

INIS Newsletter

Head Teacher - Mrs Marshall

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Head Teacher Update

The children are all settling in well and we are pleased with their progress so far. We have our parent partnership meetings coming up, where you can discuss how your children are progressing and ways to support their learning at home. This is always a very valuable meeting as parents are their child's first and ongoing educators. Teachers are keen to work with you. The workshops we have in school will also support this.

We are **collecting cans and packets** for our local food bank, during harvest this year. We know times are challenging for everyone but if you have something to contribute it will be welcomed. Thank you.



World Mental Health Day 10th October 2022

We will be talking about Mental health in assembly this week to coincide with World Mental Health Day. We have also had an online workshop for parents to support with the ever changing landscape of the internet and gaming on line. We hope that those parents who were able to attend found the content useful. If you have any concerns about your child's mental health please do no hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or one of our family workers in the first instance.

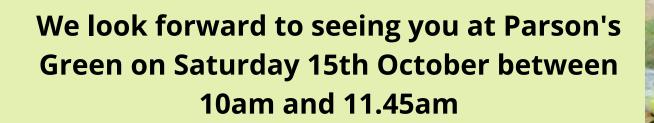
Here are a few websites which may offer support:



Every Mind Matters
Young Minds
Child Line
Gaming and Mental Health
INIS community Litter Pick

We are keen to support our local community in any way we can and also to demonstrate to the children about how small acts of kindness can support others. To this end as well as sending our harvest food to the local food bank we are also organising a litter pick on **Saturday 15th October**. We will be starting **from Parson's Green from 10am - 11:45am**. Come and join us for an hour, 1/2/an hour or just 15 minutes. Every little helps. You can come at any time between 10am and 11:45am to join in. We are happy for you to litter pick round your own street or just around our special town. The children have really enjoyed doing this, when we have run these events before. The community have been very grateful for our help. Every child involved will receive a certificate for helping their community. We welcome younger and older siblings to join us too! It will also get points for Planet League!!! This event is being run by our dedicated PTA.

We are starting an Eco Council with some of our Year Two children to develop the children's awareness of global issues and what things we can do to save our planet's resources.



Upcoming Dates



Click here for a full calendar of dates

- Monday 10th October Year One
 Phonics workshop at 9am and repeated at 6pm.
- Monday 10th October Start of Planet League with NTFC
- Monday 10th October Left to their own devices workshop at IJS.
- **Tuesday 11th October -** Ten year twos to go on a multi-skills sports festival at the Pemberton Centre.
- Thursday 13th October Nursery workshop 9am and 2.30pm.
- Friday 14th October Final day for sweet cone orders- They look fab!!
- Friday 14th October Individual school photos for Reception to Year Two (Nursery photos will be in January)
- Wednesday 19th October Parent Partnership meetings meet the teacher.
- Thursday 20th October Pre-loved uniform sale after school.
- **Friday 21st October** Mufti day, bring sweets and chocolates in return for wearing your own clothes Break up for half term.
- Tuesday 1st November Return to school
- Wednesday 2nd November Parent Partnership meetings meet the teacher.
- Tuesday 8th November 6pm- PTA AGM in the school staffroom all welcome!
- Tuesday 22nd November Year Two SATs workshop at 9am and at 6pm.

We Need You!
Check out any vacancies on our school
website. INIS-vacancies

<u>If you nave any safeguarding concerns please contact the school on 01933654900</u>, the local authority following the link <u>report a concern</u> or NSPCC report a concern to <u>NSPCC</u>



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Parking on the streets around school

Please can parents park safely and considerately around the town. The access road is not an area to park in, even for a quick drop off. I would advise not parking on Scarborough Street as this has become very dangerous with parents parking on double yellow lines, on corners and endangering our young children coming to school and nursery. Ideally, if you need to drive, use the Cross car park, which is only a five minute walk away. Please park where you have plenty of space to do so and it is away from where

the children are walking.
Please keep our children
safe and park responsibly.



Half Term Fun!

With October half term fast approaching, there are a number of activities available across

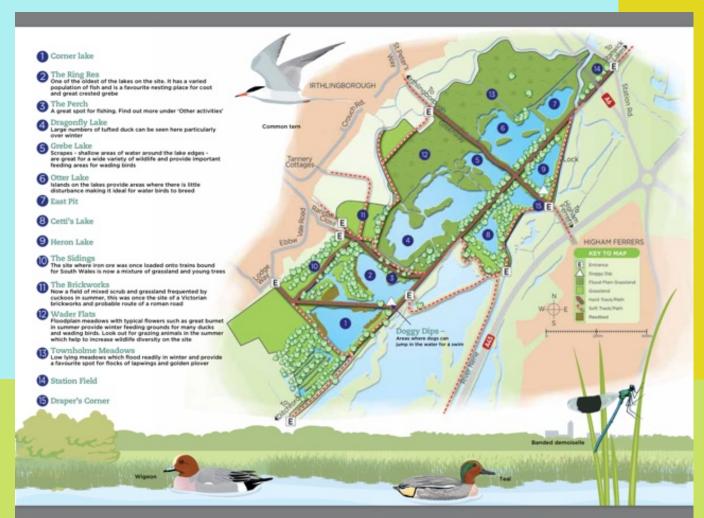
Northamptonshire. There are a number of free events. Click on the links in red below:

