

### Head Teacher's Comment – from Bryony Surtees

This week saw the introduction of our live lessons. The teachers really enjoyed seeing and interacting with the children in their class and I hope your child found it beneficial too. These will now continue until the end of term. Unfortunately, our whole school assembly had to be cancelled but I am planning on carrying out an assembly next Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July, at 0930. I hope you will all join me. Thank you to all of the parents from Years 2 – 5 who carried out our questionnaire about summer school. I am pleased that so many of you would like to send your children in for the week and we are now finalising the plan and the details. Further information will be available next week. The Government announced this week that all of the children will be back to school in September, which we are very pleased about. I am now working with our Trust to carry out risk assessments to ensure we follow the guidelines and keep everyone safe. We are very fortunate to have a large site and so socially distancing our bubbles of 30 should not be a problem. I wish you all a lovely weekend.

### Latest news and information from Isle of Ely Primary School...

#### **Staff Update.**

This week we interviewed prospective TAs and I was really pleased to appointed three new TAs to work in Key Stage 2. We also appointed a Pastoral Support Assistant to work with Miss Ashman as a Thrive Practitioner to support the mental health and wellbeing of all of the children. I will introduce them to you as soon as I am able.

Sadly, Ms Bryan is leaving us at the end of term to move onto pastures new. I would like to thank her for all of her hard work and wish her well for the future.

#### **Home Learning:**

All of the teachers have now carried out 'live' lessons which we hope your child has attended and enjoyed. They have been very successful across the school and using assignments within Teams have enabled the teachers to give the children more effective feedback. Please remember that the lessons are filmed and so we require all of the children to turn off their cameras during the teaching and the chat is for questions and queries, not for the children to post emojis. The videoed lesson will then be posted in Teams and not on our website.

If you would like more paper based learning and less online learning, please do look at our website for further ideas as this has been updated for July.

If you have any problems, worries or concerns with the home learning do please email your child's class teacher through [admin@isleofelyprimary.org](mailto:admin@isleofelyprimary.org) and they will be more than happy to help you. It is important to note that these are **exceptional times** and how much of the home learning is done is very dependent on your family circumstances. We do not expect your child to do every piece of work that is set. The important thing is that your children are safe, well and happy.

For alternative lessons, please look at Oak National Academy <https://www.thenational.academy/> or BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

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#### **Reports.**

Your child's annual report is now ready for you to collect. You will have received an email asking you to pick it up on Monday with a specific time. Please do arrive at the specified time and follow our safer distancing guidelines by waiting two metres apart. If your child is currently in school, the report will be sent home with them at the end of Monday. Within the report, you will find a letter from your child's new class teacher telling them which class they are in and asking them to carry out a summer task. If you would like to discuss the report further, please email the office to arrange a mutually convenient telephone conversation with your child's current teacher.

#### **Transition Meetings:**

We are planning to hold socially distanced transition meetings with your child's new class teacher at the end of term. You will be given a 15 minute time slot to attend and meet your child's new teacher. These will be held outside on the field and our usual social distancing rules will apply but please be aware if it rains, these meetings will be held via Teams. Further details about these meetings will be sent out next week.

#### **Pick up and Drop Off**

Thank you to all of the parents for following our social distancing measures, particularly waiting two metres apart. However, some parents have begun lingering at the beginning and end of the day to talk to other parents and friends. Whilst I understand after Lockdown it is lovely to catch up with friends, for safety reasons, I must ask you to leave the school site as soon as you have picked up your child, including from the square at the front of the school. Thank you for your understanding with this.

#### **Cambridgeshire Constabulary CYP Team**

Cambridgeshire Constabulary CYP Team would like to say hello.

They hope you enjoyed receiving their first Safer Schools Newsletter.

They are very pleased to be able to dispatch their second edition to you and would love to hear any feedback that you might have for them.

You can contact us at [SchoolsCYP@Cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:SchoolsCYP@Cambs.pnn.police.uk)

#### **Summer Reading Challenge**

Every summer, thousands of children take part in the Summer Reading Challenge through their local library. This year, with normal library opening unlikely before September, children can take part in the 'Silly Squad' challenge online. It's all about encouraging children to keep up their reading at home. The challenge is aimed at 4-11 year olds, but younger children are welcome to join too. Children can join [here](#):

Parents/carers can go to: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/home-zone-src>, for all the information they need about how their child can take part in the challenge and how the website works.

## Diary dates & events

<b>Summer term:</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 to Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2020
<b>Half term:</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 (May Bank Holiday) to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
<b>Bank Holiday:</b>	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May (School closed to children)

## School Term Dates 2020/2021

### Autumn term

Starts	Monday 7th September (3rd & 4th September PD days)
Half term	Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2020 (Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October PD Day)
Ends	Friday 18th December 2020
Christmas holiday	Monday 21st December 2020 to Sunday 3rd January 2021

### Spring term

Starts	Tuesday 5th January (Monday 4th January PD Day) 2021
Half term	(Friday 12th February PD day) Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February
Ends	Friday 26th March
Spring (Easter) holiday	Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April

### Summer Term

Starts	Monday 12th April
Half term	Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June
Ends	Thursday 22nd July 2021
Bank Holiday (School Closed)	Monday 3rd May 2021

**PD days - The school is closed on the following days for the professional development of staff:**

**3rd September 2020, 4th September 2020, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 4th January 2021 and 12th February 2021**