

Issue 5 November 2017

Thank you for all those families who came to our parent partnership meetings. It was great to see you. We value your time and were pleased that many of you filled in our parent survey, focusing on transitions. I will be sharing the results in the next newsletter. We will be using the information to support improvements and continue with the things which are working well.

Uniform

We are very proud of our school and this is reflected in the uniform our children wear. We would however like to remind parents to ensure all pieces of uniform are named. We have over 360 children in school and obviously sweatshirts come off and on during the day. We already have a growing collection of "lost property". We like to get clothes back to their rightful owners and this is difficult without names. If your child has lost any item of clothing, please ask in the school office to see the lost property.

PE Kits

Please can you ensure that all Year One and Two children have an outdoor PE kit in school. They need black or dark coloured joggers, black or dark coloured sweatshirt and plimsolls or Velcro trainers. Please ensure all kit is named. They have weekly PE lessons outside.



Events

School Disco

23rd November 2017

Year One 4.10pm- 5.10pm

Year Two 5.20pm-6.20pm

There is still time to sign up to our parent/carer courses.

28th November One Pot Cooking- winter warmers

December 4th Budget Christmas – Cards

December 11th Budget Christmas – Gifts

Babies and Toddlers are welcome to attend with parents if they are not yet at school.

Please come into the office to sign up for these courses or phone on 01933 654900. All course material are provided and free!

The 1,2,3 Magic course is going well and we have had positive feedback from parents.

Advanced Notice

Tuesday 9th January 2.30pm/6pm. Year Two – end of Key stage one (SATs) workshop. Important information will be shared at this meeting.

Learning Behaviour Raffle Ticket

We have started our new reward system and it is proving to be successful. We reward our children for demonstrating good learning behaviour which could be starting a task quickly, listening attentively or answering questions within a lesson. The children will be given a raffle ticket to bring home. Please celebrate this too as it will only be given for fantastic learning behaviour. Then on a Friday a ticket for each year group in the main school is picked out of the box. These children then get to choose from a range of small gifts on a Friday assembly.

We are also continuing with giving out golden moments which the classes collect on a chart. When the chart is full the children choose with their teacher a class reward.

There are consequences for poor behaviour but the most important aspect is understanding what has happened and how an individual's behaviour will impact on others. We use restorative justice systems. We see good behaviour demonstrated on a daily basis and children respond well to the systems we have in place.



Tissues

We are approaching winter and the coughs and colds we all get spread more easily. Please can each family send in a box of tissues. This will really help as we get through so many with lots of little runny noses!

The school development plan

Every year we set targets based on the evaluation of the previous year's evidence and outcomes by the children. This year we are in a strong position as we had a very successful OFSTED inspection. We always strive to provide an excellent start to the children's life long learning journey.

The main aspects of improvement this year are handwriting, spelling and presentation in the curriculum.

We have already started working on these areas with the children. Parents will have seen evidence in the children's books at the parent partnership meetings.

The handwriting programme we use is called Kinetic Letters and focuses on developing strong core physical skills and aims for writing to become automated rather than the children having to think about the formation of individual letters. This process begins as soon as our children start nursery with different sitting positions and clear guidance on holding a pencil. We have decided as a school to only start joining letters when the children are ready, showing strong printed letters. Joining will start, if the children are ready, at the beginning of Year Two.

Please see below the main highlights of the improvement plan. By working on the plan together with the children, staff, parents, governors, directors and community members we will continue to make improvements to our school.

Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School Improvement Plan Overview 2017-2018

Area 1		Effectiveness of Leadership and Management We are all developing our Leadership skills across the Trust We are working together with parents to improve outcomes for our children
Area 2		Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment We are developing responsive teaching for all groups of children. We are embracing new technologies to enhance our planning and reduce workload.
Area 3		Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare We are improving attendance for our children. We are developing well-being in our school community. (We are the weather- Adults can make it rain or shine!)
Area 4		Outcomes for Pupils
Writing		We are helping our children become better writers, including their presentation, spelling and handwriting.
Maths		We are working with our children to improve their mathematical skills particularly from lower starting points and our more able children.
Area 5		The effectiveness of the early years provision We are improving our youngest children's writing and physical skills both inside and out.

Sowing the seeds for lifelong learning, working together to achieve our best.

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Important Safety Information

We have made a decision across the site to make our car park a pedestrian only area between 3.10pm and 3.30pm. This means that cars will not have access or be able to leave the site between these times. The car park gates will only be opened for emergency vehicles. We want to ensure the safety of all our children and families. We feel that this will support a safer environment at the end of the day when parents and children are all leaving at the same time.

This will start on Monday 27th November.

Our disabled parents/carers with Blue Badges are welcome to enter before 3.10pm and park safely but are requested to wait until 3.30pm before they leave the site.

This will include all members of our school community. We hope that this will provide a safer and more secure environment for both pedestrians and drivers.

Please could I remind parents dropping off at before and after school club to park **only** in the "lay-by" by the Annex building.



Report feedback

It would be useful if parents can fill in the feedback section of our new Autumn reports. This will allow teachers to offer any further support needed and also celebrate with your child the successes highlighted. We are also looking forward to reading your child's views!

If you have not had time to complete our Transition survey yet there is still time to access this. Please follow the link provided. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/INIStransition17> We will work on your feedback to help further develop our school.

We are looking for a maternity cover teacher and a new temporary classroom assistant. Please check out our website for more information under vacancies.

<http://www.irthlingborough-inf.northants.sch.uk/home>