



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter



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Dear parents and carers,

In just one week's time we will be wishing you all an enjoyable half term break. It seems difficult to believe how swiftly the last seven weeks have passed and how quickly the children of Istead Rise have adapted to the 'new normal'. All of our staff have worked extremely hard to ensure that children have been able to enjoy a successful Term One and it is great to see that their efforts have been rewarded by the fantastic commitment to learning shown by our pupils. In many ways it feels like the children have never been away and the great progress all classes are making with their learning fills me with confidence that any gaps in knowledge caused by school closure will soon be closed.

Kent Test

I congratulate the children of Year Six who this week sat the Kent Test. Their efforts and conduct on the day were of the highest standard. I know that many children (and their families) will have invested a considerable amount of time and energy in preparing for the test, we wish them all the very best of luck for results day.

Covid-19

I once again offer my thanks to all those parents who are helping to ensure the safety of our community by adhering to the current social distancing rules. I respectfully request that ALL parents enter and leave the school using the correct gates, keep a distance of at least two metres from others, and leave the site immediately after dropping-off or collecting their children.

Lateness

Unfortunately, I have noticed a recent increase in the number of children arriving late for school. Failing to bring your child to school on time causes disruption to their learning and, over time, can have a considerable detrimental effect on their academic progress. It can also be embarrassing for a child to consistently be brought late into their classroom. I ask all families to make the effort to bring their children to school on time.

I wish you all a fantastic weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday for the start of the last week of term!

Steve Payne
Head of School

Joining Istead Rise Primary 2021



Please use this link for full information and a virtual tour of our wonderful school for the September 2021 intake.

[Istead Rise Primary
Sept 2021 Intake](http://www.isteadrise.org.uk)

Pen Pals Australia

We are really excited to have received our first letter back from the children of Hilder Road, the Australian school our children wrote to during lockdown. You can find out all their news in the link below

[Hilder Road Letter 1](#)



FIRPS Easyfundraising



You can help FIRPS raise funds for the school by visiting the website www.easyfundraising.org.uk Search for Friends of Istead Rise Primary School, Kent and select 'Support this cause'. You will need to fill in a few details and then it's just a case of remembering to search for your retailer via Easyfundraising when you shop online. You can also choose to download a 'Donation Reminder' which will highlight when a donation is available to you or you can download the EasyFundraising app. Again, just remember to search via the app when doing your online shopping.





Core Values - Congratulations to all our winners!



Week Ending 09.10

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Acorns Class - Jack E for Self Reflection & Evelyn for Perseverance
Oak Class - Cooper for Self Reflection & Elvie for Independence
Palm Class - Mila for Respect & Scarlett for Independence
Sycamore Class - Ruby D for Independence & Rosie for Self Reflection
Cherry Class - Darcie for Respect & Sienna for Respect
Birch Class - Madison for Independence & Harry P for Self Reflection
Willow Class - Calan & Sahib for Independence
Elm Class - Louisa for Perseverance & Beth for Independence
Aspen Class - Balraam for Independence & Ava Mae for Perseverance

Acorns Class - Darcey for Independence & Bobby for Respect
Oak Class - Arabella & Delphine Perseverance
Palm Class - Lucas for Self Reflection & Kasey for Independence
Sycamore Class - Abigail for Self Reflection & Rohan for Independence
Cherry Class - James O for Independence & Tyler for Respect
Birch Class - Destiny for Respect & Dylan for Self Reflection
Willow Class - Sevek for Independence & Harvey for Self Reflection
Elm Class - Jacob & Krystal for Independence
Aspen Class - Aidan for Self Reflection & Rosie May for Independence

School Photographer

Reminder - the school photographer will be coming in next Thursday 22nd October to take individual photos of the children. Unfortunately due to the current situation, we will be unable to accommodate any sibling groups. All children need to come into school wearing full school uniform.

Forest School (Oak) & PE (Palm, Elm & Aspen) will be cancelled on this day.

School Ambassadors

Congratulations to Aidan of Aspen & Beth of Elm for becoming our first school ambassadors, from all of us at Istead Rise.



Special Achievements

Elsa of Birch recently turned 9. To celebrate her Birthday, she visited Milton Keynes iFLY indoor skydiving centre. Elsa had her first flight and also did the 'extreme', she did brilliantly! Elsa would now like to do the real thing when she is 16. Her weekend ended with a surprise visit from her cousins and a sleepover. Here she is with her Harry Potter themed Birthday cake which she had lots of fun making. Fantastic photos Elsa!

Flu Vaccinations



Flu Vaccinations **23rd November 2020** - You will need to register your child via the link in the attached letter, no later than 18th November 2020. The nurses will not be able to accept any late consents or consents on the day, many thanks.

[Flu Vaccinations 2020](#)

Guitar Lessons

If your child would be interested in taking guitar lessons in school on a Friday, please contact Chris Downs on **07940 046124** for full details

