



Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School

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A great return to school

We are still in a national lockdown but we are so pleased to finally have all our children back in school and settling back really well, with their learning and friends. We have been so impressed everyday with how our children have relished being back at school and have reconnected with teachers, teaching assistants, lunchtime supervisors and their friends. We are still working in single bubbles but after Easter we will be relooking at classroom organisation and some of the activities and tasks we can do. We have looked at trying to get the children outside and I know the year groups who have been to our nature area have loved the forest school type activities. We are looking at developing our outdoor learning in the summer term.

Pupil Premium

Remember to check if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium. There are local authority food vouchers coming out this week to all our families eligible for Pupil Premium. There will be extra support for learning with our Pupil Premium children in school. There are three easy ways to check your eligibility. See the information below:

 Call 01604 366656	 Apply online	 Text 'FSM' followed by your full name, National Insurance Number, your child's name and school name to 60622
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Am I eligible?

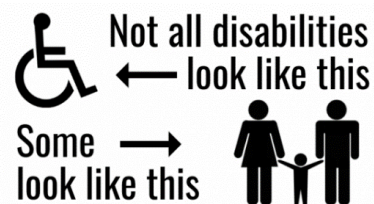
If you are receiving **any one of the awards** listed below then you are eligible for the pupil premium grant:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Universal Credit

Friday 26th March	Break up for the Spring holidays
Wednesday 7th April	Book Kingswood lunches by this day for the first week back
Monday 12th April	Back to school
Thursday 15th April	Nursery photos If your child is in main school and missed the Autumn photo please phone the main office to book them in this time.

Thank you parents and carers

I know that some parents and children find the restrictions on site difficult, but this will not be forever.



The one-way system and pick up and drop offs seem to be working, with parents working hard to stick to allocated times and wearing a face covering, if they can. Please remember that not everyone can wear a face covering, but they are still working hard to maintain social distancing.

Please can I remind all families that we want to keep numbers on our site as low as possible so please **only collect and pick up on your own**.

This is an important part of our ongoing risk assessment, due to the fact that even with staggered times at drop off and pick up, the site is still busy.



Look out for some fantastic artwork, from our children to welcome you into school after the Easter holidays!

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact the school on 01933 654900, the local authority [Report a concern to NCC](#) or NSPCC [Report a concern to NSPCC](#)

Lateral Flow Tests

Staff at school all, have the opportunity to test for the Covid virus, twice a week using lateral flow tests. These tests are designed to pick up asymptomatic people and if a positive result is detected staff then, would have to self-isolate and get a Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test. After this result they would either self-isolate due to having the virus or return to work if the PCR test was negative.

The lateral flow tests are the tests that secondary school children also have the opportunity to use and then many work places are providing for their staff. **Lateral Flow tests are not suitable for primary aged children** and should not be used. If your child, or anyone in your household, has symptoms of Covid 19, **they should immediately self isolate and book a PCR test.**

If your child is displaying symptoms of Covid 19 we will ask for them to have a PCR test and self-isolate until we know the results or they will need to self-isolate for ten days, if they do not get tested. We will send out the home learning but if your child is ill or a parent is poorly, we will not expect all the work to be completed. Your child's class teacher will be in touch, to check if there is anything you need.

Please click the link to book a test from the government website <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>



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Smarties

Our wonderful PTA have obviously struggled during the pandemic to organise events for our children. They would like to organise a simple start this Easter. They have purchased a tube of **Smarties** for every child and what we ask is that if you are happy for your child to have chocolate you let them eat it as a treat. (They have been great at school!) Please then keep the tube and refill it with spare change.

This may be our main fund raiser this year! We would like to raise money for some new outdoor play equipment to encourage fun, social engagement and outdoor play. Please help us raise some funds for fun!

Red Nose Day



We had a great Red Nose Day! Thank you for all the donations. We raised over £200, which is amazing! I loved all the jokes I heard! My absolute favourite joke on the day was.....




Holiday fun!

