



18th October 2024

School Newsletter #4

Dear Families,

We would like to thank all parents and carers for attending our parent consultations this week. These meetings are a vital part of building a strong partnership between home and school, giving us an early opportunity to get to know you and your child better, and to share any initial thoughts or concerns. Next term, we will hold further meetings to focus more specifically on individual targets and the progress your child is making. Additionally, you are invited to our informal Sharing Afternoon in February (Early Years is this term), where you'll be able to come in and look through your child's work. If anyone would like to arrange a follow-up meeting before then, please feel free to contact your class teacher, who will be happy to find a convenient time.

We are also pleased to announce that we are welcoming two new members of staff to our team of teaching assistants. Mrs Reda Irkha will be joining us fulltime in Key Stage 2 and Mrs Louise Thompson will be joining us part time in Key Stage 1

Did you know that in a survey conducted by LGfL, 73% of pupils said they trusted their parents knowledge when it comes to online safety but only 56% talked about it more than once a year. It's never easy to know how to keep children safe when they are online. Don't despair though...follow the two links below for some really sound advice and resources that specifically support parents and children to safely navigate the endlessly changing online world.

London Grid For Learning SafeguardED

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

UK Chief Medical Officers' commentary on 'Screen-based activities and children and young people's mental health and psychosocial wellbeing: a systematic map of reviews'

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/777026/UK_CMO_commentary_on_screentime_and_social_media_map_of_reviews.pdf

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term 2024

- **Tues 22nd Oct** – Year 1 to visit St Leonards
- **Wed 23rd Oct** – Elm Informal Sharing Afternoon
- **Thurs 24th Oct** – Yr5 Be Our Guest Lunch
- **Fri 25th Oct** – PTA 'Be Yourself Day'
- **Half Term 28th Oct – 1st Nov**
- **Mon 4th Nov – PD Day**
- **Thurs 7th Nov** – Flu Vaccinations
- **Fri 8th Nov** – Year 6 trip to Sizewell B
- **11th – 15th Nov** – Anti Bullying Week
- **Tues 12th Nov** – Coffee Morning SEN
- **Wed 20th Nov** – EYFS Open Evening for Sept 2025 starters
- **Thurs 28th Nov** – Yr4 Be Our Guest Lunch
- **Thurs 5th Dec** – EYFS Stay & Play event for September 2025 Starters
- **9th – 15th Dec** Stars & Lights Christmas Festival at St Leonards Church
- **Mon 9th Dec** – Elm class to St Leonards Church
- **Tues 10th Dec** – Christmas Performance for Good Neighbours
- **Weds 11th Dec** – KS1 Christmas performance @ 5.30 pm
- **Thurs 12th Dec** – KS1 Christmas performance @ 5.30 pm

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a **Midday Supervisor**. This is the perfect role for anyone who has a couple of hours to spare in the afternoon. For further information on how to apply please visit our school website or visit <http://suffolkjobsdirect.org>



Year 5 visited St Leonards to enrich their understanding of Christianity and the importance of the Gospels



Year 6 have enjoyed their DT cookery unit this term. The smell of Bolognese wafting round the school was delicious! We hope it tasted good too.

Communication

If you need to get in touch with the school please use this email admin@ickworthpark.co.uk

If you want to know more about our Early Help offer or want to ask questions about anything to do with your child's learning senco@ickworthpark.co.uk

Year 6 House Captains



House Points for this week are:

Saturn 140

Earth - 132

Mars - 184

Mercury - 173

Ickworth Park School Values

Respect, Challenge, Resilience, Confidence

This term, we have been focusing on the value of **Respect** because it helps create a positive and caring school environment. By showing respect to others, we build strong friendships, support each other's learning, and make everyone feel valued. Starting the year with respect has set the tone for a happy and successful school year!

Attendance

These figures show the attendance of each class up to 17th October 2024

EYFS Elm Class – 97.0%

Year 1 Beech Class – 96.9%

Year 2 Oak Class – 98.4%

Year 3 Lime Class - 97.3%

Year 4 Hazel Class – 97.2%

Year 5 Willow Class – 99.0%

Year 6 Larch Class – 96.1%

Whole School 97.5%

National average 94.5%

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