INSTOW COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter
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WE ARE A NUT,CHICKPEA AND SESAME FREE SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to the children who took part in Bikeability – they did well despite the challenging weather conditions.

Thank you to everyone who made donations to Children in Need and our 'coin Pudsy' on the playground.

Mrs Mardling and the Instow Team.

Parents of children with Special Educational Needs

Find out more about the White Paper

Every Child Achieving and Thriving is the Government's White Paper about schools and SEND. It shares proposals for improving support, inclusion, and outcomes for children and young people. Please follow the link below to read the full document.
Every child achieving and thriving - GOV.UK

Attendance

Well done to this week's winners

Class 5: 98.70%

Class 4: 98.60%

Class 1: 95%

Class 2: 94.70%

Class 3: 93.20%

New dates for your diary

Thurs 19th Nov: Cl 5 assembly @2.45pm
Fri 20th Nov: Non Uniform and bring a bottle for the Christmas Fayre
Fri 27th Nov: Cl2 & Cl3 Cinema trip
Thurs 3rd Dec: Guitar assembly at 9am
Fri 4th Dec: Christingle service @ 2.30pm at St Johns Baptist Church, Instow
Tues 8th Dec: Cl2 & Cl3 dress rehearsal
Wed 9th Dec: Cl2 & Cl3 Christmas performance @ 2pm
Thurs 10th Dec: Cl2 & Cl3 Christmas performance @ 2pm
Fri 11th Dec: Christmas Fayre @ 3pm
Tues 15th Dec: EYFS dress rehearsal
Wed 16th Dec: EYFS Nativity @ 1.45pm
Mon 14th Dec: Christmas lunch – **New Date**
Fri 18th Dec: Last day of term

Please look on the website calendar to keep up with the dates for the whole academic year.

What to do if you have a safeguarding concern?

You can talk to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Mardling or one of our deputy Safeguarding Leads; Mr Bedford, Miss Harvest or Sharon Goodwin.

If it is outside the school day and you are worried about a child's safety, report it immediately. For immediate danger, call the police on **999**. Otherwise, contact the Devon Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on **0345 155 1071** or use the online request for support form to report your concerns to social care.

Mrs Guymer's Lunch Menu

Week 1 menu

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Spaghetti bolognaise (DF)	Burger (DF)	Roasted sausages (DF)	Tomato pasta (DF) (V)	Chicken nuggets(DF)
Vegetarian	Veggie bolognaise (DF)	Veggie burger(DF)	Veggie plait		Veggie nuggets (DF)
Sides	Garlic bread (DF)	Potato cubes, vegetables (DF)	Roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli (DF)	Vegetables, Garlic bread (DF)	Chips or pasta and vegetables (DF)
Jacket Potato	Beans (DF)	Cheese	Beans (DF)	Beans and cheese	Tuna mayo (DF)
Pudding	Banana cake(DF), yoghurt, fruit	Ice cream (DF), fruit or yoghurt	Fruit salad (DF) or yoghurt	Jelly (DF), fruit or yoghurt	Oaty cookie (DF), fruit or yoghurt

DF - Dairy Free

Dairy free yoghurts available every day.

Your Top Doodling Classes this week!



Here are the Top Doodling classes at Instow Community Primary School for the last seven days:

DoodleMaths: Trinity Year 5 (40% of pupils in the green zone)
DoodleTables: Lundy Year 4 (13% of pupils in the green zone)
DoodleEnglish: Trinity Year 5 (20% of pupils in the green zone)
DoodleSpell: Hartland Class - Year 3 (20% of pupils in the green zone)

Congratulations to all of the pupils in the green zone – they should be really proud of themselves!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done!
This week's stars

Cl2: Isla

Cl3: Tommy

Cl4: Arthur

Cl5: Toby

Let's Talk Safer Families

Let's Talk Safer Families is a platform designed to support parents, carers, professionals, and communities to have open conversations about issues that can affect children's safety. The platform provides free, accessible information, advice, and resources on a range of topics to help families build resilience, recognise risks, and know where to access support when needed.

Website link: [Let's Talk Safer Families]



Changes to the Ofsted framework since our last inspection

As we look ahead to our Ofsted inspection in May, we wanted to share a little information about the new framework and the report card that will be published afterwards.

This is simply to help parents understand the process and the language used in the final report. It is not a reflection of a change in our practice, as the standards we are working to are the same high standards we hold ourselves to every day.

Our priorities remain the same: to provide an excellent education, to care for every child well, and to ensure all pupils are supported to thrive. The new framework highlights areas such as the quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, leadership and management, safeguarding and inclusion, all of which are already central to our daily work.

We hope this will help parents feel informed and confident about what to expect when the report card is shared.



Children in Need

The children looked wonderful in their spots and stripes for Children in Need. We were especially impressed by the amazing Pudsey they created out of pennies - a fantastic display of creativity and teamwork!





To the lovely Parents and Carers of Instow.

Request for Christmas Fayre

All- bring in a jar filled with treats e.g. chocolates, sweets, toys, craft bits for the ElfHouse

EYFS Unit - Windmills and Sandcastles- please donate chocolate for the chocolate tombola- can be Christmas and Non Christmas chocolate

Class 2 - Good quality cuddly toys

Class 3- Cakes for a cake stall. Please donate on the morning of the fair.

Class 4- Sweets and Popcorn for Sweet Bags

Class 5- Small prizes e.g. bouncy balls, pencils, sweets etc

Or any of the above if you are feeling generous.

If anyone has any raffle prizes as well or knows or could ask a company.

Please bring in from now and take into Class.

Remember you will need cash for the Fayre.

Thank you.

If you or anyone you know would like a stall then it is £10 and a raffle prize please email class1support@instowcps.co.uk

We would also welcome any company donations for our raffle.