Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2023

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SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 8th November
Flu Immunisations
Whole School

Thursday 9th November
Whole School Parent Consultations

Thursday 24th November
Year 4 Back to the Future Theatre Trip

Friday 24th November
Year 5 Leeds Castle Trip

Monday 4th December
Years 5 & 6
Christmas Carol Service 1pm - 2.30pm

Tuesday 5th December
Year R Nativity 2.15pm - 3pm

Tuesday 5th December
Parent Drop In Session Years 1 - 6

Wednesday 6th December
Years 3 & 4
Christmas Carol Service 1pm - 2.30pm

Friday 8th December
Years 1 & 2
Christmas Production 2pm - 3pm

Thursday 14th December
Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Friday 15th December
End of Term 2

Dear Istead Rise families,

It has been a fantastic day at Istead Rise! We have been extremely impressed by the range of costumes children (and staff!) have worn to help celebrate the launch of our story telling term. We also look forward to welcoming parents into the school to join in our celebration of pupils' writing talents on 13th December.

Don't forget that our first parent consultations of the year are taking place next week, on Thursday the 9th November. It is always a pleasure to be able to share children's successes with families. Nearly all families have already booked their appointments, but there is still time left to book a slot if you haven't yet done so. Appointments are booked using the personalised link that has already been sent to all parents. If you have not received your link or are experiencing any problems with this, please contact the school office for assistance.

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Steve Payne

Nourish contract catering
School Lunch Menu

Our fabulous School Council Team! Belle, Ellie, Freya, William, Ruby, Tess & Elsie

Online Safety Newsletter November 23

Online Safety Newsletter
Staying safe on a PlayStation
Roblox
Ollee - your virtual friend

SEND & Inclusion

Welcome to the start of Term 2 - a busy, exciting and fun term leading up to the Christmas break.

We look forward to seeing you at Parent Consultations on Thursday 9th November. If your child receives SEND support, Mrs Andreou will be available to discuss your child's specific needs. Please contact the school office to book an appointment, either alongside their teacher, or separately before or afterwards.

Mrs Andreou and Mrs M Clark

Upcoming Events

- Youth Club at Future Survival on 04/11/2023
- Girls Group at Dartford YMCA Café on 14/11/2023
- Lego Club at The Meeting Place at The Orchards Shopping Centre on 16/11/2023
- Lego Club at St Botolphs Church Hall on 24/11/2023
- Youth Club at Future Survival on 02/12/2023
- Girls Group at Dartford YMCA Café on 05/12/2023
- Lego Club at The Meeting Place at The Orchards Shopping Centre on 14/12/2023
- Youth Club at Future Survival on 06/01/2024

autism south east

The Children and Young People's Mental Health Service (CYPMHS)

provides emotional wellbeing and mental health advice and support for young people and their families across Kent. The service is open to young people between the ages of 0-18, or up to 25 in some instances, for example those with special educational needs.

CYPMHS offers advice and support for stress, low mood and depression, anxiety, self-harm or difficult to manage behaviours.

NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

Kent and Medway Integrated Care System

looks at how health and care colleagues from the NHS and local councils can work together to make improvements. Its priorities include: giving children the best start in life and working to make sure they are not disadvantaged by where they live or their background and are free from fear or discrimination

Kent and Medway Integrated Care System

Young Minds provide young people with tools to look after their mental health. Their website is full of advice and information on what to do if you're struggling with how you feel. Young Minds empower parents and adults who work with young people, to be the best support they can be to the young people in their lives.

YOUNGMINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

If you have a child aged between 10 and 25-years-old, Kooth offers an online mental health community, giving free and confidential advice. They can chat with a team member about anything that is on their mind.

kooth

Looking ahead - future events:

We will be joining the biggest ever 'show and tell' on Wednesday 29th November, and supporting 1.9 million children who struggle with talking and understanding words. More information for children and parents will be shared closer to the day.

No Pens Day
Show and tell

This year's theme is 'My Voice Matters'. During Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters".

