

Ickniel Walk First School



NEWSLETTER - Autumn 2023 10

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Coming up this week:

Thursday 16th	Recorder Clubs Lab Tots - Literacy room Football Feet	Wednesday 22nd	Piano & Guitar lessons
Friday 17th	Non school uniform for Children in Need—wear spots or bright colours Year 4 Eagle swimming	Thursday 23rd	Recorder Clubs Lab Tots - Literacy room Football Feet
Monday 20th	Learning logs go home 3.15-4.15pm - KS1 (Years 1&2) Art Club in Owl classroom	Friday 24th	Year 1 History of Toys workshop for pupils only Year 4 Eagle class swimming



Children in Need Challenge 2023



This week the children have been taking part in a fitness challenge for 1 minute every day in aid of Children in Need.

Children in **Year 1 to Year 4** have been counting how many Bearpees (burpees) they can each do in a minute for 5 days and see if they improve. They will log their Bearpees on their own individual chart in the classroom. (The exercise will be adapted for all children involved). Tomorrow, they will add up how many they have done over the week both individually and as a class.

Nursery and Reception will count how many Star Jumps they can do in 30 sec to 1 minute, the exercise will be adapted for all children involved - not just by time.

Tomorrow, the children can wear non-uniform to school. The theme for Children in Need this year is bright colours or spots.

To show your support of your child and the charity, please donate what you can afford by donating online at www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk or by scanning the QR code.

Thank you for your support!



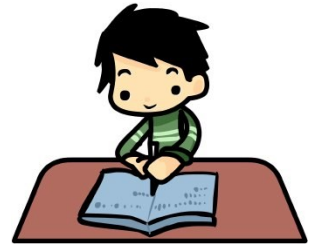
Message from Mrs Sherwood

Thank you so much to everyone that supported the PTA Fireworks on Saturday. Thank you to everyone who volunteered in whatever way that you helped; the PTA really couldn't have done it without you. The event went extremely well and display was fantastic.

PE - Please ensure that your child has their school shoes as well as their outdoor PE trainers with them at school. A number of children have been coming to school already in their PE trainers but forgetting their school shoes. PE trainers have been getting very muddy as PE has been taking place on the field. Please also send spare socks as the trainers may also get wet which seeps through to the children's socks. Many thanks.

View your child's work

We will be opening our classrooms (Reception to Year 4) from **3.30-4.30pm on Wednesday 6th December** for parents and carers to view their child's work books. Please ensure that your child stays with you while you are viewing their work books as they will be able to answer any questions that you may have about their work.



Christmas Information

Monday 4th December - Christmas Post Box open
Monday 4th December - Learning logs return to school
Wednesday 6th December - 3.30pm - View your child's workbooks in their classrooms
Thursday 7th December - 9.30 am Nursery Christmas Performance
Thursday 7th December - 2.00 pm Reception Christmas Performance
Tuesday 12th December - 9.30 am - Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 12th December - 2.00 pm - Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13th December - 9.30 am - Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13th December 2.00 pm - Years 3 & 4 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 19th December - 10.00 am - Whole School Carol Service
Tuesday 19th December - Christmas Lunch for Nursery & School
Tuesday 19th December - Last day for Christmas Post Box
Wednesday 20th December - Class Christmas parties and last day of term
Friday 5th January 2024 - Return to school

Please keep checking the newsletter for more updates.

Christmas Post Box - if your child would like, they may send Christmas cards to their friends and post them in the school Christmas post box, which will be available from 4th to 19th December. Please ensure that the recipient's full name and class are on the envelopes so that year 4 Christmas helpers can deliver them to the correct classes.

Thank you.

Nursery Open Evening for prospective parents

Thursday 7th December

4.30-5.30pm

Please contact the school office to book your place by calling 01763 243392 or emailing: admin@icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you.

NURSERY ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Our admissions process opened on 1st October for children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021.

Please visit our website and view the admissions page for further information.

