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We are so excited to have an author visit INIS this Friday. Juliet Thompson will be sharing her stories with our Year One and Two children and you have a chance to purchase her books and get a signed copy! See the paper copy of the order form in book bags or phone the office for more information.



**Mrs Marshall**

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS MARSHALL

- Look out for the Autumn activities you and your child may like to engage with over the half term break!
- We are very excited to end our half term with an author visit, Juliet Thompson. She will be selling her books at the event so please send in money or use Juliet's bank details if you would prefer.
- She will be visiting our Year One and Two children.
- Thank you to all of those parents and carers, who completed our survey at our parent partnership meetings. We had some very positive feedback.
- You said:
- Our communication to families is strong.
- Our school is warm and welcoming.
- Informative worshops help support learning.
- Your children are making good progress.
- Your children behave well in school.
- Any concerns are addressed effectively.
- Teachers and TAs are helpful and supportive.
- You also said that you would recommend our school to other people.
- We are also keen to look at things we can improve or help parents with.
- You said:
- You would like more notice with events.
- You wanted workshops regarding managing behaviour at home, anxiety and eating.
- You wanted more information about neuordiversity including ADHD and Autism.
- Many of you said we were doing great things to support your children and didn't need any further support at this time.

These are some of the things a few parents said in the survey. We had some other useful and supportive comments that we will look through and action where appropriate. We really do appreciate you taking the time to fill the survey in.

- **Here's the link to the survey**

☑ We are keen to support parents for all children at INIS to have strong school attendance. Please read the **government information about attendance.**

☑ We recognise that all children are ill from time to time but ask parent to phone into school on a daily basis. We use **NHS guidance** to advise parents on illness times.

☑ All families check eligibility for pupil premium to help support your child's learning. Please check as soon as possible by following **this link.** Please check over the half term break.

## UPCOMING DATES

- **23rd October -** Author visit for Key Stage 1
- **23rd October - Autumn half term break**
- **Tuesday 3rd November - Return to school**
- **Friday 6th November -** Wear your favourite colour day and bring in a coloured item for our PTA hampers.
- **Friday 13th November - World Kindness Day** and Children in Need
- **Tues 8th Dec** - Nursery West Lodge farm visit and Christmas experience at the farm
- **Friday 11th Dec 2pm** – Reception Christmas crafts with parents in class
- **Mon 14th Dec 2pm** - Year 2 Christmas play
- **Tues 15th Dec 9.10am** - Year 2 Christmas play in the hall.
- **Weds 16th Dec 9am and 2pm** - Year 1 Singing in hall
- **For our Reception, Year One and Year Two Christmas events we can only take two people per family in our hall due to health and safety.**
- **Thurs 17th Dec 2.30pm** - Rocksteady concert in the hall, for those with children in the bands!




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We love our school and would love to invite more families into our INIS family. Remember all applications need to be made via the North Northants portal by 15th January. If you would like to arrange a visit to view the school please check out our **websites for dates** or phone the school office.

## Safeguarding Support

We are here to help. You can contact any member of our school safeguarding team on our usual school number 01933 654900.

**If you have a concern or have seen any Safeguarding issues that you are worried about, Mrs Marshall is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and here are her safeguarding deputies, who are always ready to listen.**
**Please ask at the office to speak to them in confidence or call 01933 654900.**


Mrs Parsons- Moore


Mrs Marshall


Mrs Luke


Mrs Cummins


Mrs Richardson

**If you have any safeguarding concerns during the holidays or weekends, please contact the local authority on 0300 126 7000 or phone 999, if you feel the child is in immediate harm.**

**Phonic support link** on the school website.




## PTA news

Our new PTA are organising their first event. We are having a wear your favourite colour day on **Friday 6th November**. Children can wear clothes in their favourite colour. We ask that children do not wear football strips, superhero costumes, or dye their hair.
We ask that children bring in an item for the class colour, for example Panda's may bring in purple wrapped chocolate or Nursery may bring in a pink soap. We feel the more varied the better!
If you have time to help make up the hampers please let the office staff know.




There is lots of useful information on the Children's Commissioner's page. Please try the **link here** .

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## Healthy School Meals at INIS

At INIS, we are proud to work with Kingswood Catering to provide our children with healthy, nutritious and delicious school meals. With five meal choices available every day, there is plenty of variety to help children enjoy a balanced diet and discover new foods. Even better, all school meals are free for our infant-aged children, making a healthy, filling lunch available to every child. We know that good nutrition plays an important part in helping children grow, concentrate and make the most of their learning every day! **Click the link** to sign up for meals or book for next term.

## Autumn fun!

Look out for the Autumn challenge sheet coming home in book bags! Have a great Autumn break!







**Oliver's Special Event!**
Irthlingborough Cricket Club are holding a charity Halloween disco on Saturday 31st October to celebrate Oliver going into remission.
All proceeds go to the charity PASIC - Cancer support for children and young people. All welcome to attend what a great way to spend Halloween!

## The PACE approach

This is an appraoch we use in school and may be helpful at home to parents. If you would like more information about this approach please phone the school office.




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## Our Assemblies at INIS

Our assemblies have been full of learning, reflection and celebration this term! The children have explored a wide range of topics, including Autumn, Harvest, kindness, Down Syndrome awareness and World Mental Health Day. We have also been inspired by the achievements of Marcus Rashford and Florence Nightingale, helping us to think about how we can make a positive difference to others. Alongside this, we have revisited our school rules and values, discussed how to keep safe online and learnt about the importance of taking breaks from screens. We have been incredibly proud of how positively the children have engaged with these themes, sharing their ideas thoughtfully, asking interesting questions and showing kindness, curiosity and respect. Our assemblies continue to help us build a caring, inclusive school community where every child feels valued and ready to learn.










