



Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School



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Tuesday 19th of December is **party day!** The children can come to school in their party clothes. We will be having a magician in the afternoon and we hope to have a visit from a man in a red coat with a white beard!

Look out for the clubs letter coming out and remember pupil premium vouchers can be used for any paid clubs. New clubs include cheerleading, sparkle club and yoga!

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Apply for a Primary / Infant School place

If your child turns 4 before 31st August 2018
it's time to apply for their school place

Make your application and find helpful tips and information online at:
www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions

Visit a School Admissions Application Event if you need advice or
help to apply; details of these events are shown overleaf.



Closing date for applications is:
15th January 2018 at 5pm



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Christmas dress code!

Let's make the most of our Christmas jumpers, T-shirts and dresses.

Tuesday 12th – Christmas lunch day - school uniform but Christmas accessories welcome! (hats, hair bands etc!)

Friday 15th- Official Christmas Jumper day! All donations to **Save the Children**.

Monday 18th -Christmas Jumpers, mufti and Christmas accessories.

Tuesday 19th- Party clothes!

Wednesday 20th – Christmas Jumpers and accessories! **Donations for PTA library project.**

Events

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, for these courses.

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

Please remember to get your **tickets** for the children's **Christmas concerts**. We will be selling teas, coffee and cakes after the concerts and collecting for our outside library project. We are looking to get more books in the outside areas to encourage reading at playtimes.

Please try to make arrangements for younger children, as we want our school children to shine during the concerts and younger children can easily distract.

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.

Christmas Dinner

this must be booked by Wednesday 6th

December 2017 at Midnight

This year's Christmas Dinner will be held on

TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER 2017

Please book in the usual way at

www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk

Not registered for dinners?

Then go on-line, register and book.

Need to talk to us?

Please e-mail us on

enquiries@kingswoodcatering.co.uk





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Pupil Premium

If you think you may be entitled to Pupil Premium for your child. If you are in receipt of benefits, studying at college, are a member of the armed forces then please call and talk to the school office in confidence. There is funding available for your child, which will not impact on any other benefits. This funding can support with additional help at school and with uniform, trips and clubs

Irthlingborough & Finedon Learning Trust's Annual General Meeting

Parents, carers and staff are all invited to attend the Trust's Annual General Meeting on Monday 4th December at Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School at 6.30pm.

Please support our community events.

Christmasfest
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Saturday 2nd December
4.00 - 8.00pm
Irthlingborough High Street
Come to Santa's Grotto, See the Light Switch on, Stalls, Entertainment and much, much more....

If you would like to have a stall or could perform at the event then please email: irthlingboroughevents@gmail.com

Organised by I-Grow Irthlingborough Events

Please note the High Street will be closed from 3-9pm



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Important Safety Information

Thank you for respecting our pedestrian car park area between 3.10pm and 3.30pm. Please can I remind drivers to wait in their parking spaces until moving off towards the gates at 3.30pm.

Our disabled parents/carers with Blue Badges are welcome to enter before 3.10pm and wait until 3.30pm.

Please can parents and carers inform disabled grandparents or carers picking up children from the site of these changes to our procedures.

I have seen happier parents and children as they are coming out of school in a safer environment.



Transition Survey feedback

Thank you to all those parents and carers who filled in the Transition Survey. There were 196 surveys completed, with 100% saying they would recommend our school. I have looked through all the transition feedback and there are some good points to work on including home visits and drop in sessions for parents to get to know new teachers. Parents said they have found the workshops useful and the vast majority of parents who commented enjoyed spending time in their child's class for activities where they could work together.

I was extremely pleased that many parents sited communication was a positive element of the school. This is an area that we have worked on over the past few years to improve, giving parents as much notice as possible for events and giving parents opportunities to find out about their child's learning. I was also pleased with the overall positive response to our new Autumn term reports, which parents found informative. There were some mixed feedback to the use of Twitter with some parents really enjoying seeing pictures and work of their children in this form. A few parents felt that Twitter wasn't very accessible and therefore not helpful. We will continue to explore ways of sharing what the children are learning in a more immediate form. Teachers will put tips to help with homework and samples of what children have been working on in class to support at home, on Twitter.

If you would like a copy of the full survey please contact the school office 01933 654900.

We have also loved seeing some of the practical work the children have done at home. I loved the newspaper reports from Year Two!

The survey is now closed but if you have any further feedback please do not hesitate to contact the school. There is a comment box in the main reception area, we are always happy to receive letters or email Mrs Welch, one of our admin officers, on helen.welch@iflt.org.uk



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These are some of the responses from parents to the survey, when asked what we do well:

You communicate well with parents and listen to both parents and children. The school itself is always tidy, colourful and well presented.

We can tell that safeguarding is very important to the school.

Approachability of teacher and quick updates of anything significant which has happened in the day. Use of stickers to say if child has had a bump and also where homework etc is being acknowledged.

Communication is very good.

Perfect in all processes. All my children have always been settled at this school and have done well as expected. Thank you.

It's consistently a welcoming environment.

The school has been very supportive and helpful with any queries we have.

I am happy with everything and the way the school is, and the way the children are taught.

The Children are always encouraged to do well. The children are always well behaved and polite. Always involving the parents in all activities.

Making the children feel special.

The way they make learning fun and interesting.

Including children of all abilities in tasks with more challenging aspects where appropriate.

Being supportive of child and parent when they start with special needs.

Workshops at the beginning of the year are helpful to support her during the year.

Providing a varied and enjoyable curriculum, which encourages the children to actively learn topics. Teachers are always friendly and helpful. The teachers all know the individual pupils.

We have found the information from Parent Mail and Twitter very useful.

Keeping my children safe and feeling secure. Emotional wellbeing is important to us.

Communication with the parents is very good, the school is run very well.

Giving the parents opportunities to come into the classes to interact with their children for various activities.

Extremely friendly staff towards parents and children. I am very happy I chose this school

Care about individual children and praise them for achievements so they feel their work, effort and themselves are valued.

Thank you everyone who filled in the survey - this really helps move our school forward.