



Ickniel
Primary School

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Friday 27th September 2024

Diary Dates	
September	30 th – FIPS AGM (6:00pm)
October	1 st – Preloved Uniform (3:20pm) 3 rd – Lunchtime at The Movies special lunch 9 th – PINS Project Forum 9 th - Deadline for placing photograph orders 9 th – 11 th – Y6 residential to Burwell House 10 th – Y2/Hedgehogs Class Café (9:10am) 16 th – Travelling Book Fair arrives

Harvest Festival

We would like to thank you all for your generous donations to our Harvest Festival collection. There was a wide array of goods and products donated which we have taken down to our friends at John Huntingdon Charity for their food bank. JHC asked us to pass on their thanks to you all. The goods will make great contributions to their food bank parcels.



Ladybirds Class Café



What a wonderful time we had at the Ladybirds Class Café! Parents heard Miss Graves discuss the importance of phonics and early reading. They learnt about the phonics screening check and discovered what 'alien words' are all about! Ladybirds showcased a mini phonics lesson, amazing everyone with their skills. Parents then joined in, reading with their children and practising letter and number formation, along with spelling tricky words.



Individual Pupil Photographs

Your children should have brought home today proofs of this year's individual photographs which were taken on Monday of this week. If you would like to place an order, instructions on how to do so are given on the photo card. Please note orders can only be placed online with Braiswick and not via school. The deadline for placing any orders is 9th October 2024.

Pre-loved uniform

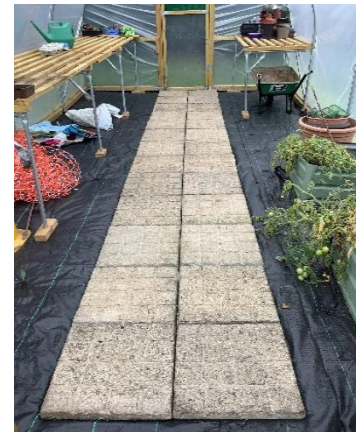
We will be holding a pre-loved uniform event next week. This is an opportunity for parents to pick up some pre-loved uniform for their children. All uniform is clean and of good quality. Tables will be set up in the Key Stage 2 playground after school on Tuesday afternoon so please come and have a rummage to see if there is anything useful for you. We do not want payment for these items, but if you would like to make a donation it would be greatly appreciated. Can we please request no further donations of uniform at this stage as we have quite a large stock.

The FIPS team will be serving tea and cakes whilst the sale is on. Please bring any cake donations to your class teacher on Tuesday morning. Thank you.

After school club update



We had a bit of a soggy start to Gardening Club this week, but the children were very excited to explore the garden and polytunnel. We would like to say a very big thank you to Mr Jelliman for making the polytunnel look so smart!!! We also gave our club a name, we are now The Garden Gnomes!!



We are looking forward to an exciting growing year ahead.

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 31st October 2024 and all on-time applications will receive a school allocation on National Offer date 3rd 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 11th September 2024. The closing date for primary school applications is 15th January 2025 and parents will be informed of their allocated school place on 16th April.

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

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions

We are holding welcome meetings for potential families for our Reception 2025 intake on Tuesday 19th November (10:00am and 5:00pm) and Thursday 20th November (10:00am only).

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

Lunchtime at The Movies – Thursday 3rd October

We are holding a special lunch in school on Thursday 3rd 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 28th 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)

Please don’t forget the FIPS AGM takes place next week at 6:00pm on Monday 30th September in school hall. Please come along and get involved.

The FIPS team would like to ask parents to complete the attached survey. Please click on the link below;

<https://forms.gle/sP97KcAoCstGjCEu7>

Your thoughts and comments will be greatly appreciated.

**PRE-LOVED
UNIFORM &
BAKE SALE**

CAKES: 50P
UNIFORM: DONATION
3.20 - 4PM
TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER
MAIN HALL

UNIFORM DONATIONS TO THE OFFICE ANYTIME.
CAKE DONATIONS TO TEACHERS ON THE DAY.

Big Biology Day

The Big Biology Day is taking place at Hills Road Sixth Form college on Saturday 12th October. This is a free, fun-packed educational day of biology, with hands on activities. There will be the opportunity to talk to research scientists, health professionals and other professionals. The day runs from 10:00am until 4:00pm but please note that there is no parking available on site.