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The Icknield Primary School and Pippins Preschool

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Friday 13th March 2026

Diary Dates	
March	19 th – Year 4 MTC Parent meeting 20 th – Whole School Art Exhibition 20 th – Red Nose Day, wear a funny accessory 25 th – Y1/Y2/Y3 visit to Stapleford Granary 27 th – Last Day of Spring Term
April	13 th – Pupils return to school for Summer term

Science Week

We have had a delightful week with some wonderful science activities in school. We must say a huge thank you to our fantastic team of scientific parents/volunteers who have come in to share their knowledge with the children. All classes have taken part in an experiment/activity and have thoroughly enjoyed them. Below are pictures of the DNA extraction from strawberries which Year 5 achieved on Monday morning and Ducklings class carry out a magic milk experiment.



Mrs Evans

I am sure that you will all join us in wishing Mrs Evans every happiness as she leaves us this week to begin her maternity leave. We hope that she rests over the next few weeks before the arrival of baby Evans mid-May.

Year 1 will be taught by Mrs Hamlett and Mrs Hodson during the rest of this term. After Easter, we will be joined by Mrs Black, who has worked with us previously a couple of years ago.

Belonging By Design Art Exhibition

We are delighted to let you know about an art exhibition that we are holding after school on Friday 20th March. The exhibition, entitled 'A Sense of Belonging' includes works from all children of Icknield and Pippins. We hope that you will come along and see the wonderful pieces that the children have produced and share their great creative achievements. The exhibition will run from 4:00 – 6:00pm in the school hall and light refreshments will be served in the library.



Musician of the Month



The Musician of the Month for March is Freddie Mercury. Freddie Mercury was lead vocalist and pianist for the world-famous group Queen. He is regarded as one of the greatest singers in the history of rock music and is known for his flamboyant stage persona and four-octave vocal range. He defied the conventions of a rock frontman with his theatrical style, influencing the artistic direction of Queen. The children will be listening to songs such as Bohemian Rhapsody and finding out about his music career.

Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March

On Friday 20th March we will recognise Red Nose Day and will be asking the children to wear a funny accessory and make a donation to this wonderful charity. Their funny accessory can be headboppers, ribbons, funny socks, crazy hats or even a bow in their hair.



Lockdown

This week we practised a lockdown exercise with the children. Class teachers explained to the children why we might need to have these in school prior to this taking place. This was a partial lockdown where the children stayed in the school building and classroom doors were closed and locked. The children responded well to the procedure. This will be a termly exercise to carry out as in addition to our fire drills.

Lunch ordering

Could we please remind parents to remember to pre-order school lunches for their children via the Innovate lunch system. We have recently experienced a large number of pupils who have arrived at school with no packed lunch and no pre-ordered meals booked. Meals should be booked by mid-night on the Saturday before. Please visit www.ifg-psm.co.uk

Ramadan – Eid al-Fitr

Ramadan is a month of fasting and spiritual reflection, culminating in Eid al-Fitr. This is a festival celebrating the end of the fast with prayers, charity, and communal festivities. The exact date of this festival varies each year, dependent upon the sighting of the new crescent moon. It is anticipated that this year either Thursday 19th March, or Friday 20th March will be the first day of Eid. Our Muslim families will come together to celebrate the 'end of the fast' with three days of prayers, feasts and charity donations.



Headlice



We have been told by a number of parents that their children have head lice. Head lice and nits are very common in young children and their families. They are not caused by dirty hair and are picked up by head-to-head contact. Head lice can make your head feel itchy. Can we kindly ask all families to check your child's hair for nits over the weekend and to treat if necessary. There is no need to purchase special chemicals or head washes. Head lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. A special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) can be purchased from the local pharmacy or online. Then wash hair with ordinary shampoo and once rinsed, apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do). Comb the whole head of hair, using the detection comb, from the roots to the tips. This usually takes about 10 minutes for short hair, but will take longer for longer, or curly hair. When you have finished combing the hair, comb through all the hair again for a second time. Do this wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is lice free on day 17. Thank you all for taking the time to resolve this issue over the weekend.

FREE internet safety event

We have been told about a Cambridge Festival event taking place next week, that may be of interest to you. The session will explore practical ways to keep people safe online and will talk about how parents can better understand and support their children in the digital world.

<https://www.aru.ac.uk/events/cambridge-festival/protecting-your-children>

The event is suitable for parents but not children to attend and it focuses on internet safety. It's free to attend and is taking place online.



Premier Holiday Camps

With Easter fast approaching our friends at Premier Education are offering holiday camps for children. This is a perfect place for children to meet their friends and make new friendships while staying active. Camps will run from Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April [Please follow this link to book your place.](#)