



Istead Rise Primary Celebration Newsletter

Friday 16th September 2022

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QUEEN ELIZABETH II
1926-2022
RIP



Monday 19th September
Queen Elizabeth II
State Funeral
Bank Holiday
School Closed

Tuesday 20th
September
Year 1 Phonics
Workshop
9:00am-9:30am

Thursday 22nd
September
Online Safety Workshop
9:15am-10:15am

Parent Drop In Sessions
Years 1-6
Tuesday 4th October
3:15pm-3:45pm

Friday 7th October
Year 3 Trip
Orchard Theatre

Friday 21st October
End of Term 1

Monday 31st October
Term 2 Begins

Dear Istead Rise Families,

We hope you all enjoyed a fabulous summer break and welcome all children, parents and carers back for the start of the 2022/23 academic year.

The start of a new school year is an exciting time, but can also be somewhat daunting for children as they have to adjust to working with new adults, in new classrooms and, in some instances, even in a whole new building. With this in mind, I would like to congratulate all pupils in our school on how well, and how quickly, they have settled-in and adapted to these changes. Classrooms have a healthy buzz about them and children are already taking significant steps forward in their learning. To be honest, it feels like none of us have ever been away!

We extend a special welcome to our new Reception children and their families. The class have made a brilliant start to the year and are quickly making new friends and becoming accustomed to their new environment. We know that for many parents, your child starting school for the first time can cause some anxieties. So please remember, if you ever have any worries, you can speak to any member of our team, at any time, and we will always do anything we can to help.

We hope you enjoy reading what your children have been getting up to so far this year and thank you all for your continued support.

Steve Payne

Attendance

As a school we have a duty to ensure that all pupils attend regularly so they achieve their full potential. The Government sets a minimum expectation of 95% attendance for every pupil. Istead Rise Primary School aims for 96% which is endorsed by the Trust, Ofsted and the Local Authority. Any pupil whose attendance falls below 96% will be monitored very carefully by us and further action may be taken if it does not improve. We need parents/carers to ensure that their child(ren) attend school on time every day so that they never miss a learning opportunity. Please use this link to take you to our 'School Attendance' page on our website for full information regarding absence from school [Istead Rise Attendance](#)



Keeping you up-to-date of your child's activities and achievements at school is important to us. We are excited to inform you that a new program called 'Marvellous Me' will be launched on Tuesday 20th September 2022! Marvellous Me is a free app that you can download where you will be able to receive alerts from your child's class teacher that will make you smile and feel proud. Look out for badges celebrating the successes your child has during their day at school.

Please note that parent joining codes will be handed out to all parents at the end of the day on Tuesday 20th September.

Acorns

Our new beginnings at school

Welcome to our new little Acorn children! Coming to a new school can be quite daunting but we have to say, the children were very excited to see their new environment. Here are some photos taken from the Stay and Play photos for you to see!

Topic

Our topic this term is 'All About Me'. This topic is a fantastic opportunity for us to learn more about your child and their interests. If you have any photos of your child as a baby, we would love to see them. Sharing photos together promotes communication and language learning and supports your child in understanding everyone is unique.



Communication and Language/Understanding the World

The children had fun this week, drawing themselves and members of their family. They shared their family portraits, naming and describing people who are familiar to them. The children also learned about the similarities and differences between families.



Acorns

Maths

In maths, we have been learning to match objects. As a group, we looked at animals that were the same and made matching pairs. Some of us rose to the challenge of explaining things that were the same and things that were different between some of the animals

Expressive Art

We have been mixing colours and making patterns.



Fine motor skills

Every morning, we have been involved with different activities to develop our fine motor skills. One activity that we all really liked, was manipulating play dough to make an object.



We made a snail



An Olaf



A pattern

Writing

Writing our names can be a little tricky but the children have all made a super effort in trying. It was nice for the children to say 'Well done' to their friends!



Science

In Science, we learnt about the word 'absorb' and how different coloured liquid is absorbed through kitchen towel. Seren recognised she had made a rainbow.



Oak

What a fantastic start to Year 1! Oak class have been very busy in maths sorting objects. They had to work out their own way of sorting the objects and explain why they sorted them a particular way. They have also been sorting animals in Science according to their classification types (fish, mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and insects).