Current Vacancies at our school

Cleaner

We have a vacancy for a cleaner to join our dedicated team as soon as possible. We need a cleaner weekdays (early morning or either afternoon or early evening) during term time for two hours and fifteen minutes each day, some additional holiday cleaning will also be required. The rate of pay is £11.59 per hour. Previous cleaning experience would be an advantage but not essential.

At Icknield Walk First School we take the safety of our children very seriously and all applications will be thoroughly vetted and will be subject to DBS checks, health checks and references. You will be asked questions about safeguarding children in your interview and you will receive regular safeguarding training while you are working with us.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon, TOMORROW

Please email finance@icknieldwalk.herts.sch.uk for further information on either of the vacancies and an application form.

RECEPTION AND MIDDLE SCHOOL PLACE ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Applications opened on 1st November.

Parents of year 4 children should visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions to apply for their child's place at King James Academy Royston or alternative education settings for September 24.

Parents of Nursery children should apply for their child's reception place by visiting www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions.

The application deadline for both reception and middle school places is 15th January 2024.

SCHOOL LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Can you spare an hour a week to help in our school library?

All volunteers will be trained by a member of our staff and duties include returning library books to shelves, scanning bar codes of books for children to take home and scanning bar codes of books being returned. Library sessions usually take place in the afternoons. If you are interested, please email the school office. Volunteers will need to have a school DBS. We look forward to hearing from you.



[Angels](#) are an experience-led charity that aims to make the world a better place for autistic children and children with ADHD.

We have recently started to expand our services and produce neurodiversity themed podcasts. These are short and informal chats about life as neuro-divergent families, and cover a range of different topics including:

- Living with ADHD
- What is an EHCP
- Sensory Needs
- Autism and ADHD Accessing Health

These are a great way to keep informed and listen to other parents' experiences and advice on supporting children with SEND.

You can [listen to the Angels Podcasts on Spotify](#), or find them in the Podcasts app on your iPhone. Give it a go!

PTA NEWS

We would like to thank the school staff and volunteers for helping with our fireworks event on Saturday and for helping with the clean up on Sunday. Thank you to Tesco for the rolls and to Heasells for supplying the lights. Also, a huge thank you to all of the people who supported the event by coming along with your friends and families. We saw a record number of spectators through the gates this year and a massive £10,000 was taken through ticket sales and event purchases.

PTA Rainbow Raffle

On Friday 1st December, the children will be able to come to school in non-uniform for the day. Instead of monetary donations, the PTA would be grateful if you could donate something for the Christmas raffle to enable us to make up our (now rather legendary) hamper raffle prizes.

Colours this year are:

- Nursery - **Red**
- Reception - **Orange**
- Year 1 - **Yellow**
- Year 2 - **Green**
- Year 3 - **Blue**
- Year 4 - **Purple**

Suitable items include:

Biscuits, Bottles of wine, Candles, Chocolate, Crisps, Other alcohol, Pamper/bath items, Soft drinks, Sweets Or anything else suitable for a hamper prize!

Please send the donations into school on Friday 1st December and ask your children to place the donations in the boxes outside each of the classroom doors.

If you are donating anything that contains nuts, please deliver these to the school office rather than placing in the classroom boxes so that we can ensure that the nut products are kept well away from the children.

Uniform Sale - Wednesday 6th December in the dining hall - after school - all items £1 each.



ROYSTON ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP
with WasteAware Hertfordshire Partnership

CHRISTMAS JUMPER SWAP MEET

Saturday, 18th November 2023 10:00am to 2:00pm
Royston Library, Market Hill, SG8 9JN
10:00am to 11:00am drop-off only!



FIGHT FAST FASHION!



KING JAMES ACADEMY
Christmas
MARKET
26 - 11 - 2023

Sunday 26th November 2023
11.00am - 3.00pm

King James Academy (Senior Site)
Garden Walk · Royston · Hertfordshire · SG8 7JF

FREE ENTRY AND PARKING

