



Ickniel
Primary School

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Friday 8th November 2024

Diary Dates

November	w/c 11 th – Anti bullying week 12 th - Odd socks day, come to school wearing odd socks 13 th – Flu Vaccinations 14 th – FIPS disco 15 th - Children in Need, come to school in PE kits 19 th & 21 st – Reception 2025 open sessions 27 th – No Pens day
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Free Flu vaccinations

The school nursing team are in school on Wednesday morning next week administering the flu vaccinations to all children. Please remember that you must give consent for this vaccination to be given to your child. The nursing team have advised that uptake for our school is quite low at present so we would like to remind you all to sign up as quickly as possible if you would like your child to receive this vaccination. The vaccine is offered as a nasal spray, so no injection is needed. However, if you prefer, a gelatine-free injection can be administered. Please sign up so that we can reduce the spread of this nasty illness across school. Thank you.

Road Safety in Lynton Way

Lynton Way is a narrow and busy road with many cars, pedestrians, cyclists and residents, particularly at school drop off/collection times. When you are dropping your child off either at the beginning or the end of the school day, can we please ask you to be aware of others around you and to drive slowly and with extra care. Thank you.

FIPS Disco

The FIPS team are hosting a 'Heroes, Villains and Fairytales Disco' on Thursday 14th November. Children can dress up as their favourite character, or simply come in party clothes ready to dance the night away.

- Reception and KS1 disco- 5:00 – 6:00pm – tickets cost £3.00
- KS2 disco- 6:15 – 7:30pm- tickets cost £4.50

Please pre-order your tickets below;

[Disco Ticket – Friends of Ickniel Primary School](#)



Anti-bullying week

We will be marking anti bullying week in school next week where we will discuss how we should 'choose respect' and bring to an end bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives. As adults we must lead by example both online and offline. Children and staff are invited to wear odd socks on Tuesday 12th November as part of this week.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

It has been lovely to see so many parents in school this week attending their parent/teacher consultations. These were the first meetings of this academic year and so were a great opportunity to hear from your child's teacher how they are settling into their new classes and new expectations. We saw many parents leave with huge smiles which was lovely to see. We hope that your children enjoyed sharing their learning with you.

Toys and trading cards

Could we please remind parents that we do not permit children to bring in small miniature toys or trading cards to school. Whilst children may enjoy playing or trading with these, they are for use out of school. Bringing such items into school disrupts learning and causes issues amongst peers. Thank you.

MCAS Accounts

We are aware that many of you have been experiencing issues with your MCAS (My Child At School) accounts. The issue has been more widespread amongst families with more than one child. We can only apologise for the problems that this may have caused you, but after some investigation believe that this issue has now been resolved. If you do find that you find that you cannot access your child's account, please email the school office to let us know and we will do our best to resolve this as quickly as possible.

Children in need



The annual Children in Need fundraising day takes place on Friday 15th November. We will be joining the Gladiators to the Challenge Yourself drive this year. We will be taking part in some 'RunPudsey2024' activities during the school day. Children need to school wearing their PE kits as they will be taking part in running activities throughout the day.

Pantomime trip 12.12.24

We are very much looking to the KS2 trip to see Cinderella at Cambridge Arts Theatre on Thursday 12th December. Could we remind parents that the second payment towards the costs of this trip is now due. We understand that this can be an expensive time of year but hope that you are able to make the required donation. Please be aware that if insufficient funds are received then the trip may need to be cancelled. Thank you for your support with this exciting trip.



Remembrance Assembly

The Royal British Legion visited us on Thursday morning this week to take part in our annual Remembrance Assembly. This was a wonderful event and the children sang beautifully. The RBL team thanked us for inviting them to join us and as they left said "How can we top this?"

Thank you for providing donations for your children to purchase poppies this week.

Play Leaders



On Thursday afternoon, the Year 6 play leaders had a training session. They discussed characteristics of a good play leader, how to deliver a successful session then practised leading an activity with Ladybirds class. They are now ready to start on Monday!



PE Kit

Here is a reminder of our PE kit:

-  White t-shirt
-  Trainers
-  Black shorts or  joggers
-  No jewellery (including  earrings)
-  Black jumper or  tracksuit  top

PE kits can be purchased from your usual supermarket such as Tesco or Sainsburys. If your child arrives in school without a kit, we do have a small supply of spare kits which we can lend to your child so that they do not miss out. These are pre-loved, clean kits which we will keep in school for such instances. If you have any PE kit that your child has outgrown, and that you feel could be used in school please contact the school office. Items of interest are black jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts, white PE top, black jumpers and trainers. Thank you in advance for anything that you are able to donate.

Bonfire Night Colouring competition

We were delighted when Mrs Keeler, Parish clerk, visited school on Monday morning, armed with some prizes from the annual Huckeridge Hill bonfire Night colouring competition. Our winners were;

- Dimitrios (Reception) – First place in the under 5's competition
- Emily (Year 1) – Third place in the 6 – 8's competition
- Hollie (Year 4) – Third place in the 6 – 8's competition
- Isabelle (Year 6) – First place in the 9 – 11's competition



This was a fantastic result – well done to all of you!

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome a new member of staff to join the office team. Mrs Hovsepyan will be working alongside Mrs Jelliman to support parents and staff with many tasks. Mrs Hovsepyan will be taking over the role of Attendance Administrator as well as managing pupil transfers and admissions. I am sure that you will all welcome Mrs Hovsepyan to the Icknield community and support her as she settles in.

Reception 2025

It always seems so strange to be planning for our September 2025 intake when we have only just welcomed this year's Ducklings class to life at Icknield, but it's that time already!

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 now is the time to apply for your child's place in Reception. The closing date for applications is 15 January 2025 with parents being informed of their allocated school on 16 April 2025.

We are holding welcome sessions for potential new families on Tuesday 19th November (10am and 5pm) and on Thursday 21st November (10am). If you are interested, or know of any family or friends, who are interested, please contact the school office to book onto the appropriate session.

School Lunches

Can we please remind parents that all school lunches must be pre-ordered by in advance. The deadline for ordering is mid-night on Saturday before the appropriate week in question. Whilst we understand that we all have very busy lives, please understand that last minute orders can mean that insufficient food is prepared and so meal choices on the day may be limited. To order, please visit www.ifg-psm.co.uk

It might be helpful for you to know that meals can be ordered for the whole term in advance.