<u>Places to go in Northamptonshire</u>

20 Best Things To Do In Northamptonshire

30 things to do this October half term - Muddy

Stilettos



Half Term Fun! Prosports PLAY, LEARN, LOVE PLUS: Early drop off & late pick up now available Only £3 per session **OCTOBER 2022** arly Drop off 8.30am / Late Pick up 3.30pm RISING STARS 4 - 7 YRS Children are offered a variety of activity choices TRICK OR **HALF FUN!** WILDLIFE EXPLORATION TO BOOK VISIT For more information please contact: information@pro-sports.co.uk www.pro-sports.co.uk porty Holiday Club ProSports #playlearnlove

When we can talk about our feelings, they become less overwhelming,

and less scaru





<u>Irthlingborough Lakes and Meadows</u>

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The INIS PTA update

We need you to join our PTA

Our AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 8th November in school at 6pm in the staff room. Come and help us decide on our next project to enrich your child's school life and find out how you can help support your child's school.

Remember we have sweet cones for Autumn! They will be handed out during the week before half term break so we need final orders back by the 14th October 2022.

We have a planned pre loved uniform sale on 20th October and a Mufti day on Friday 21st. We are looking for families to send in sweets or chocolates in return for their child wearing their own clothes on the last Friday of term. We will use the sweets and chocolates in an event at the end of November.

Please email the office if you would like to come to the next meeting, or have ideas to help. inisoffice@iflt.org.uk



Social Media

We love using social media to share some of the fantastic things your children do in school. We use Twitter mainly as each year group has their own account but also add some things to FaceBook. We use these to celebrate the wonderful things our children experience and learn at school.

We are a small Trust of four schools and all support each other. If you have a concern about any of the schools, please talk to the school involved as they can help resolve any issues directly. We often find that comments on FaceBook can snowball and issues are not addressed directly.

Please do enjoy celebrating the exciting knowledge and skills your child is learning with us through social media used for this purpose.

We have a new digital prospectus on our website please check it out! New digital prospectus is here!



OUR SCHOOL

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 Luke





Mrs Richardson Mrs Cummins

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

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, school photos and snack.

We are given additional money, called the **Pupil Premium** Grant, by the Government to support pupils.

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

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 nomore 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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Reading is at the core of everything we teach at INIS. We teach reading through guided reading sessions and shared reading opportunities every week. Our assessment of reading takes place through the guided reading sessions and also through one-to-one reading with your child's teacher. Fluency is the key skill for children's success and confidence in reading. For children to become fluent readers they need to read familiar books a number of times to build up their word recognition, speed and confidence. Your child will bring home one book each week which has been carefully matched to their phonic ability and they need to be able to read 95% of the words without overtly sounding out (reading the word straight without sounding out). On the first read of the book, your child may be sounding out many of the words - please encourage them to re-read sentences to build the fluency. On the second and third read, they should be recognising many of the words and then on the fourth read, they should be reading with fluency and with expression. If your child is unsure of a word, encourage them to sound it out or give them the word and then ask them to re-read the sentence. We will be changing the books each Friday from now on and the children will be bringing home a book they have read in school to ensure they are familiar with the text. When you are reading with your child please ensure that your child points to each word as they read as we know children can quickly remember the text.

Oxford Reading Buddies

Each child in KS1 has an account with Oxford Reading Buddies which allows them to access books at the level they have been assessed on in school. This platform has quizzes which tests the children's comprehension of what they have read and is reported back to their teacher. Details of the website and logins have been sent home recently; if you have any problems, please email your child's class teacher.

Library books

The children will also have access to our library and book collections in school each week and will be able to bring a book home to share as a bedtime story. Bedtime stories are an important part of your child's reading journey. They give you special time together, they build their repertoire of different stories and support the development of their imagination. Reading impacts a child's progress across all subjects from writing and maths to science and history.

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

Planet League is returning!!

Let's start thinking about our planet and ways of reducing the impact of global warming. There are lots of child and family friendly challenges, in Planet League. You can get points by doing our litter pick.

When you sign up, please sign up for Northampton Town Football Club and Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School and in that way all our points go to the same place. We could have the possibility of winning a cash prize for the school. IJS have previously been winners! Watch their YouTube video below.

Families can earn weekly prizes from Planet League for completing certain challenges which have previously been in the form of Amazon vouchers.

The Community Trust will also be giving out weekly prizes to the highest scoring family in Northamptonshire ranging from kit, tickets, player visits and also visits from Clarence the Dragon.

Finally, NTFC will be hosting a Sustainability Green Day at the stadium for the fixture vs Newport County on **Saturday 29th October** where there will be lots of activities for our fans to engage in around sustainability, meet local organisations sharing information on the local communities impact on climate change reduction. We will also be presenting the previous school winners Stanwick Primary on the pitch before the game to inspire our fans, children and schools to be the next winners. Further information about the game and event will be sent out shortly.

Sign up so you are ready for action! **Planet League**



