



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter



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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you are all well and keeping wrapped-up warm, as the countdown to Christmas commences! Pupils at Istead Rise continue to meet the challenges they are set, both in terms of their academic progress and in coping with these uncertain times. I wish to thank staff and families for all they are doing to support our children and enable them to continue to develop and prosper during this potentially very difficult period.

Health and Safety at Istead Rise

On 12th November, Istead Rise was visited by the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), who carried out a randomised inspection of our measures to mitigate the risk posed by the Covid 19 pandemic. I am pleased to report that the inspection went very well and that the inspectors praised the hard work of staff, commenting that colleagues are taking all required measures to try to keep everybody safe. Inspectors also commented on the sensible conduct of our pupils, who have done incredibly well to adapt to the changes they have had to make.

I also wish to extend my thanks to all parents for following social distancing guidelines when on the school site and for following the guidelines that have been sent out.

Parents Consultations

As we are currently unable to invite you into school for face-to-face parent consultations, we will soon be inviting parents to attend a telephone meeting with their child's teacher. During this meeting, teachers will share information on pupils' academic progress and general wellbeing in school. More information on this, including how to book a call at a time convenient for you, will be shared in the near future.

Parking around the school site

Unfortunately, we have received complaints from local residents, regarding parents/carers parking over private driveways when dropping-off and collecting their children from school. I ask all parents to show respect and consideration, and to park only in a safe and legal manner around the school site.

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Steve Payne

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all who donated to this year's Poppy Appeal. The money has now been collected. We will let you know the total as soon as we can. The children of Acorns loved making these wonderful 'god's eye' poppies in Forest School last week. They did really well and remembered why we wear a poppy this time every year.



Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

A date for your diaries!
Wednesday 16th December
is Christmas dinner and jumper day. All proceeds will be going to Save the Children, full details to follow.





Children In Need 2020



Mrs T Clark made sure that Oak did not miss out on the fun while in the Forest!



Core Values Congratulations to all our winners!



Week Ending 13.11

Acorns Class - Saskia for Independence & Jack L for Perseverance

Oak Class - Lucas for Respect & Maya for Perseverance

Palm Class - Theo & Jacob for Self Reflection

Sycamore Class - Seth & Margaret for Independence

Cherry Class - John for Self Reflection & Harry for Perseverance

Birch Class - Emily & Max for Perseverance

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

Elm Class - Gaby for Self Reflection & Harry for Respect

Aspen Class - Jessica for Self Reflection & Mary Ann for Perseverance

Week Ending 20.11

Acorns Class - Charlie & Margaret for Respect

Oak Class - Louie for Respect & Ruby H for Self Reflection

Palm Class - Jace for Respect & Anais for Perseverance

Sycamore Class - Charlie W for Self Reflection & Isabella for Independence

Cherry Class - Maya & Niamh for Perseverance

Birch Class - Rui & Florence for Respect

Willow Class - Dylan & Denis for Respect

Elm Class - Kaden R for Self Reflection & Skye for Respect

Aspen Class - Alfie for Self Reflection & Brooke for Respect