Place2Be's CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 5-11 FEB 2024

Attendance

Our first attendance shop of this academic year was held earlier in the week. We hope your children enjoyed their reward for good attendance.

Attendance Class Awards

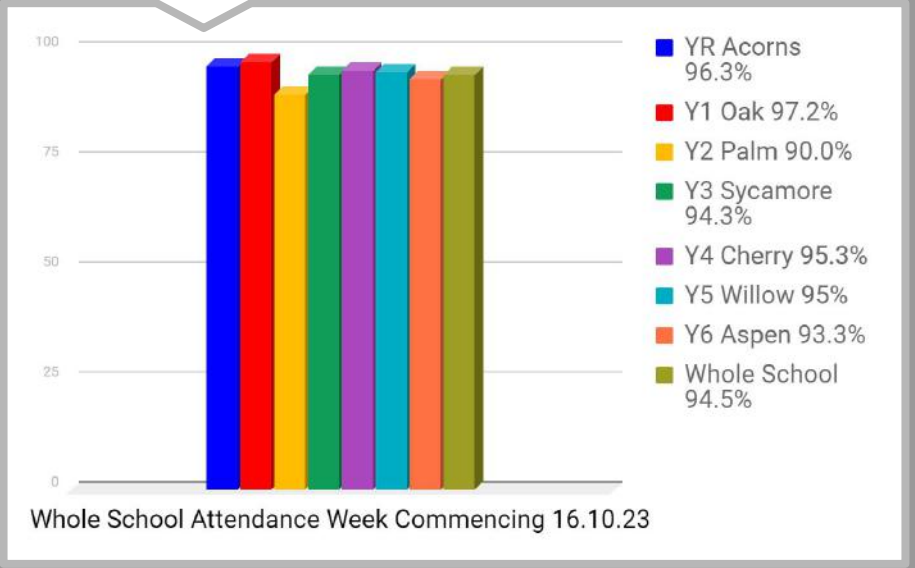
W/C 16.10.23
KS1 - Oak
KS2 - Cherry

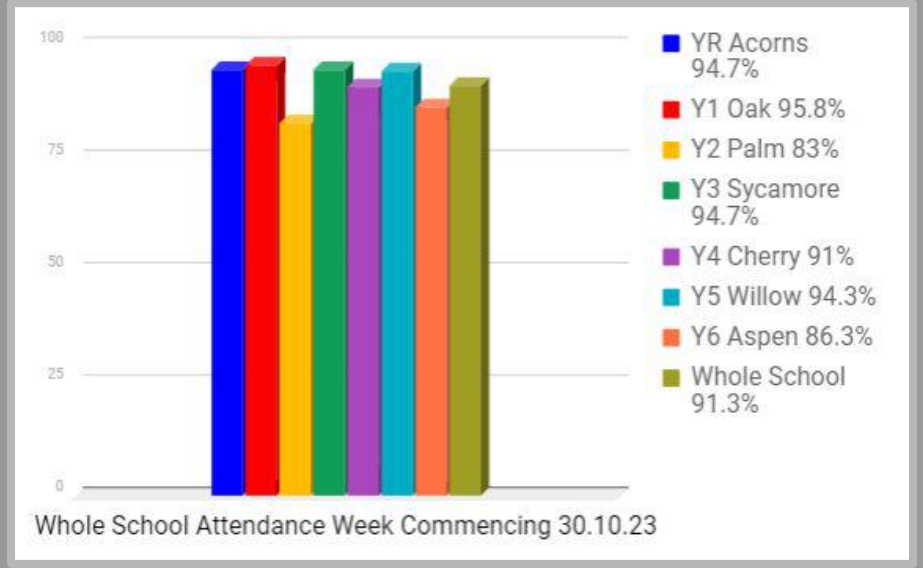
W/C 30.10.23
KS1 - Oak
KS2 - Sycamore

If you need to take your child out of school for any reason you will need to complete the attached form, many thanks

