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Primary School

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Diary Dates	
September	23 <sup>rd</sup> – Individual Pupil Photographs w/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> – After School Clubs start 25 <sup>th</sup> – Harvest Festival Assembly for pupils 25 <sup>th</sup> – R/Ducklings Reading Phonics workshop (5:30pm) 26 <sup>th</sup> – Y1/Ladybirds Class Café (9:10am) 30 <sup>th</sup> – FIPS AGM (6:00pm)
October	1 <sup>st</sup> – Preloved Uniform (3:20pm) 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Lunchtime at The Movies special lunch 9 <sup>th</sup> – PINS Project Forum 10 <sup>th</sup> – Y2/Hedgehogs Class Café (9:10am) 16 <sup>th</sup> – Travelling Book Fair arrives

### After School Clubs

Your children should have brought home slips confirming which after school club they have been allocated a place in. Please understand that there were limited spaces in the clubs, so we were unable to offer every child a place in every club that they requested. We are delighted that we have been able to offer a place in a club to every child who requested a space. We hope that your child is happy with their club offer. Please remember to provide your child with the appropriate clothing for their club, such as a PE kit for football/dance or wellington boots for gardening club. **Please note Tae Kwon-Do will start from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September.**

Please understand that your child has now committed to these clubs and should attend every week. If your child starts a club and finds that they do not like it, then please let the office know so that their place can be offered to another pupil.

Please make a note of the time that clubs end so that you are able to collect on time.

Thank you.

### Individual Pupil Photographs

Braiwick photographers will be in school on Monday morning to take our annual individual school photographs. These are a wonderful way to remember your child's time at primary school. Photographs of siblings will also be taken during the morning. All photographs will be available for parents to purchase online, and they will arrive in time for Christmas! Please remember clean uniform, tidy hair and bright smiles are in order for the day.

### Reception, Ducklings Class Phonics and Reading Workshop

Parents of children in Ducklings are invited to a Phonics and Reading workshop in the classroom at 5:30pm on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Miss Waddington will share how important these areas of learning are and how they are taught in reception and throughout Key Stage 1.

### Harvesting!

Some children and Mrs Seymour were very busy last week. They were busy weeding and tidying flowerbeds in the school courtyard and then went out to the polytunnel to harvest some produce;



### Harvest Festival

We are holding our Harvest Festival assembly on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, which will be led by the Reverend Kathryn Waite, from St Mary's Church. Please note that this is a pupil only event. Children are asked to bring in a donation of dried or tinned food such as soups, breakfast cereals or tea/coffee which we will donate to our friends at John Huntingdon Charity for them to use in their food bank. JHC advise that they need non food items too please, such as washing up liquid, dog food or cooking oil. JHC are already planning hampers for Christmas donations, so perhaps some toiletries, soft drinks or chocolates. Please ensure that all items that you donate are in date. Thank you in advance for any donations you are able to make.



### Illnesses

Could we please remind parents that we have a clear 48-hour period relating to vomiting and diarrhoea. This means that children cannot return to school for 48 hours after their last

episode of vomiting/diarrhoea. This is to reduce the spread of illness to pupils and staff.  
Thank you.

### September 2025

Applications for Secondary schools for September 2025 opened on 11.09.2024 for all Year 6's moving up. Applications must be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 and all on-time applications will receive a school allocation on National Offer date 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025. Applications should be made on-line using the admissions link below.

Similarly, applications for children due to start in Reception in September 2025 also opened on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The closing date for primary school applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and parents will be informed of their allocated school place on 16<sup>th</sup> April. We are holding welcome meetings for potential families on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November (10:00am and 5:00pm) and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November (10:00am only).

If you would like to attend, please email the school office.

For further information about either of the above, please visit:

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions)

### Lunchtime at The Movies – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

We are holding a special lunch in school on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.  
Lunch will be;

- Main – ‘Cowabunga Dude!’ Pepperoni Pizza  
or
- Vegetarian – ‘Minions’ Margherita Pizza



These will be served with ‘Wimpy Kid’ wedges and ‘Rainbow’ slaw, followed by ‘Wonka’s Wonderful Chocolate Chip Sprinkle Muffin Bar’

We would like to encourage all children to have this lunch as it will support our census. The census is important as it helps the Department of Education develop a picture of the education sector, including how well it is performing. It also helps determine core school funding, which pupils attract pupil premium, support for disadvantaged students, universal infant free school meals funding and free early years entitlement allocations. The number of pupils taking a school lunch on Census Day, will have a direct impact on our funding next year.

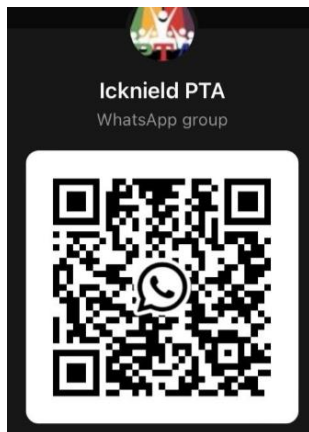
This meal should be pre-ordered by midnight on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

If you feel your child is entitled to a free school meal please read the information your child is bringing home on Friday that tells you how to apply.

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

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 WhatsApp group if you are interested)



### Parking

Our neighbours from Lynton Way request parents not to park in the residential area near the bungalows. We have received a number of complaints about this and would appreciate your support in parking in the laybys on Lynton Way.