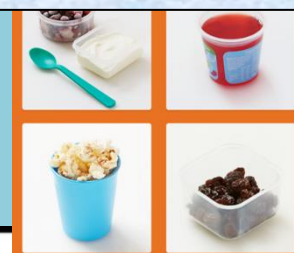
Try and get your child involved in preparing and choosing what goes in their lunch box. They will more likely eat it if they have helped make it.

Please do not add sweets, fizzy drinks or chocolate bars to your child's lunchbox as they will not be able to eat them at school.

A healthy lunchbox is a great way to encourage a lifetime of healthy eating habits and gives your child the energy they need for a busy day of learning.



Please can you **park responsibly** around the school. We have had several complaints from residents living close to the school and also from some private local car parks. Please ensure you drive and park safely. There is a large free car park at the Cross in Irthlingborough which is only a 5 minute





walk away from the school. We only have staff and disabled parking on site.



We are still collecting for Harvest! Please send cans, tins and packets to support the older generation in Irthlingborough. Some of our children will take the food to the Day Centre and meet some of the older clients.

Christmas Jumpers

We are planning to have a few Christmas jumper events this year. We will do some for charity and some just for fun!

We will take part in the National Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 15th December. We will also encourage the children to wear their jumpers on **Christmas lunch day on 12th December, Party day on 19th**, the last day of term the 20th December and finally on Christmas day! The 15th and 20th will be for charities but the others will be purely for fun and getting wear out of Christmas jumpers. On that note we felt that maybe some children would have Christmas jumpers that they have grown out of and could be donated to school and sold on. We aim to have a sale of uniform and jumpers at parents evening on **8th and 9th of November**.

If your child has grown out of a **Christmas jumper** or an older sibling has please could you **donate it to school** so we can sell it on and spread the Christmas joy.

PTA fund raising

This year we are aiming to raise funds to have an outside library area in the playground. We are looking to convert an old- fashioned caravan or campervan into a space for groups of children can enjoy books in lesson time but also at playtimes. We also want to restock our library particularly with up to date non- fiction texts. With tighter school budgets than ever before, this will be a solely parent and community funded project.

And finally Twitter...

Please follow your child's year group on Twitter. We are adding pictures of the children working in school and examples of work which will help in discussions at home and maybe with homework too.

If you already have a Twitter account, please search for **@INISYear2**, **@INISYear1**, **@INISReception**, **@INISNursery**, **@INISMrsMarshall** If you are new to Twitter, it's easy and it's free to create an account.

How to set up a Twitter Account:

On your PC/laptop: Go to www.twitter.com, enter your email address and choose a password, then click on 'Sign up to Twitter'. Search for **@INISYear2**, **@INISYear1**, **@INISReception**, **@INISNursery** and click 'Follow'.

On your **smartphone or tablet**: Download the free 'Twitter' app from your usual App Store, enter your email address and choose a password, then click on 'Sign up to Twitter'. Search for **@INISYear2**, **@INISYear1**, **@INISReception**, **@INISNursery**, **@INISMrsMarshall**





and click 'Follow'. You can set up your account so that an alert or banner notification appears on your screen when we post a message.

If you do not wish to create a Twitter account, you can still view all the information, news and photos that are posted by visiting the year group page on the school website. www.irthlingborough-inf.northants.sch.uk This is in the parents section on the website.

Remember you can post your child's practical home work on Twitter!