Palm

Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the new year! We have been working hard to write a set of instructions on how to make a perilous potion. We have had lots of fun thinking about what we would include in them and what might happen to someone if they tasted it!

In Maths we have been looking at place value. Using different resources, we looked at how many tens and ones make up two digit numbers. We have also loved using TTRS to practice our 10 times tables and look at the patterns between multiplying and dividing. Next week we will be moving onto our 2's and 5's to see how quickly we can answer the questions!

In Science, we have been looking at materials. We sorted them by colour, use and material before discussing the properties of each. We spoke about why objects are made from a certain material over others, for example why a pillow is made of fabric rather than stone and why wellies are made of rubber and not glass!



Sycamore

Transitioning from KS1 to KS2 has meant that the children have had to get used to a whole new building, teacher and a new set of expectations. They have settled in really well and are already showing a willingness to persevere and become more independent.

We have been learning about tigers in English and have started writing an information text, which is full of facts about these amazing animals. The class have worked hard on their presentation and are taking care with their handwriting, I have been very pleased with them!

In maths we have been working on Place Value and introducing some reasoning and problem solving work to stretch and challenge them. They have found writing in new maths books a little bit tricky, but are quickly getting used to the new format and how to present their maths learning.

During the afternoons we have spent time learning about lots of different things. In Spanish, they have learnt how to greet people and in music they are learning how to find the pulse, rhythm and pitch in a piece of music. We have also been learning all about the counties and cities of the UK and time zones in geography.

Cherry

Cherry Class have had a fantastic start to the new academic year and have settled well into year 4. Our first English sequence of learning has been writing a biography about the ocean explorer Jacques Cousteau, the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning facts about this great man. This week in guided reading we read a fact file about Queen Elizabeth II and answered questions about her life. Our science topic this term is rocks, the children have been making careful observations using rock descriptors and thinking about the properties of rock. In geography we have been learning about the position and significance of the Equator, the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere.



Willow

Year 5 have had an excellent start to the year and are settling in nicely to the upstairs corridor. In guided reading we have completed our first text about Baba Yaga, and are doing well on our second - 'Dagon'. In writing we have reached the drafting stage of our sequence, concentrating on descriptive language and building atmosphere through an encounter with a Troll. In maths we are working on place value, which has included working with numbers up to a million and powers of 10. Music has involved learning Living on a Prayer by Bon Jovi, which the children are really enjoying; and in science we have started our unit on the properties of materials by looking at how they can be described and sorted.



REPORT FORM FOR KILLED TROLLS
National Supervision Program for troll Norway Trol Service

The troll killed: ☐ Male ☐ Female, of species ☒ Mountain troll ☐ Forest troll
was taken down/beard the: ☐ antipode, due to:
☐ wounds ☐ self-defence ☐ curiosity ☐ disease
☐ other (not cause):

The troll: ☐ crooked ☐ calcified ☐ conventional

Name of place: Norway Community: _____
Territory of known: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ H ☐ I
UTM map reference: _____

GPS reading: UTM-one: _____ North: _____ East: _____

If the troll is taken down due to wounds the following samples are to be taken as quickly as possible:
2 flesh samples, hair sample, skin sample, 100ml of blood, 100ml of urine, 100ml of feces, 100ml of liver sample

Troll species: Torne Head count: _____
Weight of troll: Whole: _____ Pounds without head: _____ Pounds: _____ Heart: _____ Pounds: _____
Troll measurements: N/A (measure with a stretched tape measure)
1. Chest: _____ inches 2. Body length (without tail): _____ inches
3. Tail length (from root to tip): _____ inches 4. Length of nose: _____ inches
5. Head diameter: _____ inches 6. Length of head: _____ inches
7. Length of arm: _____ inches 8. Length of arm: _____ inches

Observer: _____ Tid: _____

Elm & Aspen

Well done Year 6 for a great start to the new term! We have been busy writing a narrative in English, using lots of suspense, high level vocabulary and have just been learning how to effectively address the reader. In Maths, we have been recapping place value up to one million. Both classes have worked very hard on this - well done! In Spanish, our first topic for the term is 'En el colegio', learning how to say the school subjects in Spanish; as well as how to ask and respond to what our favourite or least favourite subjects are. Science was lots of fun this week! We have started our topic about materials and carried out our first practical experiment. Using weights, the children investigated the properties of different materials, looking at how strong or flexible they were and how this affected their movement. Well done to those children who are regularly reading, using Times Tables Rockstars and recording these in their planners.



