

INIS Newsletter

Head Teacher - Mrs Marshall



September 2022 - Issue 1 Head Teacher Update

Welcome to September 2022 at INIS! We are pleased to welcome our new children and their families across the school and into our three Reception classes. We have an exciting year being planned for all our children, in the hope that there will be less Covid interruptions this year for children and staff. We have a brilliant team to support you and your child's school journey. Myself and Mrs Parsons-Moore, our Deputy look forward to meeting you at the school gates, on the playground and in school.

Meet the teaching team

We want you to be able to easily contact your child's class teacher. You can talk on the door, if you both have time, phone the school on **01933 654900** to make an appointment or email on the class email address. Teachers may not get back to you straight away as they may have training, preparation to do or be doing something else with their own family but they will get back to you usually within a couple of days. Mrs Parsons-Moore is our Deputy Head teacher. She was known as Miss Chapman but she got married this summer. Congratulations, from all of us to the new Mrs Parsons-Moore!

Contact Emails

Nursery

Mrs Luke - Nursery Lead teacher
bluegroup@iflt.org.uk

Mrs Underwood

yellowgroup@iflt.org.uk

Miss Knibb

greenegroup@iflt.org.uk

You may also see Mrs Parsons-Moore and Mrs Morris in Nursery, particularly on a Monday when Mrs Luke doesn't work.

Reception

Mrs Hurley - Reception Lead teacher
monkeyclass@iflt.org.uk

Miss Paige

leopardclass@iflt.org.uk

Mrs Mason

lemurclass@iflt.org.uk

Please ensure you do not email teaching staff or speak to them on the door, regarding attendance and always phone the school office.

Year One

Miss Smart

pandaclass@iflt.org.uk

Mrs Grocock and Miss West

tigerclass@iflt.org.uk

Mr O'Brien

giraffeclass@iflt.org.uk

Mrs Steventon

lionclass@iflt.org.uk

Year Two

Miss Lees - KS1 Lead teacher

penguinclass@iflt.org.uk

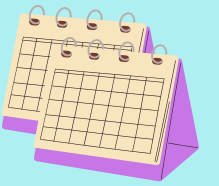
Miss Garrett

slothclass@iflt.org.uk

Miss Stewart

elephantclass@iflt.org.uk

Upcoming Dates



[Click here for a full calendar of dates](#)

- **8th September** - Year One walk into Irthlingborough to support Geography- **Parent helpers needed!**
- **Monday 26th September - PTA meeting** - Please join us!! More details to follow.

We Need You!

We are looking for daily and relief lunchtime staff to work in our main school and in our nursery. It is for around an hour a day but is a very worthwhile role. We know our mid-day supervisors are vital in ensuring children have a good learning experience in the afternoon. They need to have eaten, be hydrated and had some social time as well as some calm time before afternoon lessons begin. Our mid-day supervisors work as a team to provide excellent care, support and encouragement at this freer part of the day. If you are interested in a position from mid September please read the job description and apply on line through the school website.

[INIS-vacancies](#)

Twitter

Remember to follow us on Twitter look out for:

@inisnursery

@inisyear1

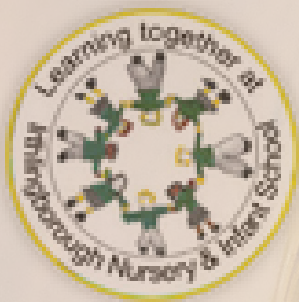
@inisreception

@inisyear2

@inisMrsMarshall

We have some wonderful teaching assistants, that you will also meet in class and on the door in the morning and the evening. In Nursery you will see Mrs Gimmi and Mrs Griffiths. In Reception we have Mrs Parker, Mrs Cornwell, Miss Heeds and Miss Scott. In Year one we have Mrs Davies, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Dickens, Miss Howson, Mrs Cogswell and Mrs Robinson. Working in Year two we have Mrs Johnson, Mrs Willis, Miss Carvell and Mrs McSloy. Mrs Coving will be working across KS1 and Mrs Poole will be in Reception and KS1. Mrs Morris works across Reception and Nursery. We are very lucky to have such a strong, experienced and well trained team!

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Attendance

Please ensure that your child attends school every day. All children may be poorly from time to time, please phone **the school office on 01933 654900**, so we know about any school absence. You can use the dedicated absence line or talk to a member of staff during school time. Please phone before 9.30am so we know not to expect your child. Every lesson is important for your child and therefore we track every child's attendance and offer help and support to get your child to school if families are experiencing difficulties.

