



Ickniel
Primary School

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Friday 25th October 2024

Diary Dates	
October	25 th – Last day of this half term
November	4 th – Children return to school 5 th – Gymnastics club starts 6 th & 7 th – Parent/Teacher consultations 13 th – Flu Vaccinations 19 th & 21 st – Reception 2025 open sessions 27 th – No Pens day

PE Update

After half-term, we will be welcoming a specialist gymnastics coach who will be working with classes in Years 1 to 6 during gymnastics PE lessons. Please ensure that your child comes to school with their PE kit every Tuesday.

Additionally, our second PE lesson will focus on yoga, which promises to be a relaxing and beneficial experience for the children. To help you keep track, here's a rundown of when your child will need their PE kit:

- **EYFS:** Monday and Friday (children to come to school wearing PE kits on these days)
- **Year 1:** Tuesday and Wednesday (children to come to school wearing PE kits on these days)
- **Year 2:** Monday and Tuesday
- **Year 3:** Tuesday and Friday
- **Year 4:** Tuesday and Friday
- **Year 5:** Tuesday and Wednesday
- **Year 6:** Wednesday (This will continue to be swimming so please bring swimming kit)

PE Kit

Here is a reminder of our PE kit:



Pre-loved PE kit wanted!

Has your child recently grown out of their PE kit? You may find that your family no longer has use for something that we would welcome here in school. We are looking for donations of items of PE kit, which are in good condition to lend out to pupils in PE lessons. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Please get in touch with the school if you have anything you think we could potentially use, reuse or recycle.

Some suggested items we could use include:

Black jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts, white PE top, black jumper, trainers

Please drop them off to the office

Premier Holiday Camps

Please note that there will be no Premier holiday camps at Icknield over the October half term break. Camps are being held at Bellbird in Link Road so please make your bookings with this as the venue.

Weighing and Measuring Reception & Year 6

Parents of children in Ducklings and Owls classes will have been emailed a letter regarding the National Weighing & Measuring Programme. This is an annual check of the height and weight of children in Reception and Year 6. The nursing team will be in school on Tuesday 4th February 2025, but the deadline for opting out of this check is Friday 25th October. More information about the programme can be found on the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-child-measurement-programme-operational-guidance>

Parent/teacher consultations

Parent/teacher consultations take place after half term on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th November. Ten-minute slots for you to meet your child's class teacher are available from 3:40pm until 6:30pm. Appointments can be booked via your My Child At School (MCAS) account. Please remember to allow sufficient time between appointments if you have more than 1 teacher to see. Mrs Holt will be in school to see families of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. If you would like to meet with her, please email the school office to make an appointment.

If you do not have a My Child At School (MCAS) account for your child, please contact the school office as our booking system will be through MCAS this year.

After School Club collection

On Sunday 27th October all clocks in the UK go back 1 hour. Please note that from Monday 4th November all children attending an after-school club will need to be collected by an adult. This includes pupils in Year 5 and 6. If you have stated on your club application form, that your child can walk home alone, can you please email the school office to let us know who will be collecting your child next half term. Thank you.

Flu Vaccinations

The school nursing team will be in school on Wednesday 13th November to give children this year's flu vaccinations. The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia. The vaccinations are given via a nasal spray which is easy to administer and painless. If you would prefer for your child to have the vaccine as a gelatine-free injection, please make this request when completing the consent form. This vaccination is offered to all pupils. Parents must give consent to the vaccination team – please click on the link below;



<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2024/cambridgeshire>

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that the team are aware of your decision.

EIFA Workshops

Our friends at The Education Inclusion Family Advisor team have sent us some information about some parental workshops that might be helpful to you. We are attaching a copy of their newsletter to this email for your information.

Half term activities at SVC

The team at Sawston Village College Leisure are holding a few fun activities for children during the October half term. Other than the public swim which takes place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 2:00 – 3:00pm there is also a trampolining session on

Wednesday afternoon between 1:00 – 2:00pm or perhaps you would like to try a Crazy Kids soft play session on either Monday or Friday morning between 10:00am and 12 noon. To book online visit www.sawstonsports.com or email them at sawston@anglianleisure.com

Spooky Saturday

Our friends at The Challis Gardens are holding Spooky event on Saturday 26th October. Spooky Saturday runs from 10:00am – 12 noon and there will be spooky mystery trails, face painting and pumpkin carving. Mum and Dad can grab a cup of tea or some hot soup. Why not dress up in a spooky costume and have some fun!!



Happy Half-term

I hope you all have a lovely and restful half-term break. The weather forecast is quite mixed so we hope that you grab some outside time when you can. Don't forget the clocks change at the end of the week so we may need to re-discover our winter woollies in preparation for those dark walks home.

Don't forget children return to school on Monday 4th November - see you then!