



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter



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Dear Istead Rise Families,

We would like to begin by thanking all parents and carers who attended this week's parent consultation meetings. It was fantastic to be able to welcome you all back into school after two years absence! We enjoyed the opportunity to provide so much positive feedback on the progress children are making in their learning and personal development. We are also grateful to all those who have taken the time to complete our survey of your thoughts on the parent consultations. I am very pleased to report that feedback has been universally positive, which is very encouraging news for our staff who invest a lot of effort into making sure such occasions are successful and useful to parents and carers.

A common question that parents often ask when meeting with their child's teacher is, 'What can I do to help with learning at home?'. So we would like to offer a very simple response! Although there are many ways that children's learning can be developed at home, the simplest and most honest answer is to **make sure you read with your child regularly and help them learn their times tables 'off-by-heart'**. Having strong skills in these basic areas allows children to fully access the wider curriculum and puts them in a strong position to make great progress throughout their years at both primary and secondary school. All of our pupils also have access to Mathletics at home, so please make sure they are completing the tasks their teacher has set for them.

We hope you find this week's newsletter interesting and enjoy finding-out what new things your children have been learning about over the last few days.

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Steve Payne

Thank you to all our Parents/Carers & children for your support today. The children have had a great time and have raised lots of money for Children in Need. We will share our day with you in our next newsletter.



Dates for your diaries

Carol Service/Nativity at St Barnabas Church 1.30pm

Years 5-6 Monday 6th December

Years 3-4 Tuesday 7th December

Years R, 1 & 2 Wednesday 8th December

Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Wednesday 15th December



School Photographer

The school photographer has been rescheduled for this Tuesday the 23rd. We expect all orders to be delivered back to school by 13th December, if ordered by Parents/Carers by the 7th December.





Remembrance Sunday



Oliver of Cherry & Blake of Sycamore took part in the Remembrance Day parade last weekend with their Cub & Beavers packs. Blake was chosen to carry the flag for Istead Rise Beavers. A very proud moment for the boys and their families.



Special Achievement

Congratulations to Brooke of Willow Class who was recently awarded 'player of the match' after playing a match for her girls' football team, the 'Meopham Wildcats'.

Brooke and Emily, who is also in Willow Class, were then interviewed & filmed last Saturday by a reporter from the Kent Messenger who was doing an article about girls in football.

We are really proud of the girls, it is really great to see them enjoying this sport at the weekends.



Congratulations!

On 16th October at 6:08am, Mrs Summers and her husband welcomed Evelyn Rose Summers into the world, weighing 7lb 12oz. Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Summers on the birth of your beautiful baby girl. From all of us at Istead Rise Primary School.



School Calendar



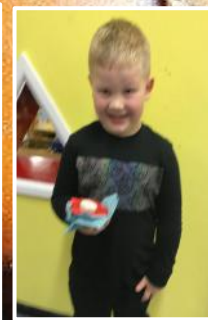
For your information, the school calendar can now be accessed via our website which contains all relevant dates and events happening in school.

[School Calendar](#)

Acorns



Acorn Class are learning all about celebrations. This week, the children have been learning about Diwali. They made patterns in the trays using coloured pasta and rice, The children also designed and made a Diwali lamp.



The children have had a lovely day today supporting Children in Need. They have enjoyed cakes from the cake sale, coloured in a Pudsey Bear and helped fill in the giant Pudsey with lots of coins.



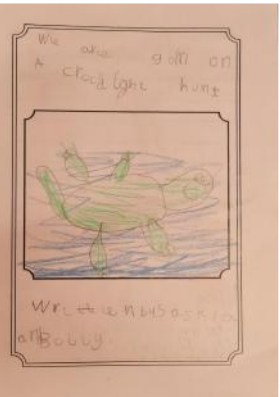
In maths, the children have been identifying and sorting objects according to their size. The children have been using the language large, medium and small, and were very confident with their sorting.





