



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter



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It has been a great pleasure to welcome pupils back to Istead Rise after what, for so many, has been such a long absence. We have been so impressed with the maturity and understanding that our children have shown, in adapting to new routines and procedures, designed to ensure their safety whilst at school. Within just a few minutes of the school gates opening fully for the first time in nearly six months, pupils were calmly settled into classrooms and ready to learn. So many children shared with us their happiness at being back, and how good it has been for them to see their friends and teachers.

We wish to thank all those parents and families who have shown their support by quickly adapting to changes when dropping and collecting children. By following these new procedures, you are helping keep everybody safe on our site. We also wish to thank our amazing staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the school is fully ready for children to recommence their education, even in these challenging times. Their dedication is paying off, as walking around classrooms today, it almost feels like our children have never been away – so much fantastic learning is taking place and pupils seem settled and pleased to be here.

We look forward with confidence to a successful year for all at Istead Rise – Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Payne & Mr Currie



Secondary school applications for 2021 opened on 1st September and close at midnight on the evening of 2nd November 2020. This link will take you to the KCC website [Secondary School Applications](#)

Statement from Gravesham Secondary Schools **RE: Autumn 2020 Open Evenings**

Due to the current Coronavirus restrictions, the following Gravesham schools have decided that all prospective Year 7 Open Day/Evening activities will be taking place online this academic year;

- Gravesend Grammar School
- Mayfield Grammar School
- Meopham School
- Northfleet School for Girls
- Northfleet Technology College
- Saint George's Church of England School
- St John's Catholic Comprehensive School
- Thamesview School

Each school will be ensuring that there are appropriate online resources for parents to view and will establish methods for contacting the school should they wish to ask questions. This means that, unfortunately, no bespoke on-site events such as Open Days/Evenings or Tours will be taking place on school sites for the above named schools this year.

Whilst all schools are keen to welcome prospective parents, we have taken this difficult decision to ensure that we maintain the safest possible environment for our current students and staff. Our key priority this year has to be ensuring safety and supporting students to catch up on any missed learning.

Prospective parents will be able to check the relevant school websites in due course for online open evening information and we will endeavour to provide as much assistance as possible as parents and Year 6 pupils begin the secondary school transfer process.



Core Values - Congratulations to all our winners!



Week Ending 11.09

Oak Class - Joshua for Respect & Samuel A for Independence

Palm Class - Tristan & Carter for Respect

Sycamore Class - Olivia for Perseverance & Mia for Respect

Cherry Class - Isabella B for Self Reflection & Eden for Respect

Birch Class - Bea for Respect & Kamanahni for Respect

Willow Class - Denis for Independence & Rocky for Perseverance

Elm Class - Sophie H for Self Reflection &

Harry S for Independence

Aspen Class - Oscar for Respect & Pascal for Independence

Week Ending 18.09

Acorns Class - Whole Class Independence

Oak Class - Shae & Esme for Independence

Palm Class - Harry for Independence & Poppy B for Perseverance

Sycamore Class - Archie for Independence & Elsie for Respect

Cherry Class - Alice for Independence & Isabella for Respect

Birch Class - Isher & Parker for Perseverance

Willow Class - Kira Leigh for Self Reflection & Jana for Independence

Elm Class - Blake G for Perseverance & Beth for Independence

Aspen Class - Mary Ann for Perseverance & Leah for Independence

Covid 19

If your child has any Covid 19 symptoms (new continuous cough, high temperature, loss of taste/smell) you will need to get them a test straight away. You can order or book a test using the link below. We do understand that there is a national shortage at the moment. Your household are expected to self isolate while you are waiting for the test result

[Get a coronavirus test](#)

HM Government NHS

THE SYMPTOMS

CONTINUOUS COUGH	TEMPERATURE OR FEVER	LOSS/CHANGE IN TASTE	LOSS/CHANGE IN SMELL
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AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.

Stay informed and get involved.

Join us for our first virtual AGM, and a chance to have your say.

Monday 5th October 2020

4.20pm Log-in for 4.30pm Start

To register your interest please email:
firpsisteadrise@gmail.com



Special Achievements

We love to hear what our children are getting up to outside of school. If they receive any awards for achievements, please let us know via the office email. A photograph and a brief description would be great.

We can share them on here with all our Parents/Carers and children.

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