

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

Miss Crawley took our choir to the O2 this week to take part in Young Voices with thousands of other children from around the country. A massive well done to all of the children who took part. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school and made us all proud. There were over 7,500 children singing at the O2 with many more parents watching so by no means a small event. A big thank you to Miss Crawley, Mrs Lambert and Mrs Kiss who took the children, they are just starting to get over the late finish of midnight! There are photos and further tweets on our Twitter feed which can be read on our website page too. Next week our Year 6 children take their SAT tests so the rest of the school may be a little quieter each morning. I am sure you join me in wishing the Year 6 children good luck for their tests – they are ready for them and deserve to do well but I'm sure they will be relieved when they are over. Next week is mental health week with the theme of loneliness so please look out for each other. I hope you all have a fun, enjoyable but relaxing weekend in the warmth and sunshine.

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

#### Staff Updates:

Sadly, Mrs Vicky Fowler, teaching assistant, left us last week to take up an admin post working from home. We wish her well with her future endeavours and thank her for all of her hard work.

We have appointed three new teaching assistants who will be joining us over the next few weeks. We look forward to welcoming Anna Gerraty who will work in Ladybird Class and Ella Richards and Christy Collard who will support across the school.

Congratulations to Mrs Cheryl Westley who is expecting her first baby at the beginning of June. She has another couple of weeks with us before she goes on maternity leave.

#### Isle of Ely 20:

We are collecting suggestions for the 'Ely20' - a list of experiences that our children should have before they leave at the end of Year 6. We would like to collect your suggestions and then the school council will take the ideas to the children who will vote for the top 20. Once we have the completed Ely20, the school will then work to create opportunities for all of our children to enjoy these community experiences. So, we need your help!

Please complete the survey below with your suggestions:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/UCLEU4/>

#### Footwear:

The children should be wearing black shoes or black trainers to school when they wear their school uniform. Some children are wearing white or colourful trainers on non PE days which are not appropriate uniform. Please ensure your child's footwear is **black**.

**Share Sessions:**

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended our writing share sessions last week. It was lovely to have the parents back in the school and I hope you all enjoyed it. Our next parent share sessions will be during Arts Week which is taking place from 11<sup>th</sup> July. Please do look on our website's calendar for all of our upcoming events: <https://isleofelyprimary.org/calendar>

**Isle Fest:**

The PTA have been working hard planning our annual Isle Fest which we are super excited about. It promises to be an amazing event with special guest stars and performances by our children as well as fun activities, food and stalls. It is taking place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 1100 – 1500, so please save the date in your diary. Tickets will be available next week via EventBrite which will cost £5 for a family and £2 for additional adults and children and extended family.

**Raffle prizes & Sponsorship:**

We are currently looking for raffle prizes and sponsorships for Isle Fest. If you would like to donate a raffle prize or sponsor the event, please email the PTA: [PTA@isleofelyprimary.org](mailto:PTA@isleofelyprimary.org)

**Free school meals:**

Free school meals are available for families and carers that receive one of the following:

- Universal credit
- Income support
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Income related employment and support allowance
- Working Tax credit run on
- Child tax credit but no element of working tax credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16 190

If you apply and qualify for Free School Meals, our school will receive additional funding called Pupil Premium, up to £1320 a year.

Even though all children in Key Stage 1 receive Universal Infant Free School Meals, we can only benefit from Pupil Premium funding if you apply and are eligible for Free School Meals. To apply visit:

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

Further details are available on the attached fliers or if you would like to talk to us about it, please do pop into the school office and a member of the leadership would be more than happy to help.

**Ely Sailing Club:**

Ely Sailing Club are holding an open day on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Please see the attached flyer for further details.

## School Term Dates 2021/2022

### Summer Term

Starts	Tuesday 19th April 2022
Half term	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June
Ends	Friday 22nd July 2022
Bank Holiday (School Closed)	Monday 2nd May 2022 & Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June

PD day - The school is closed on the following day for the professional development of staff - 27th May 2022

## School Term Dates 2022/2023

### Autumn Term 2022:

Starts	Thursday 1 September 2022
Half term	Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022
Ends	Friday 16 December 2022
Christmas holiday	Saturday 17 December 2022 to Monday 2 January 2023

### Spring Term 2023:

Starts	Tuesday 3 January 2023
Half term	Monday 13 February 2023 to Friday 17 February 2023
Ends	Friday 31 March 2023
Spring (Easter) holiday	Saturday 1 April 2023 to Sunday 16 April 2023

### Summer Term 2023:

Starts	Monday 17 April 2023
Half term	Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023
Ends	Friday 21 July 2023
Summer holiday	Saturday 22 July 2023 to Thursday 31 August 2023

PD Days – the school is closed on the following days for the professional development of staff - Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023