Withdrawal From Learning Form

Cause For Concern	Poor	Good	Excellent
90% Or Less 19 Days Or More Of School Missed Per School Year	90.1% - 95.9% 9- 18 Days Of School Missed Per School Year	96% - 97.9% 4 - 8 Days Of School Missed Per School Year	98% Or Above 0 - 3 Days Of School Missed Per School Year





Acorns

Stay and play
The children had a wonderful time with their parents, carers and grandparents during stay and play. They completed an array of activities including leaf printing, weaving, leaf rubbing, autumn tree paintings and autumn hedgehogs. It was wonderful to see so many adults engaging with the children.

Say no to racism - Acorn class took part in 'Say No To Racism'. The children have all been learning a lot about each other and how everyone is unique. There were lots of lovely conversations and some very touching moments.

Oak

The children really enjoyed their visit to the Gurdwara at the end of last term. The ladies who showed the children around were very impressed with the children's knowledge of Sikhism and their behaviour around the temple.

Palm

This term in Science we are continuing our focus on animals including humans. We have sorted the animals according to their characteristics.

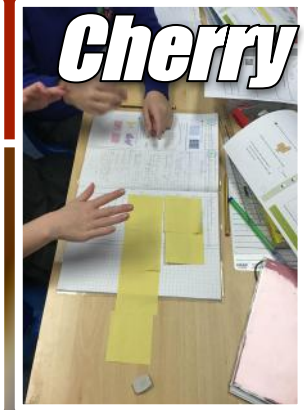
What fabulous story book costumes! Well done everyone!

As part of our Sikhism lessons in RE, we had a great time making chapatis. We rolled the dough, cooked the chapatis and enjoyed eating them while learning about Sikh traditions. We discovered that during Diwali, Sikhs come together to enjoy delicious food in a feast. It was a fun and tasty experience for the class!

Sycamore

The children have made a fantastic start to term 2. In maths we are in our final week of learning about addition and subtraction. The children are learning to estimate by rounding and using column addition and subtraction to answer questions. They have also been learning the inverse (opposite) operation eg: 105 + 59 = 164 and 164 - 59 = 105. In English we have watched a video clip and will be writing a fictional story based on the clip, we worked in groups to produce some collaborative ideas which can be developed. In R.E. we are learning about Christianity and will be focusing on creation stories this term. Electricity is the theme for science this term and the children enjoyed exploring electrical appliances thinking about health and safety.

Cherry



Last term we showed racism the red card by wearing red to school and this term in PSHE we will be discussing how we are different through our theme celebrating difference.

We've had a great start to Term 2! In English we are writing a narrative based on The Time Machine by HG Wells, and have also used a graphic novel version of the book for guided reading. In Maths this week, we have been looking at how to find the area of a rectangle using squares, and next week we will move onto our Multiplication and Division unit which will run for the rest of the term. In Science we have started our new unit on Electricity, looking initially at what electricity is and what it can power. This term in RE we are looking at pilgrimages for Christianity, while in Art we are looking at light and shade in drawing and painting. And of course we have our trip to the theatre in a few weeks to look forward to!

Willow

Willow had a really exciting last week of term 1. They made lunar habitats for Black History Month after learning about Katherine Johnson, an African-American mathematician whose calculations of orbital mechanics were critical to the lunar spaceflights. They also visited the Gurdwara in Gravesend with year 1. The day was fantastic and the children really enjoyed it. They've also been busy printing in art and learning about musical notation in music lessons.

Willow

Aspen

Welcome back, Year 6! The hard work has started already - you have had a great first week back.

In Maths, we have continued with division. This week, the children learnt the method for long division as well as the BODMAS method to work out the order of operations in a question.

In History, we have started our Victorians topic. Year 6 loved the first lesson; they had so many questions to ask and bits of information to share. We looked at events that happened in Britain during the Victorian era as well as learning about the British Empire. For this topic, we have a loan box with different artefacts in from Maidstone Museum which we have had a brief look at so far. The children were interested to see some of the items and compared the modern-day washing machine to a bowl and mangle!