The government send clear guidance to schools on attendance as it is a legal duty for parents to ensure their children attend school. Holidays in term time cannot be authorised and only genuine illness and absences in exceptional circumstances will be authorised. The local authority can deliver a fixed penalty fine for families who take their children out of school for unauthorised absences. It is important that parents understand that the initial fixed penalty notice of £60 is issued to each parent, for each child. A two-parent family with two children would be fined £240. Unauthorised absences can be holidays in term time or when a school is not satisfied that a child has a valid reason to be off school, such as a birthday shopping treat or trip to the hairdressers. We ask that all parents inform the school of any absences as it is important that we know that the child is not missing from education. We have a duty to report all children missing from education to the local authority.

Any issues with attendance please talk to the school - we may be able to help.

Every School Day Counts

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned
5 days absence over the whole year 97% - 100% Good chance of success and progress	20 days absence over the whole year 90% Less chance of success. Harder to make progress	20+ days absence over the whole year Under 90% Detrimental to success and progress

Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING (Figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

Meet our Family Workers

Mrs Cummins



Mrs Richardson



Mrs Cummins and Mrs Richardson are highly qualified family workers, who are both trained designated safeguarding deputies. They work across both the Nursery, Infant and Junior school, supporting families with a variety of issues including housing, attendance, behaviour, domestic abuse, mental health.

If you have an issue and need some support for your family please phone the school and ask to speak with either Mrs Cummins or Mrs Richardson. They can signpost you to further support, be a listening ear and offer support in school for your child.

Meet our SENDco

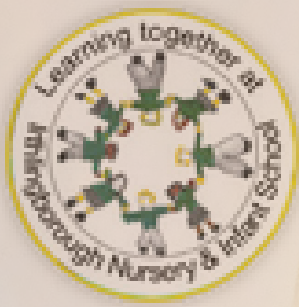
Mrs Sullivan is our part time special needs co-ordinator. If you have any concerns about your child's progress please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. Mrs Sullivan may support with your child's learning and help to support the family.



Nut free School

Please ensure that you do not send in sandwiches or wraps with peanut butter, Nutella or other nut products as we have children with severe nut allergies. We know that many children love nut products but please keep these for home so we can keep all children safe at school. Thank you for your understanding.

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The INIS PTA update

We need you to join our PTA

Our Parent/Teacher association have done an amazing job to fundraise during very difficult times. Everyone who has supported the school over the past couple of years have helped us update our main play equipment. This will lead to years of enjoyment and physical development! Thank you for all your efforts.

Our first meeting of the year is scheduled for Monday 26th September in school.

Please email the office if you would like to come to the next meeting. inisoffice@iflt.org.uk

This is what can be achieved with dedication and a strong team!



Apply now for Pupil Premium- this could help support your child!
<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium>

If you have a concern or have seen any Safeguarding issues that you are worried about, Mrs Marshall is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and here are her safeguarding deputies, who are always ready to listen. Please ask at the office to speak to them in confidence call 01933 654900.



Mrs Marshall



Mrs Parsons- Moore



Mrs Luke



Mrs Cummins



Mrs Richardson

Syed Shah is our Governor for safeguarding and Penny Reading is the Trust safeguarding lead.

Starting school checklist

Every child will need:

- A named drinking bottle for water
- All uniform to be named (we have lots of children wearing the same things! It is vital children's names are in their clothes.
- School book bag for reading books, information and work to come home to you. (No large Key rings on bags please)
- PE kit - Year One and Two need both indoor and outdoor kit.
- Sign up to Kingwood Catering even if you don't use it everyday. <https://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk/>
- Know the name of your child's class teacher and class animal
- Ensure the office have the correct phone number, address and email. All our letters go via email so it is vital this is correct.
- Clothing appropriate to the weather as we go outside every day.



Power up your parenting for the online generation

Parents have a vital role to play in helping their children use the internet in a way that is safe and positive. Despite this, parents can feel out of touch with their child's online world and concerned about how to protect their children from dangers.

Based on the book by Katharine Hill, *Left to Their Own Devices?* is a one-session, video-based resource to give parents an understanding of the online world that their children inhabit. It addresses challenges while giving practical tips on how to be a great parent in a world of screens.

