



Ickniel
Primary School

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Friday 4th October 2024

Diary Dates

October	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
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PINS 'Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools' Project Forum Missing

On Wednesday 9th October between 9:00 – 10:30am, you are invited to come to the school hall to join in the conversation about neuro diversity with our Pinpoint volunteer, Philippa Waller. Why not sit down with a nice cup of tea, some biscuits and hear how we are part of this project which is focussing on strengthening knowledge and skills to better meet the needs of neurodiverse children.



Y2/Hedgehogs Class Café

Miss Walker and the year 2 class are looking forward to welcoming Y2 parents to the school hall on Thursday morning next week. They will be sharing their knowledge of reading and writing. We hope you can join us.



Muddy Shoes

Could we please ask that all children in Key Stage 2 are provided with a spare pair of outdoor shoes? These can be put on just for break times to avoid bringing mud back into school after children have played on the field. Please can the shoes be placed in a named bag so that they can easily be hanged from your child's peg. Thank you.

'Little Wandle' books

Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are really developing their phonics decoding using the Little Wandle scheme of learning. Sadly, after a review of our stock of these books, we have found that we no longer have sufficient supply of the wide range of books to sustain this learning. We have therefore needed to purchase further copies of these books. We are sure that it will not surprise you to know that the cost of these books is not cheap, and we are disappointed to find that many of these books have not been returned to school by children who have taken them home to read with their parents. We keep a log of which books have been sent home with which pupils and may need to consider charging families for books that do not come back to school.

New absence request forms

Ickniel Primary school strives for all pupils to have 100% attendance and sees 96% attendance as the minimum expectation for all children. However, we do understand that there are times when it may be necessary for your child to be absent from school.

Illness: To report your child absent, please email attendance@icknielprimary.org or phone the school office 01223 508750. The school office should be notified of unplanned absences on the day by 9.00am. on the first day of absence.

Medical Appointments: Please inform the school at least 2 days in advance of medical appointments. There is a new, green Medical Appointment Request form available from the school office. We request that parents provide medical information/supporting documentation if required. Where possible we encourage appointments to be arranged outside of school hours.



Bonfire Night Colouring competition

The annual Bonfire Night village celebrations will take place on Saturday 2nd November on Huckeridge Hill. The Parish Council are running a colouring competition for all primary school children to take part in. Children will have brought home their colouring pages which need to be completed and returned to the school Office by 9am on Thursday 24th October. Entry into this competition is free of charge and prizes will be given to the best 3 entries in the 3 categories (up to 5 years/6 – 8 years/9 – 11 years). Please remember to put your child's name, age and Ickniel Primary School at the bottom of your picture. Good luck everyone!

Garden Gnomes



This week, The Gardening Gnomes were busy clearing the wildflower bed and planting it with 100 daffodil bulbs!!! It was hard work, but we are excited to see what comes up!!



Just a reminder, there will be no Gardening Club next week. The next session will be on Thursday 18th October.

Staff Vacancies

The Governors would like to appoint two members of staff to join Team Icknield. We are looking for a fantastic Attendance Administrator to join the office team and a Mid-Day Supervisor to support pupils in the dining hall.

If you would like to apply for either position please visit the vacancies page on our school website. <https://www.icknield.cambs.sch.uk/vacancies/>

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.

Burwell House

Year 6 are very excited about their trip to Burwell House next week. Miss O'Sullivan, Mrs Seymour and Mrs Mitchell are leaving with the class on Wednesday morning until Friday afternoon. They will have the opportunity to take part in some exciting activities linked to their learning in geography, science and art. We look forward to hearing all their news next week.