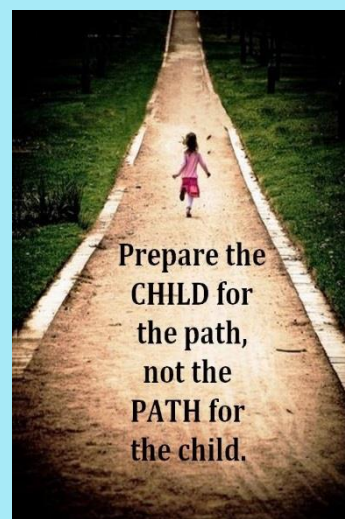


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Deaf awareness week 14th to 18th May

We are promoting deaf awareness this week. We are very lucky to have experienced communication workers in our school and all our children regularly sign a few simple phrases such as “good morning”, as part of our daily assembly routine. We try and add signs to our songs, that we sing everyday. This week we have a special assembly by one of our communication workers and teachers in their classrooms will be talking to the children about how they can learn some signs and help when talking to people with hearing loss. You too can have a go as I have included a British Sign Language (BSL) letter mat at the end of the newsletter, for all the family to try. This is the first language for some people and even a little knowledge can help support with communication.

Happy Signing!



Dates for Class assemblies

17th May- Mrs Hurley's Class assembly (Monkey Class)

13th June -Mrs Chapman and Mrs Matthew's Class assembly (Tiger Class)

14th June – Mrs Bailey's Class assembly (Dolphin Class)

21st June- Miss Garrett's Class assembly (Sloth Class)

All class assemblies start at 9.05am and all family members are welcome. Please enter via the hall door. Quiet younger siblings welcome too!

19th July 9.15am Year two leavers' assembly – Only parents/carers welcome to attend this last assembly as space is very limited.



Other dates

21st May – Choir go to the Northampton Eisteddfod

6th June- Online Safety for parents 2pm & 6pm

8th June- Homework in

18th June 6pm- Choir at Huxlow music event

19th June – Sports morning for year two and sports afternoon for year one.

20th June Sports morning for reception.

23rd June- Strictly team dance at the Derngate

25th June- Arts week begins

29th June- Arts week parade and Summer Fair

7th June – Reception visit to West Lodge Farm

3rd July -Year 1 trip to Hunstanton

5th and 6th July – Year 2 trip to Sealife Centre

Reading dogs

The children are loving taking the reading dogs home for the weekend. A child from each class gets to choose a reading dog on a Friday if they have been spotted reading well or trying hard with their reading that week. The children who have already taken one of them home have been telling me all about the books they have read to the dog. The children do not need to write anything or share anything, just read to the toy dog which comes home. We have loved seeing some pictures of the reading dogs on Twitter though!

The dogs need to come back to their basket, in school, on a Monday so we can get them ready for new children on the following Friday. If your child is off school please see if a friend can bring the dog back as last week we were a dog short.



Behaviour at INIS

We are constantly looking at ways to support children's learning and understanding about acceptable behaviour. Our aim is that children begin to moderate their own behaviour through the support we put in place. We use Restorative Justice practices talking to the children about what happened, how did others feel and most importantly what they can do to repair the situation. This will often involve a consequence such as missing a playtime, moving places, working in another classroom or working on their own for a short period of time with a senior leader. We also want to ensure we involve parents in this process and a call home either by the class teacher or a senior leader in the school can often help see the issues from all points of view. This therefore helps ensure children get the correct support to develop and maintain good behaviour.

We do not tolerate any form of bullying either words or physical and to this end the children are taught **S.T.O.P** which stands for **several times on purpose and start telling other people**. It is important that we work with the victim and the bully to ensure that behaviours change.

The vast majority of our children's **behaviour is exemplary** and to this end much of our behaviour management systems are based on positive feedback through our class "Golden Moment" charts in which the children work towards a treat, such as a picnic on the field, a scooter session or making something special. The children may also come home with a sticker, praise note or raffle ticket. If they come home with a raffle ticket do please praise them as these are given for great learning behaviour such as listening to instructions, getting on with work, sharing ideas or maybe helping others. On a Friday I pick four tickets from all the tickets and the children choose a small prize to take home and keep.

If you have any questions about behaviour at home or school please speak to your child's teacher.

We have Walk to School week coming up next week!

Growth Mindset

We have a visit from Northampton town football club this week, who will be talking to the children about resilience. This is part of our ongoing work to support the children's development of a "Growth Mindset", which tells the children about if you keep trying, work hard, learn from mistakes and have a positive outlook on learning that anything can be possible.