Here's a few ideas for the Easter holidays to keep everyone happy.

www.familylives.org.uk

National Trust Easter ideas

Latest Easter activity pack



Easter adventures in nature
Pack one of three

Activity pack one: house martin

This first activity pack includes ideas from our spring friend house martin. Get creative with our little house martin as you discover more about these high-flying birds. In this Easter adventures in nature activity pack:

- Learn how see the world from their point of view with a fun drawing task.
- Challenge yourself to move like a house martin with some fun stretches.
- Plus plenty more.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk

HEART FM

Have some lovely ideas for Easter holidays fun.

www.heart.co.uk



What to do with your children over the Easter holidays. Picture: Getty Images

Goodbyes

We are saying goodbye to two of our fantastic members of the INS family. Miss Webster, Dolphins lunch time supervisor is moving to work in another school closer to home and Mrs Loveridge, Tiger class teaching assistant, has secured another role in a doctors' surgery. We wish them both well after being dedicated team players for over six years.

Mrs Poole and Miss Stevens will be supporting in Tiger Class and Mrs Peck, will be the lunchtime supervisor with Dolphins. We also have Mrs Tollady who will be starting to support in the afternoons in Monkey class, after the Easter holidays.

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Rewild the Child

10 simple activities to help children connect with nature




Family nature ideas to try on a walk, in a garden or when you visit Stanwick Lakes.

The activities will be shared on social media during the Easter Holidays. Follow Stanwick Lakes on Instagram and Facebook or download from www.stanwicklakes.org.uk.

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Green Recovery Challenge Fund

SHOE FITTING

SKIP the QUEUE

WHY NOT BOOK A SLOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR EXPERT FITTING ADVICE?

From their very first crawling shoes to robust and stylish school shoes or shoes for those big weekend adventures, our kids in-store fitting experts will help you find the perfect fit for their growing feet. Plus, we have a personal shopping and fitting service for adults, too. With hundreds of Clarks stores to choose from, skip the queues and book a 15-minute measure and fit appointment at a time that suits you.

Clarks combine almost 200 years of expert shoemaking with everything they know about caring for growing feet to provide unbeatable all-day comfort. Their shoes pass up to 60 tough tests. From heating leather 800,000 times so pulling forces to destruction. The result? The best shoes ever, keeping little feet happy all day long.

To book your in-store fitting appointment visit www.clarks.co.uk or contact your local store

IN-STORE FITTING

Avoid the queues and book your in-store measure and fit appointment online now at www.clarks.co.uk. Choose Clarks Rushlakes and a time slot that suits you. Plus, take along your child's most recent pair of Clarks shoes, and they'll check if they're still a good fit.

QUIET IN STORE FITTING?

Shoe shopping can be overwhelming for some children. If you think a shopping experience without crowds, noise and bright lights would be better, then book a Quiet Time appointment. To do this, contact Clarks On 01933 314991 Or call the Customer Care team on 01458 899053 Opening hours, Monday to Saturday 9.00am-6.00pm, Sunday 10.00am-5.00pm

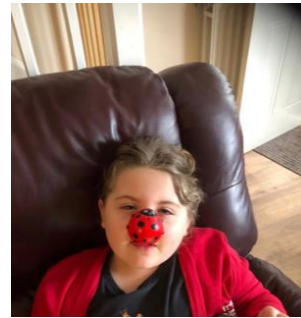


And now for some photos.....

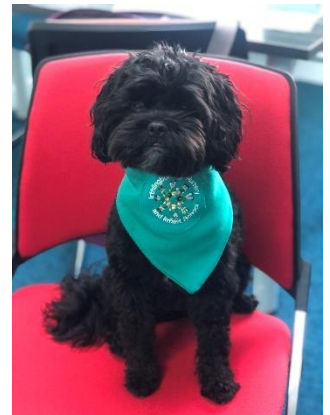


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Red Nose Day, Dancing with Joanne Clifton from Strictly, outdoor fun and reading dogs!



Our Reading dogs Monty and Star have started coming back into school too. They were a little bit nervous, but they loved seeing the children.



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