Meopham School

OPEN EVENING 2022

Thursday 29th September
5pm - 7:30pm

Strictly for current Year 6 pupils for
Admissions in September 2023

Head of School's presentation at
4:30pm, 5:15pm, 6pm and 6:45pm

This will be a ticketed event, maximum of 3 tickets per family

Please click and follow the link to book your tickets for
the Head of School's presentation

Open evening is limited to up to 2 adults
and 1 child per family



St John's Open Evening

Thursday 22nd September

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting our
Open Evening on Thursday 22nd September from 6pm-9pm.

*St John's welcome applications from other Christian denominations
and religious faiths.*

Wheelchair access

Families are welcome

Headteacher Talks will take place at
6.45pm and 8.00pm

*We are also holding Open Morning tours from the week
beginning Monday 26th September. These can now be booked
through the School Office.*

For more details, please contact us on: 01474 534 718

Children in the Hub took their learning outside for Maths this week. They enjoyed writing numbers in the correct place value using chalk.

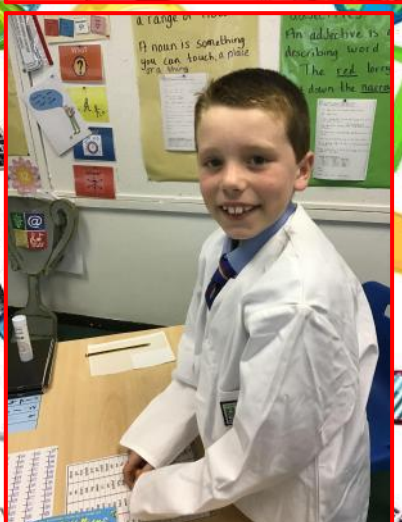
In English the children had a lot of fun moulding a new character for the book they are reading - Fantastic Mr Fox.

They also had a visit from Monty, a therapy dog. Monty likes to listen to the group read before they take him out for a walk and maybe a treat or two.

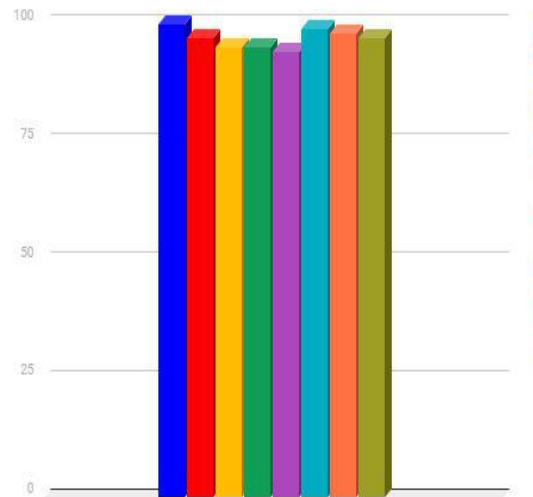


The Hub

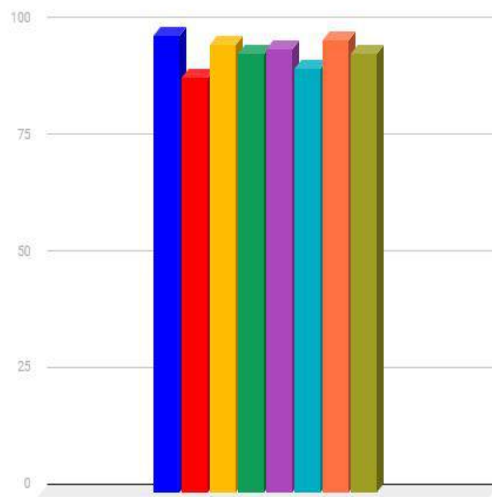
In STEM club this week, the children were engaged with oracy where they discussed what an Incline Plane is and where we use them. The children in the club had a lot of fun making their own machine whilst using scientific language to describe what they had made.