Oak

Palm

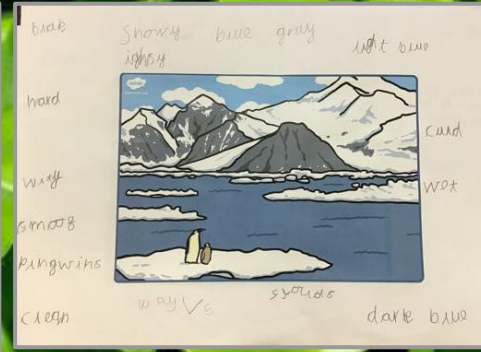
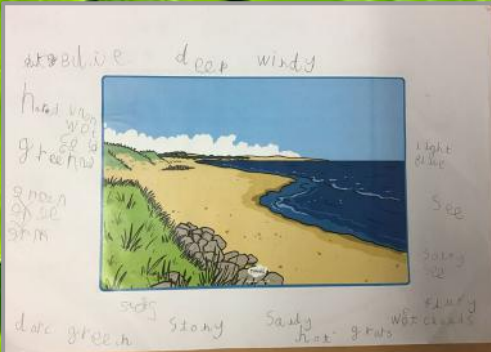


English
This week we have been writing our own stories based on the book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'
The children have worked really hard with making their stories into a book with a partner. They have also illustrated their own stories. They are extremely proud of themselves, as are we! Look out for a copy in your child's bag.

Year 2 had a great time during Geography lessons last week, learning all about the 7 continents of the world. We spent time researching them on laptops before using our information to create fantastic posters, leaflets and artwork. We learnt lots of interesting facts and were particularly interested in comparing animals that live on different continents and how they are suited to their environments.

In Maths, we have continued our learning on money. We pretended to visit a shop to buy items and add totals together on our shopping lists. We are now moving onto finding change from a given amount.

Geography
During our afternoon sessions, Year 1 have visited 5 continents of the World. We have learnt a lot of facts about other countries and created some artwork to remember our learning,





Willow & Holly



Last week Year 5 were lucky enough to receive a visit from the Astrodome, to help support their Science learning on 'Earth and Space'. Year 5 were able to look at different rocks and parts of meteors which they found very interesting. Entering the Astrodome was great fun! We climbed in and were amazed by what was above us. Looking at projections of planets, stars and constellations was very special, it seemed so real! The children took part in activities where they had to locate different stars and constellations above them, as well as testing their navigational skills of North, South, East and West. The children had a great morning in the Astrodome; it was a great way to gain their interest and get them excited for the term ahead!



Aspen

Year 6 has been busy as usual! In English we have completed and redrafted our speeches as a future prime minister, during which the children have brought up and presented solutions for a variety of mature topics.



We spent 'Around the World' week looking at a continent each day and created travel guides, postcards, powerpoints and posters about the different countries and their geographical features.



In maths we have continued with fractions, in particular adding and subtracting fractions (including mixed numbers) with different denominators.



Sycamore

Sycamore has been working really hard in their English lessons this week. They have all written a speech to persuade their audience to elect them as the next Prime Minister! Mrs Sandhu and I have been so impressed with the amazing work that all of the children have produced.

In maths we have been learning all about times tables. Even though they have found some of the work quite challenging, the children have persevered really well. Well done to all of those children who have been practising at home as well!

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2x5	3x5	4x5	5x5	6x5	7x5	8x5	9x5	10x5
2x6	3x6	4x6	5x6	6x6	7x6	8x6	9x6	10x6
2x7	3x7	4x7	5x7	6x7	7x7	8x7	9x7	10x7
2x8	3x8	4x8	5x8	6x8	7x8	8x8	9x8	10x8

Last week we went 'Around the World' during the afternoons and learnt lots about different places and the people who live there. Sycamore made posters, leaflets and even a PowerPoint presentation to show us everything they had learnt. We looked at landmarks around the world, languages spoken and learnt interesting facts about the food, traditions and cultures in different parts of the globe.



