

INIS Newsletter

Head Teacher Message



January 2024 - Issue 7

Mrs Marshall - Head Teacher

Happy New Year to all our children and their families! We hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas time and are enjoying being back into the school routine.

I would like to say Welcome to our new families joining our school and nursery. We hope that your children will be very happy with us and will make excellent progress. We have a wonderful team of Teachers and Teaching Assistants who are always here to help, support and ensure learning is engaging and fun!

Remember to apply for a school place for Sept 2024 by 15th January, if your child is starting in Reception or moving to Year Three. [Click here to apply](#).

Frosty's Fun Run

Please can you ensure that sponsor forms are returned to school by 11th January.

We had a fantastic time on the last day of term and the children ran their hearts out! We had children running in memory of their mum, dad, grandparents and in celebration of many family members! It was amazing. We have already raised over £600 but we know we still have a few sponsor forms to be returned so we hope to top £800. There is a QR code which can be used to donate too.

Thank you everyone for supporting!

It's your last chance to help with our Ten books for Spring

If you would like to purchase a book from our Amazon Wish List please click [this link](#) and see which books are still required. If you do donate a book to school, please add a gift note so we know who it is from and we can share the book with your child in school.

We will be giving the books out, hopefully on 19th January so we need all books in school by **12th January**.

Thank you for those books we have already received, we are very grateful.



Upcoming Dates

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

9th and 10th January- Abbie Canning an artist working with Year Two Children.

18th January- Special Kingswood meal order by **10th January**.

23rd January- Nursery Individual School Photos

24th January at 2pm- MHST workshop for parents - Rethinking challenging behaviour. Please phone the office to let us know if you can attend.

29th January 9am and 5.30pm- Maths and Phonics workshop for Nursery parents.

2nd February- Number day for NSPCC

5th - 9th February Children's Mental Health week

6th February- Safer internet day

Is your child starting Reception or Year 3 in September 2024?

If you have a child starting Reception next year please sign up for one of our tours. The tours are organised in small groups and are usually run by the headteacher so you can ask questions, relevant to your child. You will have a tour of the whole school. Parents must apply for Reception places and Year 3 places before **15th January 2024**.

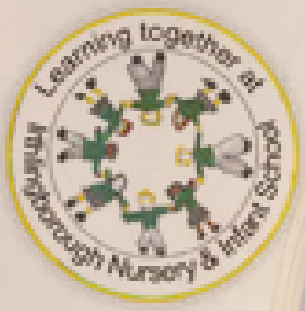
Please click [this link](#) when you are ready to apply for your place at either INIS or IJS. **Each year we have some applications which are late and this could mean that you miss out on a place at our wonderful schools!!**

[Come for a school tour at INIS](#)

11th January - 5pm

Phone the school office to book (01933 654900) or book directly through the website.

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact the school on 01933654900, the local authority following the link [report a concern](#) or NSPCC report a concern to [NSPCC](#)



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Attendance

We want to remind all parents that attendance is monitored and letters will be sent to parents where attendance dips below 93%. The expectation is that most children's attendance will be around 96% allowing for some general childhood illnesses. If you are unsure if your child should be in school or not please phone the school office. We will always phone you if they are really not well enough to be in school.

Homework

We do not send lots of homework home as our main priority is supporting the children's reading and love of books. We ask you to read with your child every evening using their school reading book which they should be able to read to you with some fluency, your child's school library book is chosen by them to be read to your child or in conjunction with you and any books from home.

You can check out our school website to help with the pronunciation of letter sounds which is vital to support children to decode words. There is also a reading toolkit to support parents. [Click here for information about phonics.](#)

Bikes and Scooters

We are happy for children to ride on bikes and scooters to school but please ensure children push them on site rather than ride as we have had a number of recent incidents where children have run into other children or adults. We have had some parents leaving scooters on the front grass area outside Mrs Marshall's office. This is fine as long as they are placed by the wooden fence only near the gate and are not left all over the grass. This is at the parents own risk as we do not have any security for them. They are unattended all day.

Parking

Parking still continues to be an issue around the locality. Please can you consider parking at the St Peter's car park and walking the short distance to school. It will be better for everyone. There have been local traffic wardens on duty after our meeting with the town council to express our concerns about local parking. Please do not use our access road to park on. I was unable to leave the site at the end of a school day when I had a child in the car because of inconsiderate parking on both sides of the access road. This road can not be used for turning or dropping older children off as this also creates safety issues for those walking down the access road.

Please can you not use the access road as a turning point or to drop children off as it is dangerous. Myself and Mr Garley, the head teacher of IJS, have seen near misses which is very worrying. The town council are fully aware and looking at actions to take. Myself and Mr Garley recently wrote to our local MP and town planning about our concerns.

I have also had complaints from residents in local roads regarding being blocked in by parents and not being able to get off their drives, which is unacceptable.

Please be more considerate of your community and other local residents.





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School Census Competition

To help your school with their Census Day, we are giving away 10 spaces on our Valentine Cooking Class. To be in with a chance, simply book a school meal online for Thursday 18th January 2024 and your child's name will automatically be entered into the draw

PRIZE:

Baked with Love Cooking Class

One Child and Adult Space

Help make some Valentine biscuits to share with those you **LOVE**

THIS CLASS WILL BE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY
5PM - 6.30PM

AT OUR KINGSWOOD TEACHING KITCHEN

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We are very proud of all our children and the efforts they made on our sponsored run for Cransley hospice. Thank you everyone for supporting this community event. We know that many of our families have been supported by this excellent charity.

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



Miss Ratcliffe



Mrs Richardson

If you have any safeguarding concerns during the holidays or weekends, please contact the local authority on 0300 126 7000 or phone 999, if you feel the child is in immediate harm.





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KS1 Drama - Wednesday lunch times

What an exceptional term last term was, with the KS1 drama club every Wednesday! We became part of the Mystery Fairy Tale Investigators and spent the past 6 weeks solving many a fairy tale crime! It has been such a joy seeing the children's confidence grow, week in week out, and I can't wait to see them again in January!

This term Join us as we become the Superhero Academy (battling Roald Dahls most hideous baddies!) (January 17 – Feb 14 (5 weeks))

We do have some spaces! So, if you would like your child to come and do a trial with us for next term please head to www.zozimusdrama.com to book your space!



WE ARE BACK!

JOIN THE NTFC WOMEN FOR OUR FIRST HOME GAME OF 2024!



**NORTHAMPTON TOWN WOMEN
VS
LOUGHBOROUGH LIGHTNING WOMEN**



Sunday 14th January 2024

FERNIE FIELDS SPORTS GROUND / KICK OFF 14:00

ALL TICKETS ONLY £2



**Tickets are available from
ntfcdirect.co.uk and on the gate.**