

INIS Newsletter

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Head Teacher Update

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Head Teacher - Mrs Marshall

All the staff would like to wish our families a very Happy New Year. We have lots of exciting learning planned for this year. We are starting the year with a focus on reading- learning to read, reading for pleasure and sharing the joy of reading together. The children have enjoyed some amazing books in the first two days of the new term. Each class had a different book and have produced some fantastic art work and writing already. The teachers are adding some of the work to display in school and others will be added to class books to share in school. **Thank you** to all those parents who supported with our Amazon Wish List. We are now collating all the books we received ready to go to classes.

<https://amzn.eu/i1BZVpT>

Reading Challenge

We are looking at exciting ways to engage children in their reading at school and home. **Today a reading card will come home with your children, which needs to be signed each time they read/share a book with you. If they read/share a book eight times within the first two weeks of term, they will be entered into a class prize draw to win a book.**

We do not give our children lots of additional home work as we believe that reading is the key for our children to access learning and so this is what we would really like your support with at home. The parents guides will also come out this week which will give you information about all the subjects the children are learning about in school so if you have time you can support other areas of the curriculum too.

The reading cards simply need to be signed so we know your child has read at home. Teachers will still email reading information and targets to you directly so you are up to date with their reading progress in school.

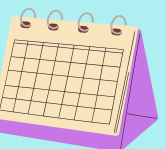
The home reading practise is so important and remember the aim is that your child reads the book without too many struggles and they are praised for what they are doing well. The fluency of reading is key to helping children understand what they read.

Please follow the link to our website for more information on phonic pronunciation, so you can support your child's learning at home.

<https://www.irthlingborough-inf.northants.sch.uk/news/whole-school>

There is a world of wonderful stories and learning for your child. If you have any questions about reading please see your child's class teacher or send them an email on the class email address.

Upcoming Dates

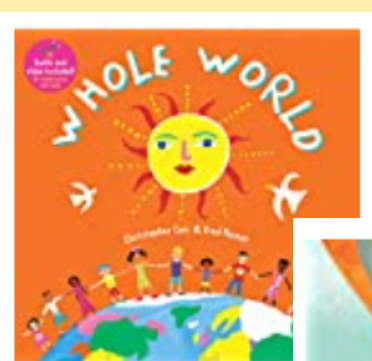


[Click here for a full calendar of dates](#)

- **Monday 16th January 3.20pm-** PTA meeting in the school staff room. All parents welcome who can attend.
- **Order lunch by 11th January for 19th January - Kingswood lunch promotion.** Please sign up now to try a Kingswood lunch on this day, particularly if your child hasn't tried them before. We will have special activities on this day. It will be a lovely Thursday Roast and other choices too! Join in the fun!
<https://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk/>
- **Friday 20th January-** Final day for collection of Christmas Jumpers. Please bring in any Xmas jumpers, which do not fit your child, so next year we can have a pre loved sale or a swap shop.
- **6th - 10th February - Talk Out Loud-Mental Health week.** Look out for activities on that week.

Ask your child about the fantastic books they read last week!

- Nursery - That's Not My Snowman by Fiona Watt
- Mrs Hurley - In Every House, On Every Street by Jess Hitchman
- Mrs Mason - We're Going to Find The Monster by Malorie Blackman
- Miss Paige - One Tiny Dot by Lucy Rowland
- Miss Smart - There's A Tiger In My Garden by Lizzy Stewart
- Mr O'Brien - Cloud Babies by Eoin Colfer
- Mrs Steventon - Alone by Scott Stuart
- Miss West - It Fell From The Sky by Eric Fan
- Miss Lees - The Last Rainbow Bird by Norah Brech
- Miss Garrett - The Lights That Dance in the Night by Yuval Zommer
- Miss Stewart - Pip and Egg by Alex Latimer



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PTA news

PTA Chair: Mrs Dawn Nsubuga

PTA Vice Chair: Mrs Sabrina Johnson

PTA Treasurer: Mrs Rebecca Courcoux

PTA Secretary: Mrs Lisa McDougall

Please join us for a PTA meeting on **16th January at 3.20pm** in the school staff room to start planning Spring term events. We raised over £600 with our Christmas events which included over 170 children seeing Father Christmas, which will be going straight towards the books for our classrooms. The books that didn't get purchased through the Amazon Wish List have been purchased with funds raised from the Christmas events - Thank you everyone! There was also enough money to purchase two copies of the individual class books for each room to help get the Spring term off to a fantastic reading term! It was a joy to visit all the classes within the first two days and see the love of reading evident in every room and the wonderful work the children had produced.

Look out for more PTA events!

LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

When your child arrives late at school, he/she misses the teacher's instructions and the introduction to the lesson. We tend to start the day with phonics, a key skill for most learning and all reading.

Your child may also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late.

Minutes late per day during the school year equals days worth of teaching lost in a year:

5 Minutes= 3.4 Days

10 Minutes= 6.9 Days

15 Minutes= 10.3 Days

20 Minutes= 13.8 Days

30 Minutes= 20.7 Days

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost and can seriously disadvantage your child.

School begins at 8.50am. Please help your child to be punctual, thank you for your support.

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 or call 01933 654900.



Mrs Parsons- Moore



Mrs Marshall



Mrs Luke



Mrs Cummins



Mrs Richardson

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

Applying for a School Place for current Nursery Children and current Year Two

All parents with children starting Reception in September 2023 or Year Three in September 2023 **must** apply for a school place with the local authority by 15th January.