Cherry

Cherry class have been very busy with their learning over the past couple of weeks. In the afternoons we have travelled to every continent in the world and learned a lot of facts and figures, as well as understanding some physical and human geographical features. We presented our information in lots of different ways: fact files, a powerpoint and a tourist brochure.



In English we have successfully finished and written up our Prime Minister speeches using persuasive techniques.



Within maths we have been learning about length and perimeter.

Forest School



KS1 have enjoyed climbing trees, building dens, making mud pies and creating music in the Forest.

Children made poppies to commemorate Armistice Day.



HOUSE POINTS

Bronze w/c 08/11

Calan & Layla of Aspen
Freddie, Esme, Ruby WN,
Cooper M & Otis of Palm

Bronze w/c 15/11

Emily of Willow, Arabella,
Jeremiah, Samuel L, Maya &
Abril of Palm &
Emilia of Acorns

Silver w/c 15/11

Archie, Jessica S & Mia of
Cherry

COVID-19 Information

If your child has a cough, high temperature or loss of taste/smell you are required to carry out a PCR test before they can return to school. Unfortunately, we cannot accept lateral flow results for children with symptoms (as per government guidance [Gov.UK Guidance](#)). If your child does test positive, their siblings can still attend school, but you are advised to get a PCR as a precaution, even if they are not showing symptoms.

[NHS Guidance](#)

Mathletics

Gold Mathletics

w/c 08/11

Parker of Willow

w/c 15/11

Ronak of Sycamore

*Congratulations
for all of your
hard work!*



Week commencing 08/11

Ruby W-N of Palm
& Cerys of Cherry

Week commencing 15/11

Violet of Aspen &
Henry L of Acorns



Core Values Congratulations to all of our winners!

Week Ending 12.11

Acorns Class

Emily for Perseverance & Chase for Respect

Oak Class

Jack E Perseverance & Dolly for Self Reflection

Palm Class

Samuel-Yanis for Self Reflection & Maya for Perseverance

Sycamore Class

Scarlett Self Reflection & Thomas for Independence

Cherry Class

Isabella & Maisey for Independence

Willow Class

Bea for Respect & Aman for Self Reflection

Holly Class

James Sin for Independence & John for Perseverance

Aspen Class

Rocky for Independence & Henry for Perseverance

Week Ending 19.11

Acorns Class

Ronnie & Phillip for Independence

Oak Class

Taylor for Perseverance & Harry for Self Reflection

Palm Class

Nihaal for Respect & Ava for Independence

Sycamore Class

Tristan for Self Reflection & Poppy for Perseverance

Cherry Class

Taiga for Perseverance & Jude for Self Reflection

Willow Class

Maisie for Self Reflection & Brooke for Independence

Holly Class

Isabella B for Perseverance & Sahib for Independence

Aspen Class

Denis for Self Reflection & Joseph for Independence



Let's see what's for lunch...

**Week 1
w/c 22nd
November**

Meat Free Monday (MF)

Meat Free Monday is a great way to improve health and well-being by naturally increasing your vitamin and mineral intake. One day a week can make a real difference - www.schoolfoodplan.com

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Week 1:
1st Nov, 22nd Nov, 13th Dec, 3rd Jan, 24th Jan, 14th Feb, 7th Mar, 28th Mar

Week 2:
8th Nov, 29th Nov, 20th Dec, 10th Jan, 31st Jan, 21st Feb, 14th Mar, 4th Apr

Week 3:
15th Nov, 6th Dec, 27th Dec, 17th Jan, 7th Feb, 28th Feb, 21st Mar

V - Suitable for vegetarians
Ve - Suitable for vegans & vegetarians

Available Every Day
Fresh Fruit Platter Ve
Homemade Fruit Yoghurt V

All products are subject to availability.

Pabulum Salad Bar

Children can help themselves to an unlimited selection of freshly prepared healthy salads. Our new salad bar features all of the children's favourites, is completely free of the 14 recognised allergens, is suitable for vegetarians and vegans and packed full of fibre and nutrients.

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November 2021

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NUTRITIOUS. BAKED. FRESH.