Join us at *Left to their own devices?* where we'll explore:

- The advantages of the online world
- The challenge of time and money
- The challenge of gaming
- Conduct, content and contact
- The challenge of pornography
- Practical ideas
- Passing on your wisdom and values

Spend time with other parents discussing practical ideas and experiences

Hope for Families will be delivering their "Left To Their Own Devices", workshop in school in the Autumn term. This will now be a face to face meeting and we hope that our digital leaders will be involved in some way too!

More details will follow shortly but we hope to hold this course in early October.

Behaviour

We support our children to demonstrate excellent behaviour in school and out. We use three very simple guiding principles for our children, which are to **be ready** to learn and play, **be respectful** to people, animals and environments and to keep themselves and others **safe**.

We will be teaching children our behaviour curriculum this term as they enter their new year groups. We will be teaching all the children how to show Great Listening skills in lessons, at play and in larger contexts such as the hall and Great Walking skills to keep children safe when walking in school and at times such as lining up etc.

We have worked on our behaviour curriculum with the Junior school, so that as the children move into Key Stage Two, expectations do not change. Teachers will spend time directly talking to the children about the expectations in school and model how to demonstrate these in school.

We will share more about our behaviour curriculum as the term progresses but I'm sure your children will be proud to start showing you their Great Listening and Walking skills in the first instance.

If you have any concerns about your child's behaviour in school or at home please talk to your child's class teacher.



Rewards and sanctions

We have clear rewards through our class Golden Moments charts, which are similar to what some of you may have experienced as a child as house points. These accumulate and then the class all choose a reward once they have 50 stars. Your child may also come home with Golden notes, which are given for fantastic achievements in class and at lunch time. This could be for helping others completing some tricky maths work or playing kindly with another child. Your child will always be told why they have this reward and we do encourage the child to be proud of these and to tell you about them!

We also have a celebration assembly on a Friday to reward those children who work particularly hard in a subject area or show a particular quality such as kindness or demonstrate one or all of our school rules.

Our sanctions try to be as soon as possible after an incident which could involve a short time away from their class, staying close to an adult, moving seats etc. We will always talk to parents if we have any ongoing concerns about behaviour. You can read our behaviour policy on our website.

Meet the Office Team

Miss Parker and Miss Ratcliffe are our school administration team, who you will speak to if you phone the main school number with a query.

If you need to contact the office, please use the following:

Phone: 01933 654900 Email: inisooffice@iflt.org.uk

Mrs McVey, is our very experienced financial administrator and if you have any queries regarding finance or funding particularly for nursery please email: bursar@irthlingborough-inf.northants-ecl.gov.uk

You can also contact the Head Teacher, Mrs Marshall, via the office email.

Your child could benefit from a £100 voucher!

You could be eligible for a £100* pupil premium voucher to use towards things such as uniform, clubs, books, and snack (see the full list below).

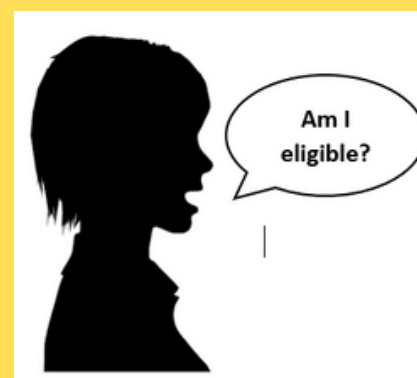


We are given additional money, called the Pupil Premium Grant, by the Government to support pupils who are, or have been, eligible for this grant. This is for pupils of all abilities to help them to reach their full potential. These funds are used in school to help your child.

This is different to the free school meals that all Reception, Year One and Year Two children get.

We are offering Parents/Carers of pupils eligible for Pupil Premium a voucher of £100*

If you need any support with this, please contact the school office, we will be happy to help and is all dealt with confidentially.

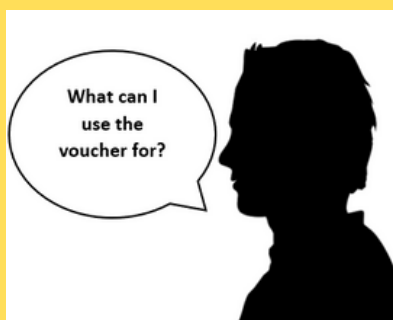


If you are receiving **any one of the awards** listed below then you are eligible for the pupil premium grant:

- 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

The voucher **can be used to pay for:**

- Trips and visits
- Payment for clubs
- Uniform such as a new sweatshirts/cardigans or PE T-shirts (£30 maximum).
- Books from the school book fair (maximum £20).
- School milk (if your child is over 5 years of age).
- School photographs (maximum £20)
- Snack



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