If you do not apply for a place you will be in danger of not getting a place for your child. If you are unsure speak to the school office or one of our family workers by phoning the school.

The closing date to apply for a Sept 2023 school place is 15 January 2023 apply online here:

<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/primary-school-places>



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Mental Health

We believe that mental health is something that everyone has and the stronger and more resilient we can help our children to be, the stronger their mental health resilience is likely to be. We will be promoting mental health in February in a national promotion of Mental Health for children but every day we are supporting children to talk about their feelings and emotions and to know who to talk to if things go wrong and they need help with large emotions or feelings.



Hand of trust

The children have all completed a hand of trust which they have talked about with teachers to identify the trusted adults in school and at home they can talk too. If they struggle to say their worries in words they can give the hand to an adult who will then know they need support with something.

You may need support for your child or yourself

Mrs Marshall is the trained mental health lead at INIS, who can support and sign post both children and adults to support services, where needed.

We also are very lucky to work with the local authority Mental Health Support Team (MHST), who can provide quick and effective support for some of those little worries parents may have regarding their child around anxieties, attachments and worries.

If you think you or your child need support regarding mental health please do not be worried about asking to speak with Mrs Marshall or one of our family workers.



Healthy Mind, Healthy Body!

We have a promotion booked for Thursday 19th January for children to have a healthy school lunch with Kingswood catering. All children who have a lunch or sample a lunch will receive a small gift to take home. We are encouraging eating healthily with our catering company and encouraging exercise both at home and at school. Kingswood cater for allergies and there are several food choices everyday. Thank you to all those parents who have signed their child up for a free school lunch on Thursday 19th. Eating a hot lunch mid day helps child retain their focus and concentration for the afternoon of learning.

All lunches for this promotion need to be ordered by **Wednesday 11th January**.

We hope they love it!



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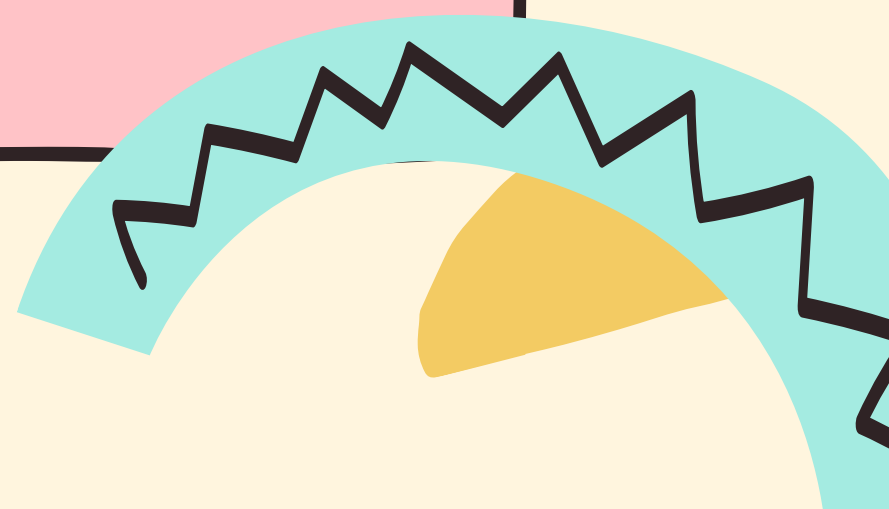


Look out for Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School on **Amazon Smile**- you can earn money every time you order from Amazon, which comes straight to the PTA, and you still get the bargains! [Click here to sign up](#)



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INIS SCHOOL VALUES



FREE ONLINE TRAINING FROM A RANGE OF CHARITIES

Just click the links to register or add to your search bar.

FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Support for speech & language issues in young children

Thursday 19th January, 10:00am - 12:00pm

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brighter-beginnings-support-for-speech-language-issues-in-young-children-tickets-482394844967?aff=ebdsoporgprofile&mc_cid=20f6e5cc06&mc_eid=bc012f3878

OR

Wednesday 22nd Feb, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brighter-beginnings-support-for-speech-language-issues-in-young-children-tickets-482998279857?aff=ebdsoporgprofile&mc_cid=20f6e5cc06&mc_eid=bc012f3878

OR

Tuesday 21 March 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brighter-beginnings-support-for-speech-language-issues-in-young-children-tickets-487284630447>

Toilet Training

Tuesday 17 January 7:30pm - 9:30pm

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brighter-beginnings-toilet-training-0-to-5-years-tickets-482312709297?aff=ebdsoporgprofile&mc_cid=20f6e5cc06&mc_eid=bc012f3878

OR

Monday 6 March 7:00pm - 9:00 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brighter-beginnings-toilet-training-0-to-5-years-tickets-486701857357>

Early Years Education for children with SEND

Tuesday 24th Jan, 7:00pm - 9:00pm

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brighter-beginnings-early-years-education-for-children-with-send-tickets-482970817717?aff=ebdsoporgprofile&mc_cid=20f6e5cc06&mc_eid=bc012f3878

Helping your young child sleep

Wednesday 8th March, 10:00am - 12:00pm

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brighter-beginnings-helping-your-young-child-sleep-a-contact-workshop-tickets-487075244167?aff=ebdsoporgprofile&mc_cid=20f6e5cc06&mc_eid=bc012f3878

Encouraging Positive Behaviour in Children with SEND

Thursday 2nd March, 7:30pm - 9:30pm

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brighter-beginnings-encouraging-positive-behaviour-in-children-with-send-tickets-486698045957?aff=ebdsoporgprofile&mc_cid=20f6e5cc06&mc_eid=bc012f3878

