



# Isham CE Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all – and welcome to our first e-mailed newsletter! I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break and enjoyed the time your children had at home with you. It seems a distant memory now!

In this rather short term we seem to have a huge amount going on...details are as follows:

All the children appear to have returned happily to school and are pleased to be working on their new themes, most of which have a scientific theme this term:

Year 5/6 are working on a project called *To INFINITY AND BEYOND*. It's very much a space based project, though it will also encompass plenty of creative and factual writing.

Year 3/4 are studying *Blood, Bite and Body Parts* which is exactly as it sounds...all things to do with the human body. I know they are after some support from any medically minded parents, so please see the Y3/4 letter on the website if you think you can help. They will be heading to  for a 'body' day later in the term too.



Our Year 1/2 project is 'Our Changing World'. It encompasses many of the historical changes as well as environmental changes in our world.

Finally, Reception children are 'Far, Far Away' in a land of make-believe and traditional tales.



All classes have their newsletters and homework packs on the website and have been emailed to you too; should you need a hard copy of anything, please let us know.

Major events for this term include preparation for the Dance Festival evening at Southfield School, which takes place immediately after the Easter holiday. This has become an annual event for Yr 3&4 and we are hopeful that all 30 children will participate. Tickets will soon be given to us – initially it's two per child performing, but we may be able to get hold of spares.

FOIS have a children's disco planned for Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March: more detail will come later but support will always be welcome – see Caroline or Diane if you can help!

This term, Chinese New Year and Shrove Tuesday fall in half term week so you'll have to make dragons and cook pancakes at home! As we haven't held a service for a couple of years (and by popular request), we thought we'd hold a Mother's Day Assembly on 9<sup>th</sup> March, starting at 2.45pm

If you would like to join us for this Assembly, you are very welcome.



For Info, May Day this year will be Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>. Further details will be out before then but for those involved in the Retinue, we will be drawing names from 'the hat' at 3pm March 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you wish to join us for Assembly that day, please do so. There will also be a meeting for parents of all those involved in the Retinue (all YrR girls, all Y2 boys and anyone drawn from the hat) at 8:45am Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

We're also looking forward to working with Rev. Toni on a regular basis...plans are afoot to hold a regular monthly service in the Church; once this is established, we'll be inviting you along to that too.

Various Sports events are also planned for this term: watch out for letters and news about football, gymnastics and volleyball! We've already qualified for the County Winter Games Finals and are now training for the Summer Games. As always, we're hoping to do very well! For more info please see the sports blog on the website. We're also hoping to hold a Sponsored Obstacle Course on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – watch out for sponsor forms and details which will be sent home.



Parent's Evening letters will be out soon: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February. We always coordinate sibling appointments and ask that you give us as wide a time slot as possible: more and more parents are writing designated times on the return slips and we just can't accommodate these specific times...we aim only to be within the time slots on the form. All forms will need to be returned to school by 26<sup>th</sup> January latest.

We currently have a core group of children whose parents are requesting they come into school early due to work / childcare issues. Whilst we endeavour not to cause problems, there are far too many requests for this and we can no longer offer this on a regular basis. We will continue to take children into school early when there is an **occasional** parental emergency. For the regular early arrivals, you will now need to contact Ruth Reid Childminding for pre/post school care, or book (and pay) for your child to attend an early morning sports club. We will give you until the end of January to make alternative arrangements, but will cease to take in early arrivers as of Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

Finally, a reminder about Term Time Holidays and occasional days. As you know we cannot authorise holidays in term time; this continues to be recorded as Unauthorised Absence. Children arriving late into school (after the register has closed) will also be marked Unauthorised (still Late if they arrive after 8:50am in KS2 or 9am in KS1 and before close of register).

All term dates are set below for your convenience and are also detailed on our website. Please use this - as a lot of information is posted there prior to it being emailed out. You can also view our current photos too.

As always, should you have any concerns - please come and talk them through with me.

Yours,

*Kirstin M Howarth*

Head teacher

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 11-12pm	Final Open Hour for YrR 2018 intake
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Inclusive Volleyball tournament
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Y3/4 Think Tank trip
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Final date to return Parent's Eve slips
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Photo day
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February 3:30-6pm	Parent's Evening
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 3:30pm-6pm	Parent's Evening
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb 3:30pm	Break for Half term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb 8:45am	School opens

Thursday March 1st	FOIS Disco
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2:45pm	Mother's Day Assembly: all mums welcome
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2-3:30pm	Y3/4 Science fair in hall
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 9am – 10:30am  3pm	Reception Stay and Play morning Sponsored Obstacle Course May Day Retinue Draw in Assembly – all welcome
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 8:45am	May Day Retinue meeting; all parents of YrR girls, Y2 boys plus those drawn 'from the hat'.
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2pm (tbc) 3:30pm	Easter Service in Church; all welcome Close for Easter
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 8:45am	School opens
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April evening – time tbc	Y3/4 Dance Festival @ Southfield

**Children return to school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**

**Important Dates for Summer Term**

May Gala Day is Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2pm

**Y6 SATs Week is 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May\***

**Y2 SATS take place throughout May/ June\***

**Y1 National Phonics Test takes place 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June\***

**Y3/4/5 Testing takes place throughout May/June\***

PDET Y5 Maths Day @ Wicksteed Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June



PDET Y6 Cathedral Day @ Peterborough Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July

**\*Please do not take your children in these year groups out of school during these times**