



Ickniel
Primary School

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Friday 29th November 2024

Diary Dates

December	3 rd – Pre-loved uniform 'sale' 4 th – Lighting up the Tree Assembly 5 th – Owls Class Assembly 6 th – FIPS Christmas Fayre 12 th – KS2 trip to The Arts Theatre to see Cinderella 17 th /18 th – KS1 Nativity performances 17 th – KS2 Carol Service @ St Mary's Church 19 th – Pupil Christmas Lunch 19 th – Christmas Jumper Day 19 th – Rocksteady Concert 20 th – Last Day of term
January	7 th – Pupils return to school

Christmas Tree Lights – **Don't forget to create your decoration this weekend**



We are delighted to announce that we will be holding a 'Light up The Christmas Tree' assembly on Wednesday 4th December. FIPS are very generously providing the school with a huge tree to go in the school hall and all children and staff are invited to design and make a homemade Christmas decoration which they can then place on the tree. We are very excited about this event and are very much looking forward to seeing school 'beginning to look a lot like Christmas'. Can children please bring their decorations into school on Monday 2nd, or Tuesday 3rd December. We look forward to seeing all their creations.

No Pens Day

We had great fun in school this week when we held 'No Pens Day'. The purpose of this day was to put down our pens and learn in a different way.

In Year 6 we did some role play whereby we acted as a character from Letters from the Lighthouse by hot-seating and the other children asked them questions. In our reading lesson, we discussed words in context. Instead of writing out definitions of new vocabulary we orally told a partner the meaning and then put the word into a sentence. In Year 1, we learnt what no pens day is all about and played backwards Pictionary. Year 4 completed an activity that encouraged empathy (Charades), we explored emotion through the music of John Williams and had great fun playing spot the difference. Year 3 used Talk for Writing to orally rehearse their 'Wolves in the Walls' narrative.

New Ickniel School Website

We are delighted to let you know that our new school website was launched this week. The current website will be redundant and will be replaced by the new redesigned website. We hope you find this easier to navigate and find the relevant information you need.

The link to the school website is <https://icknielprimary.org/>

Please take a few minutes to have a look at the website which we hope you will find a useful tool to gather information about all that is going on. If you would like to give any feedback, we are happy to hear it! Please email the school office – office@icknielprimary.org

Thank you.

Owls Class Assembly

Year 6 are busily preparing to show parents their learning from this term so far. Their class assembly will take place at 9:10am, after sensory circuits, on Thursday 5th December.

Communication

Can we please remind parent to not use DOJO to communicate with the school office team. The office team use DOJO as a method of communicating whole school information to parents, but they do not routinely check it for incoming messages. This also applies to Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Arnold. Please use the telephone or email as both these are checked regularly.

Preloved uniform

We will be holding a pre-loved uniform 'sale' on Tuesday afternoon. This will take place in the school hall. Clean, good quality uniform in a range of sizes will be available for families to access. The clothing is free of charge, but we will happily accept any donation, of any size if you wish to donate.

FIPS Christmas Fayre

We must say a huge thank you to everyone for your generous donations of chocolate and bottled refreshments for the FIPS giant tombola. This will take place at the FIPS Christmas Fayre on Friday 6th December between 5pm – 7pm.

Santa will be also be available to welcome visitors from Reception class to Year 4. Older children are welcome to see Father Christmas if they would like to, but given the reduced timings of the Fayre it is felt that there may be insufficient time for him to see all children across the year groups.



Elsa from Frozen will also be in school, singing Carols with the choir as well as being available for photo opportunities with the children.

Entry to the fayre is free, but there will be games to play, refreshments to purchase and carols to listen to. There will be the facility to pay by card for food, drink and the tombola but please have a pocket full of change for small purchases or for games to play!

Please come along to the hall and enjoy the festive fun!

Please note that there will be no Triathlon Club after school on the 6th December because of the FIPS Christmas fayre.



KS1 Nativity Play

Reception and KS1 are performing 'Shine Star Shine' to parents on 17th and 18th December. Children will have brought home letters this week for you to complete to apply for tickets. Tickets will be limited to two per family and cost £1 per ticket. This money will go towards the cost of this production.

School Lunch Payments

Many of you will be aware of an issue with making payments for school lunches on the Innovate ordering system last week. Innovate have informed us that this problem has now been resolved, and that payments can now be processed. However, if you normally make payments using the Auto TopUp facility, you will need to log in to your account and re-input your card details. The office team sent home a more thorough message from Innovate via DOJO on Thursday this week so please check back on your DOJO account if you have any questions or concerns.

Child and Family Centre Worker Support

Cambridgeshire County Council offer Child and Family centres across the county. These centres offer groups, events, activities, courses and support for families with children aged 0 – 19. There is a centre in South Cambs. If you would like to contact them please call on 01954 284672 or email them on childandfamilycentre.south@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Brass Concert at West Road

With Christmas just around the corner, we are delighted to let you know of a wonderful Brass band concert taking place at West Road Concert Hall on Sunday 8th December at 3:30pm and 5:30pm. This is a perfect way to start your Christmas with live professional musical performers. The concert will last one hour, and tickets cost £10 each.

[Prime Brass Family Christmas Concerts: A Candlelit Christmas](#)