



Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School



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Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to one and all!

We wish you a very happy, healthy and positive 2018.

We will be working with all our children on developing a Growth Mindset, working hard, persevering, learning from mistakes and showing curiosity. This will be a focus for our assemblies this term and discussions in the classrooms. We will also be looking at positive mental health and are planning a number of events this term to promote this.

SATs meeting- important for all Year 2 parents

Tuesday 9th January 2.30pm/6pm. Year Two – end of Key stage one (SATs) workshop. Important information will be shared at this meeting about the expectations required by the end of year two. There will be example SATs papers to look at and suggestions of ways to support your child make the best progress they can. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions about the curriculum, tests and assessments that the children have in Year Two.

A letter has gone out with a reply slip so we can prepare for the number of parents attending at each session.



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 those events are shown overleaf.

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



Please come a look around our school for a place in Reception 2018, if your child is 4 before 31st August 2018.

Class assemblies

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

1st February 9am- Miss Lees' Class assembly.

1st March 9am- Mrs Hall/Mrs Gould's class assembly

6th March 9am- Mrs Grocock/Mrs Lickerish's class assembly.

14th March 9am- Mr O'Brien's class assembly

All family members are welcome to share their child's class assembly. We welcome parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles! The assemblies usually last about 20 minutes and after the assembly you will get time to congratulate your child on their efforts before they return to their lessons.

Dates for your diary

All the class sessions will last no longer than $\frac{3}{4}$ hour and where possible teachers will demonstrate the power of talk partners.

15th January -9am Year 2 maths in action Come and see calculations policy in the classroom, $\frac{3}{4}$ hour session (no workshop).

23rd January 9am Year 1 Kinetic letters Come and see how we teach handwriting then a short talk and question session with Mrs Mason.

25th January 10.30am and 2pm Nursery maths talk and a stay and play session to see some of the maths resources we use in Nursery.

30th January 9am Reception - Move and Groove session (with kinetic letters language). See how we encourage physical development and handwriting skills in Reception classrooms.

Healthy week beginning 29th January including developing wellbeing. Wellbeing day 2nd February.

19th April 9am and 5.45pm Year1 phonics workshop regarding the phonics screening which year one children take. There will be a demonstration session, including the use of talk partners, in the morning session.

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Please can I remind parents and carers that we do not allow dogs on site, large or small. Please find alternate arrangements for the school run! Thank you



PE

Children need both an indoor and outdoor PE kit if they are in Year One or Year Two. The PE kit consists of a school jade green t-shirt, black shorts, black/navy tracksuit bottoms and a dark coloured sweatshirt. The children will also require plimsols or trainers for their outdoor PE lessons.

Can I remind parents and carers that earrings **must** be removed on PE days. Children will not be allowed to participate in PE or after school sporting clubs if they are wearing earrings.

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help with our library on a Friday afternoon. We are also looking for parents or grandparents who may have some regular time to come and read with our children. Reading is such an important life skill and the more practise and support children get with their reading the more confident they will become tackling new vocabulary and understanding what they have read.

Please phone the office if you have an hour or two on a weekly basis so we can allocate you to a year group to work with.

Curriculum

There is information on our website to support with your child's curriculum including a reading demonstration video on the parents curriculum page. Please follow the link for further information about some of the exciting things your child will be working on this term.

Please follow the link <http://www.irthlingborough-inf.northants.sch.uk/parents/curriculum>

Support

Thank you for all your support with donations during the Christmas period. Our library fund is well and truly on its way and we hope to have developments about our outside library by Easter 2018. We are looking into glamping pods and caravans!



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Pupil Premium

We are offering parents entitled to **Pupil Premium a voucher for £100 in main school and £50 in Nursery if you apply by 16th January 2018**. This voucher can be used towards, trips, milk, uniform, school photos and clubs.

All infant aged children now can receive a free school meal if booked through our catering company Kingswood. However, if you or your partner receives any of the following benefits, your child could be offered even further support in school if you are eligible for **Pupil**

Premium:

- Income support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit
- National asylum seekers support
- Guarantee element of state pension credit
- Employment and Support Allowance

This is funding is given to schools and nurseries, to support your child. However, you still must apply individually through the County Council. Even if you decided not to have the free school meal (which all Infant aged children are entitled) you can still gain additional support for your child with the cost of trips, milk, clubs, a new sweatshirt for your child when you need it during the year and small group support or 1:1 tuition if needed for your child. This can support your child's individual needs.

To apply please click the link below or contact the school office and ask to talk to Lesley or Tracy our family workers who can support you through the application.

Apply for Pupil Premium for your child

If you have any questions about the information included in this letter, please do not hesitate to ask at the school office. All enquires can be made in a confidential manner.

This is important funding which can have huge long-term benefits to your child and their education.

Homework

We have relooked at the homework we send out in the light of parent comments from our surveys in the past and have a new programme giving families more choice about when they complete activities.

For Years One and Two children they will still have their regular reading and phonics/spelling homework on a weekly basis to tie in with the work at school. The Purple book (learning journey) homework will be given out on three weekly (ish) cycle. To allow children and parents to pace the work they do at home and to allow for family time. The first round of homework went out on Friday and will need to be returned by **26th January**. The next lot of homework will be given on 26th and will be back in by **23rd February** as we have half term in the middle. Reception will have a similar cycle with any additional activities other than their reading and zipper words.

We hope that this will provide opportunities for children to revisit homework and for family fun too!

If you have any comments or questions regarding homework please discuss with class teachers or email Mrs Welch on Helen.Welch@iflt.org.uk