We believe that there are many things that all of us struggle to do **YET!** If we truly wish to achieve in something we can if we are curious, courageous, put the effort in, ask for and take on board feedback, persist with difficult tasks and set ourselves high standards.

The power of YET!



We are hoping that we will have some more lovely sunny days. Please ensure that children come to school with sun screen already applied and that they have a named hat for playtime. We do have some shade on the playground but a sun hat or cap will help protect your child's head and face. If you want your child to reapply sun screen please send in a named bottle and check they can apply the cream themselves.

Let's have fun in the sun but stay sun safe!

A very important date for your diary 6th June 2018

We believe that on line safety is becoming one of the most important lessons we can teach our children at home and at school. The landscape on the internet is forever changing and children come into Nursery already being about to swipe and find there way around most parents smart phones! The internet has lots of amazing possibilities but also lots of dangers which can impact on even our youngest children's lives. We have heard recently about children as young as 5 playing a free on line game called "**Fortnite**", which is recommended for over 12s. There is an online chat element and the players have to shoot their way to become the last "man" standing. There have been early reports of children spending hours trying to be the last one.

We want parents to understand how to keep their children safe on line and what to do if they have any concerns.

We have booked a local expert on these matters, Mr Simon Aston who will train staff on new and changing dangers but will also lead two parent workshops for both INIS and IJS. There is a cost to school for these sessions but we feel it is vital for all parents to have as much information about on line safety as possible. The parent sessions are not suitable for children as Simon will discuss very frankly some of the frightening dangers our children are open too every time they go on line. He is also very up to date on the latest chat areas and ways that particularly older children use the internet. This workshop will be suitable for parents of children from Nursery to secondary school.

We really want to ensure that parents use this opportunity with an expert to ask any questions they have and to find out the most up to date and localised information that is available.

More information will follow on how to book your session.

6th June 2018 in INIS school hall

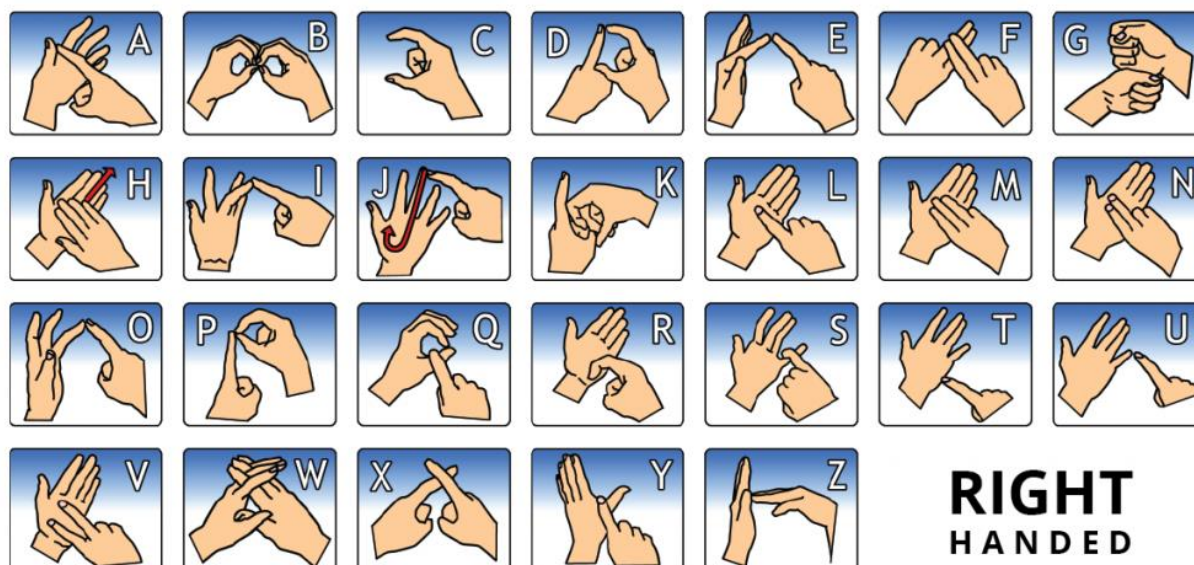
Session 1- 2pm- 3pm. Our digital leaders across the site will have some input to the first part of the session and then will leave as all the content is not suitable for children.

Session 2 – 6pm – 7pm Our digital leaders will not be invited to this session but will have a video message for parents.



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