



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The last year has not only seen children learning at home but also significant disruption to the broad range of activities on offer through school. We place great value on academic achievement but encourage all children to take an active role in school life.

We now have peripatetic music teachers and sports coaches (cricket and tennis) working in school and we hope to continue to increase the range and number of activities (in line with restrictions) to the pre-Covid level so that every child has opportunities to broaden their horizons and discover new skills, interests and life-long passions!

We will of course keep you informed by email of further clubs and activities as they start.

DATES 2020/21

SUMMER TERM 2021
INSET - 6.5.21 (Elections)

HALF TERM

School closes-28.5.21

INSET - 7.6.21

School opens -8.6.21

School closes-20.7.21

AUTUMN TERM 2021

INSET - 01.09.21

School opens - 02.09.21

School closes - 21.10.21

INSET - 22.10.21

HALF TERM

School opens - 1.11.21

WELL-BEING

Wellbeing is integral to every child's development and so we have always provided a structured PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic education) curriculum, that sensitively explores key issues, skills and knowledge.

COVID-19 has created many challenges and we are aware of the need to provide further support and guidance for all pupils to ensure their current and future wellbeing. As a result, we continue to ensure weekly PSHE sessions supported through the use of ELSA materials.

We have delivered Recovery programmes through 30 minute daily sessions in September for six weeks and March for three weeks.

We are keen to develop pupil voice and are asking the children how they feel and what we can do to support them further.

We have organised further opportunities and support from The Hive and sports coaches with some children accessing individual programmes provided by the staff, ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant - Mrs Burden) and some charitable organisations with more details to follow.

ASSOCIATE TEACHERS

We are delighted to be able to welcome new Associate Teachers to Irby. Miss Stevens and Miss Thorn will be based in Year 2 during the Summer term.

INSET/POLLING DAY REMINDER

Please remember
that school is
closed on
**Thursday 6th
May 2021** for
Polling.

School is open on
**Friday 7th May
2021** as normal.

WORLD MATHS DAY (05.05.21)

Every child will spend some of the day accessing Mathletics and completing online competitions.

10,000 MINUTE READING CHALLENGE

Many children are achieving their goal of reading 5 times a week for ten minutes. Well done and keep up the good work to help us all meet our 10,000 minute challenge!

This term there will also be certificates for reading 35 or 50 times in the half term for each individual and for those achieving 50+ reading sessions there will be enamel Reading Star Badges which they can wear with pride for the following half term.