



IOE Newsletter

5th March 2021

Head Teacher's Comment – from Bryony Surtees

We have made it to the end of remote learning for most of the children and they have done remarkably well. A massive thank you to all of the parents for your support and I hope that life becomes a little bit easier from Monday. We are very excited to have all of the children back in school with us next week and you will have seen from my recent letter that we have put many precautions in place and made reasonable endeavours to ensure the safety of the children and the staff. The children will be in class bubbles with a teacher and TA and will stay in those bubbles throughout the day with regular hand washing and social distancing. The staff have had twice weekly lateral flow testing for some weeks now which has reassured staff that they are not infectious and this is now being offered to families with children. If you are interested in having a rapid flow test, please click on the following link for more information: <https://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/asset-library/Corona-Virus-Schools/Help-us-keep-coronavirus-out-of-school.pdf> From next week hopefully life will return to some sense of normality, at least for our children, but we still must ensure we socially distance especially when there will be a lot more people in and around the school. Enjoy the weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

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

Staffing Update:

We received the wonderful news on Monday that Mrs Fielding had delivered her baby safely. She has had a beautiful baby boy called Frankie, weighing 6lbs 12 oz. Mother and baby are doing well.

On Monday we welcomed Mrs Patel-Thorpe to our school. She has settled nicely into the year 6 team and we are all pleased that she has joined us. She's looking forward to meeting the rest of the Year 6 children when they return on Monday.

Sadly, Mrs Ryan, our Nursery teacher, will be leaving us at Easter. Just before Christmas, Mrs Ryan moved to north Norfolk and has found the commute quite long so has found a role closer to her new home. Best wishes to Mrs Ryan in her new school.

Parking:

To relieve the pressure on the parking around the school, we have opened our staff car park for parents to use at pick up and drop off. Please ensure you park at the far end of the car park and do not drive through the cones and park in the staff section.

Equipment:

We ask that the children do not bring anything into school except their water bottles, packed lunch and coats. If your child has Forest School on a Friday, your child should wear wellies and suitable clothing on that day and not bring anything else in. The children's equipment will stay with them in their class bubbles as the children will not use the cloakroom or lockers for the rest of this term.



Coronavirus:

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:

Wash hands, keep washing your hands regularly

Cover face, wear a face covering in enclosed spaces

Make space, stay at least 2 metres apart

Covid Symptoms:

If your child displays **any** of the following symptoms, please get your child tested, isolate immediately, let us know, whether they are at home or at school, and inform us of the result.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature) NHS guidance states that a high temperature is 38C+
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

Dates and School Term Dates 2020/2021

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