Forest School Aspen

Year 6 spent their last Forest School session enjoying a Graduation ceremony. They all received a Forest School medal and certificate. This class were my first set of children in the Forest 6 years ago. It has been lovely to see the growth they have all made.

Friends of Istead Rise Primary School

The attached link will take to you a copy of FIRPS' quarterly newsletter

FIRPS Autumn Newsletter

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
ISTEAD RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS MARKET

SPONSORED BY ROBINSON, MICHAEL & JACKSON

7 DECEMBER

15:15 - 18:15

CRAFT STALLS ★ GAMES ★ FACE PAINTING

FOOD & DRINK ★ ACTIVITIES

PUBLIC EVENT ★ FREE ENTRY ★ CASH ONLY

ISTEAD RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL, DOWNS RD, GRAVESEND, DA13 9HG

Friends of Istead Rise PrimarySchool

FIRPS XMAS

RAFFLE

TICKET £1

OVER 50 AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON !

FRIDAY, 8 DECEMBER | AT 10 AM

Enter here or via the QR code below

- Xbox Series S
- Lakeland air fryer
- £50 Amazon voucher
- £50 Bluewater voucher
- £100 one for all voucher
- Family Showcase voucher
- Restaurant vouchers
- Microneedling facial
- Range of beauty vouchers
- Plus so much more

SCAN ME

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Friends of Istead Rise Primary School

W/E 20.10
Most Valuable Player
1st Edward of Cherry
2nd Samuel Yanis of Cherry
3rd Grace of Willow

W/E 20.10
Winning Class
1st Cherry
2nd Sycamore
3rd Willow

W/E 03.11
Most Valuable Player
1st Charlie S of Sycamore
2nd Edward of Cherry
3rd Samuel Yanis of Cherry

W/E 03.11
Winning Class
1st Cherry
2nd Sycamore
3rd Willow

Congratulations for all your hard work!

Bronze Peg Up Points

W/E 03.11
Poppy, Millie C, Kasey, Harry, Carter & Blake of Willow, Stanley, Saskia, Margaret & Charlie of Sycamore, Ruby W-N, Cooper M, Delphine, Edward, Martin, Ruby H, Esme, Summer & Otis Cherry

W/E 20.10
Anais, Lyra, Mille H, Molly, Ronak, Scarlett, Lillie, Tess, Thomas, Tommy, Theo, Mila, Lucas, Jacob, Charlie, Jace, Harvey, Grace, Finn, Charlie, Brody & Alfie of Willow, Darcey & Alf of Sycamore, Nihaal, Matilda, Emilia & Katelyn of Cherry

Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners

Week Ending 20.10
Acorns Class
Jaxon & Jeremias for Independence, James for Perseverance
Oak Class
Neda for Self Reflection, Jacob T for Perseverance & Charlie for Independence
Palm Class
Florence for Self Reflection, Raelie for Respect & Mary Kate for Perseverance
Sycamore Class
Kiera & George for Self Reflection, Lyla for Respect
Cherry Class
Freddie for Self Reflection, Oliver M for Independence & Emilia for Perseverance
Willow Class
Carter & Jacob for Self Reflection, Harry for Independence
Aspen Class
Jude & Jess D for Perseverance, Oliver for Independence

Week Ending 03.11
Acorns Class
Ava & Joshua for Respect, Rosie for Independence
Oak Class
Eliza for Perseverance, Oscar for Independence & Adriana for Self Reflection
Palm Class
Freya & Leo H for Respect, Mary Kate for Independence
Sycamore Class
Nevaeh for Independence, Sujaan for Respect & Ella for Self Reflection
Cherry Class
Ruby WN & Arabella for Perseverance, Abril for Independence
Willow Class
Kasey, Theo & Charlie for Self Reflection
Aspen Class
Abigail & Rosie for Perseverance, Carlyle for Respect