STEM Club



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 05.09.22



Whole School Attendance Week Commencing 12.09.22

Mathletics

**Gold
Mathletics**

W/E 09/09
Esme of Sycamore

W/E 16/09
Maisie of Elm, Evelyn of
Palm, Jacob of Cherry & Mia
& Cerys of Willow

**Congratulations for
all your hard work!**

Core Values Congratulations To All Our Winners

Week Ending 09.09

Acorns Class

**Olivia & Nathan for Independence &
Frank for Respect**

Oak Class

**Leo D & Bobby for Independence &
Emilia for Respect**

Palm Class

**Ella for Independence, Henry for Respect
& Taylor for Perseverance**

Sycamore Class

**Cooper M & Kai for Independence
& Ava for Respect**

Cherry Class

**Mila for Perseverance, Millie H for Self Reflection
& Lucas for Independence**

Willow Class

**Lacie for Independence, Isabelle for Self Reflection
& Charlie C for Respect**

Elm Class

**Parker & Ann-Louise for Respect & Florence for Independence
Aspen Class**

Henry & Bobby for Independence

Week Ending 16.09

Acorns Class

Seren & Jacob F for Perseverance

Oak Class

Zachary & Chase for Perseverance & Iyla for Independence

Palm Class

**Darcey for Independence, George for Perseverance
& Alicia for Respect**

Sycamore Class

**Summer for Independence, Delphine for Respect
& Nihaal for Self Reflection**

Cherry Class

**David for Independence, Thomas for Respect
& Blake for Perseverance**

Willow Class

Jessica S & Isabella for Respect & Isaac for Self Reflection

Elm Class

**Mia for Self Reflection, Fraser for Respect &
Dylan for Independence**

Aspen Class

John & Kian for Perseverance & Tyler C for Respect





Times Tables Rock Stars



W/E 16.09

W/E 16.09

Most Valuable Player
1st Millie H of Cherry
2nd Parker L of Elm
3rd Ronak of Cherry

Winning Class
1st Elm
2nd Cherry
3rd Willow



Friends

of Istead Rise Primary School

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Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 5th October 2022

@ 14:15pm KS2 Hall

For more information please use this link

[FIRPS AGM 2022](#)

Guitar Lessons

If you would like your child to learn the guitar in school on a Friday afternoon, our teacher Chris has a few slots available (Years 3-6)

Please contact Chris
on 07940 046124
or email

downschris6@aol.com

for more information



Wilder Kent Awards 2022

Istead Rise Primary School took part in the 'Wilder Kent Awards 2022' which is organised by the Kent Wildlife Trust. We were delighted to have been awarded a bronze award for our efforts to create a wilder Kent. Listed below is some of the feedback from the trust regarding our areas of strength.

"We love the amount of your grounds that you have given over to wildlife and the photos of the robins, fox cubs and range of invertebrates really show the benefits of this."

"We love that you have created a pond – no matter the size it will always support wildlife."

"We love that you are able to deliver Forest School sessions to each year group."

We will be taking part again and hope to achieve Silver or even the Gold Award for this coming year.



**Wilder Kent
AWARDS**

BRONZE 2022

Kent Wildlife Trust is proud to present this certificate to

Istead Rise Primary School

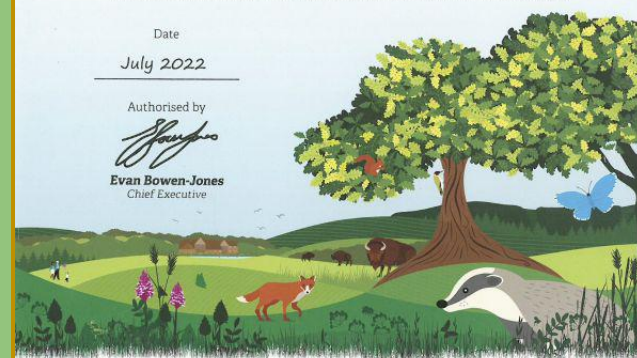
in recognition of their positive action to create a Wilder Kent.

