



## Headteacher Newsletter – Week 2



Week Commencing: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Value of the Month: Friendship

### Welcome back

It was lovely to have our ISP family back together again last week. The children look very smart in the correct uniform and it has been lovely to see such smiley faces. I, along with all my staff, are hopeful for a more settled year this year and are very pleased to be back in a normal routine. Whilst most of the safety measures have been dropped, pupils are still encouraged to maintain good hygiene including regular sanitising and hand washing. Schools are now required to have an outbreak plan. The plan entails details of what would happen if we were to have an outbreak at ISP including moving to temporary bubbles. COVID has taken its toll on everyone and I am so pleased that the ISP Community have supported each other through challenging times. In the interest of staff wellbeing, please refrain from messaging via Class Dojo after 5pm and over the weekend. Any messages sent out of these hours will be responded to the next day. In Shark Class and Whale Class, please also take note of teacher working days.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office via email or phone 01229 462753. I can also be contacted via email at [head@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:head@irelethst-peters.cumbria.sch.uk) or at morning drop off.

### School Lunches

A reminder that once your child enters Year 3, they are no longer eligible for Universal Free School Meals (UFSM). School lunches will be charged at £2.60. Nursery meals are also chargeable and cost £1.90.

If you feel you would be eligible for to apply for Free School meals (FSM) then please apply using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Free school meals and clothing vouchers are available for your child(ren) if you receive one of the following qualifying benefits:

- \*Income Support (IS)
- \*Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- \*An income related Employment and Support Allowance
- \*Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- \*Child Tax Credit
- \*The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- \*Universal Credit

### The School Day

8:45-9:00	Doors Open
9:00	Registration
9:00	Collective Worship
9:15	Session 1
10:15	Break
10:30	Session 2
11:00	Session 3
11:55 12:05 12:10	Dolphin Lunch Whale Lunch Shark Lunch
1:00	Session 4
2:00	Break – Dolphin/Whale
2:15	Session 5
3:15	Home time

### VOM

The Value of the Month for September is

**Friendship**

The children will be exploring this theme during whole school worship and within their class.

### Contact Details

Mrs Doherty will be contacting everyone shortly to ensure your contact details are up to date on our school records.



### Swimming

Swimming for Shark Class (Y4/5/6) will begin on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September at Dalton Leisure Centre. **The cost this year is £13 per half term and £26 for the full term.** This should be paid via ParentMail.

Children will need to bring a swimming bag containing swimming costume/shorts and a towel. Further details will be included on Class Dojo and in the Class Newsletter.

### Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day. Bottles should be filled with water or sugar free flavoured still water only. **Juice is not permitted.**



### Class Dojo

Please make sure you are connected to Class Dojo for regular updates and information from classes. If you are not yet connected, please contact the office or email your class teacher.

### Tuck Shop

Tuck Shop is running in school every morning break. Items range from 5p upwards to 20p.

### School Term Dates

Cumbria County Council have revised the terms dates for this academic year. We now finish for Christmas on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Term dates are available on the school website and will be shared via Class Dojo.

### Guitars

Our guitar tutor, James, will resume lessons in school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September. If your child is in Year 2 or above and you would like them to participate, please sign up via ParentMail.

Lessons will take place in the hall. The lessons are 30 minutes long and cost £4. Payment should be made via ParentMail. A small number of guitars and music books are available to borrow.

### PE

PE kits need to be in school this week onwards. Details of PE days can be found on Class Newsletters. Children receive two PE lessons per week or one if their class is swimming that term. ONSIDE Sports will provide one of these PE lessons at ISP and I am pleased to say, Will McGuire will be continuing at ISP.

### Volunteers

As a school, we would value any volunteers willing to listen to pupils read individually. All volunteers will need to have had both COVID vaccinations. Please contact me via email if this is something you wish to be involved in.

Mrs Lewis will be returning to school in October to listen to readers which we are very excited about!

### Parking

Apologies for writing about parking however the start of the new year seems a sensible time to remind everyone about parking. With the increase in families/cars, road safety is paramount and parking will need to be done with consideration. **Please do not park on the yellow lines unless you have a blue badge. The yellow zig zags are out of bounds at all times.**

The 15-minute morning drop off slot is designed to help alleviate this.

The new neighbour has spoken to me about the turning circle. Whilst he is happy to allow us to use it to turn around in, if he sees anyone parking there then he will block it off and we will be unable to use it. I have also been asked by the PCSO to remind you about safe parking near the triangle.

I realise that parking at ISP, like most other schools, is challenging and I do appreciate your support and cooperation with this. I am liaising with the Highways about options for the future.

Thank you

### Home School Agreement

All pupils will be sent home with a Home School Agreement. These need to be signed and sent back to school by Friday at the latest. Thank you.

### School Parliament

Miss Wright will lead School Parliament this year and share details with you soon.

### SENDCo

Mrs Kidson has stepped down from her role as SENDCo and we thank her for all of her work during her time in this post. Mrs Saunders has stepped into this role and will be working on an SEN qualification with Edge Hill University, something which she is very excited about. Mrs Saunders will work as a SENDCo every Wednesday afternoon and can be contacted via a separate email for all related matter:

[SENDCo@irelethst-petes.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:SENDCo@irelethst-petes.cumbria.sch.uk)

### Remote Learning

Schools should provide remote education for school-aged children who are unable to attend school due to following government guidance or law relating to COVID-19 (for example if they need to self-isolate, or if they have tested positive but are well enough to learn from home). If your child is absent, the class teacher will make contact via Dojo with learning resources.

### Dates for your diary...

This year, we plan to hold more theme days and be involved in community events now that we are able to do so. Further diary dates will be sent out to you in the coming weeks once

these have been finalised during Staff Meetings but, in the meantime, here are a few important dates for your diaries:

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September – YoKids, Whale Class, Autumn Term 1 (Each class will get a half term each)
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Swimming begins for Shark Class (10 weeks)
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Guitar tuition begins
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Reverend Ruth delivering Collective Worship, 9:15am
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Jeans for Genes Day, £1 donation
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Worker of the Month
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Tempest in school for photographs
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Worker of the Month  
Half Term

Finally, I wanted to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Casey who is working in Dolphin Class and a warm welcome back to Mrs Doherty – I know she has been missed by all! As always, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or at morning drop off.

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