



Ickniel
Primary School

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Friday 16th September 2024

Diary Dates	
September	18 th - Y6/Owls Burwell House information meeting 23 rd – Individual Pupil Photographs w/c 23 rd – After School Clubs start 25 th – R/Ducklings Reading Phonics workshop (5:30pm) 26 th – Y1/Ladybirds Class Café (9:10am) 30 th – FIPS AGM (6:00pm)
October	1 st – Preloved Uniform (3:20pm) 9 th – PINS Project Forum 10 th – Y2/Hedgehogs Class Café (9:10am) 16 th – Travelling Book Fair

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to those of you who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week. We hope that you found the meetings useful and a positive way to begin building your relationship with your child's new class teachers. Staff commented that the sessions were a good opportunity to discuss get to know parents and carers and having the time to answer your questions.

After School Clubs

Many of you have returned your letters regarding this term's after-school clubs. We will be working on allocating pupils to clubs next week, and confirmation slips will be sent home as quickly as we can. We will do our best to ensure that all children are allocated to at least one of their preferred clubs. Please note that there is no guarantee that your child will be allocated to the same club that they attended last term. We are keen to give all children the opportunity to try something new. We are kindly requesting a voluntary £5 donation for this half-term, for each club that your child attends. This is optional, but we may be unable to continue offering such activities if insufficient funding is received. Please do not make any payment until you know which club your child is assigned to. Thank you.

R/Ducklings Phonics and Reading Workshop

Parents of children in Ducklings are invited to a Phonics and Reading workshop in the school hall at 5:30pm on Wednesday 25th September. Miss Waddington will share how important these subjects are and how they are taught in reception and throughout Key Stage 1.

Message from Friends of Icknield Primary School (FIPS)

If we are going to continue to support our children and the school with some great events then we need your help – or sadly events will not be able to take place.

Please consider joining the PTA WhatsApp group to keep updated with activities and how to be involved and also the PTA committee.



The FIPS AGM is in 3 weeks time on Monday 30th September 6pm in school hall. Please come along and get involved

Winter coat for £10

FIPS/PTA will be coordinating ordering for the 'nocoldchild' initiative; people can order a heavily discounted winter coat for £10 (RRP £60).

Please take a look and if there is sufficient interest we will setup reservations via the PTA website early next week. (let us Know on the PTA WhapsApp group if you are interested)

<https://www.nocoldchild.org/>



ASDA rewards - if you shop at ASDA (or know anyone who does) please sign up on the rewards app to support 'The Icknield Primary school'. They are running a promotion until Christmas where they will donate £1 if you sign up and then ~0.5% of your shop to the school. In just a few days we have already raised £60+ pounds.

Thank you for your support – The FIPS Team.



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The Icknield Primary School
Lynton Way Sawston, Cambridge, CB22 3EA

UK total raised
£63.55

Parking

Could we kindly remind parents to be thoughtful about where you park when bringing your children to school and when collecting them at the end of the school day. Even if you believe you will only be very quick, please do not park across our neighbours' driveways, or in a way that may cause them problems. This relates to our neighbours in the roads behind our school such as Plantation Road, as well as roads beside our school, such as The Green Road as well as Lynton Way. Thank you.

Staffing

We have some good news and sad news to report with regards to staffing.

We are sad to advise that Mrs Hansford, our attendance administrator, will be leaving us at the end of September. She has supported Mrs Jelliman in making the office an efficient, welcoming environment and will be greatly missed. She has secured another job and I am sure that you will us in wishing her all the best in the future.

On a good point, we have appointed a new site manager. Mr Jelliman joined us this week and is getting to know school and all that needs to be done. Please say hello to him if you see him around school in the morning or at the end of the school day.

Education Inclusion Family Advisor support

The Education Inclusion Family Advisor team offers a range of countywide online workshops. Any parent/carer with a child/ren in primary schools is welcome to join. Please have a look below to see if there are any that might be useful to you and your family;

Virtual workshops:

What to do when kids push your buttons – 24th of September 2024, 12 – 1.15pm During the workshop we will be exploring strategies for parents to remain calm during challenging situations, understand what happens when children get angry and how to help the children develop self-regulation of emotions.

Sibling Rivalry – Tuesday 1st of October 2024, 12 – 1.15pm During the workshop we will be exploring the range of feelings that exist between siblings and the needs a child has from its parents and carers in relation to his/her siblings. We will spend time covering strategies and think about techniques that will work with all ages but also share those that might be targeted at certain age groups.

Supporting your child with feelings of worry – Tuesday 8th of October 2024, 12 – 1.30pm A workshop that explores the definition of anxiety, its purpose and how it may affect children including advice around supporting children to understand how they are feeling and some strategies that may help them to manage these feelings.

Supporting your child with feelings of anger – Tuesday 15th of October 2024, 12-1.30pm
A workshop that explores angry feelings including what is happening in our brain when we feel angry, how to explain this to children and some useful strategies to use when we have this difficult feeling.

Sleep – 22nd of October 2024, 12 - 1pm A workshop that explores some common sleep difficulties, looks at sleep hygiene, bedtime routines and suggests some strategies that may help support your child to get a good night sleep.

To book a place, please click on the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/h94eNKzz00>

The EIFA team have a termly parental newsletter which may be helpful. This is being sent home with the newsletter this week.