Date

July 2022

Authorised by

Evan Bowen-Jones
Chief Executive



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



Week 1
Week Commencing 19th September

Monday	Main Meals Chicken & Beef Sausage with Mash & Onion Gravy Tex Mex Vegetarian Sausage Hot Pot V Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	Vegetables Sweetcorn & Peas Ve Dessert Coconut & Vanilla Sponge V
Tuesday	Main Meals Mild Chicken & Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice Sweet Potato & Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice Ve Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	Vegetables Cauliflower & Green Beans Ve Dessert Orange Shortbread Ve
Wednesday	Main Meals Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy BBQ Roast Sweet Potato & Bean Loaf with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Ve Wholegrain Pasta with Tomato Sauce Ve	Vegetables Seasonal Greens & Carrots Ve Dessert Apple & Oaty Topped Crumble Ve with Custard V
Thursday	Main Meals Beef Burger in a Bun Homemade Vegan Burger in a Bun Ve Jacket Potato with Cheese V	Vegetables Broccoli & Sweetcorn Ve Dessert Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie V
Friday	Main Meals Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Burrito Wrap Ve Pasta with Tomato Sauce Ve	Vegetables Peas & Baked Beans Ve Dessert Maryland Cookie V
Freshly Baked Bread: Garlic & Herb Bread V Wholemeal Bread V		
Week 1: 19 th April, 9 th May, 6 th June, 27 th June, 18 th July, 30 th August, 19 th September, 10 th October, 31 st October		

Monday	Main Meals BBQ Chicken Pizza Margherita Pizza V Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise	Vegetables Sweetcorn Ve & Coleslaw V Dessert Chocolate & Courgette Sponge with Chocolate Sauce V
Tuesday	Main Meals Sweet & Sour Chicken with Steamed Rice Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Steamed Rice Ve Wholegrain Pasta with Tomato Sauce Ve	Vegetables Cauliflower & Peas Ve Dessert Oat & Cherry Cookie Ve
Wednesday	Main Meals Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Cauliflower & Cheese Bake with Roast Potatoes & Gravy V Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	Vegetables Seasonal Greens & Carrots Ve Dessert Banana Flapjack Ve
Thursday	Main Meals Beef & Bean Chilli with Rice Vegan Chilli Con Carne with Rice Ve Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	Vegetables Broccoli & Sweetcorn Ve Dessert Apple & Parsnip Sponge V
Friday	Main Meals Battered Fish with Oven Baked Chips Vegetable Goujon with Oven Baked Chips Ve Pasta with Roasted Tomato Sauce Ve	Vegetables Baked Beans & Peas Ve Dessert Cherry Cookie Ve
Freshly Baked Bread: Carrot & Thyme Bread V Wholemeal Bread V		
Week 2: 25 th April, 16 th May, 13 th June, 4 th July, 5 th September, 26 th September, 17 th October		

Monday	Main Meals Cottage Pie topped with Sliced Sweet Potato Macaroni & Cheese V Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	Vegetables Peas & Carrots Ve Dessert Sticky Banana Bread V
Tuesday	Main Meals Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Pasta Vegetable Jambalaya Ve Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayonnaise	Vegetables Cauliflower & Broccoli Ve Dessert Chocolate Shortbread Ve
Wednesday	Main Meals Thyme Roast Chicken Breast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Roasted Ratatouille with Crumble Ve Wholegrain Pasta with Cheese Sauce V	Vegetables Seasonal Greens & Mashed Swede Ve Dessert Waffles with Berry Compote V
Thursday	Main Meals Beef Burger in a Bun Vegan Bolognese with Spaghetti Ve Jacket Potato with Baked Beans Ve	Vegetables Sweetcorn Ve & Coleslaw V Dessert Jammy Bread & Butter Pudding with Custard V
Friday	Main Meals Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips BBQ Vegetable Quesadilla V Pasta with Tomato Sauce Ve	Vegetables Baked Beans & Peas Ve Dessert Chocolate Sponge V
Freshly Baked Bread: Tomato & Herb Bread V Wholemeal Bread V		
Week 3: 3 rd May, 23 rd May, 20 th June, 11 th July, 12 th September, 3 rd October, 24 th October		

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

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.

BM2 Istead Rise
Available Every Day
Fresh Fruit Platter Ve
Homemade Fruit Yoghurt V

April 2022

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD