

Head Teacher's Comment – from Bryony Surtees

I hope you are all well and have enjoyed the sunshine this week – it had been a glorious week to enjoy the garden or exercise outside. There has been a lot of speculation in the press about when schools will reopen and what this will look like. At the moment, this is just speculation and I have no more information than you do. I do know that when we reopen, we will be advised by the Government, the Trust and the Local authority to ensure that everyone who attends school remains safe and well. After the Prime Ministers' address to the nation on Sunday, I should know more and as soon as plans are in place for the Isle of Ely to reopen, I will obviously be in touch. I hope you all enjoy the bank holiday tomorrow and spend time thinking about and celebrating the 75th anniversary of VE day. Stay safe!

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

Staffing Update:

I am very pleased to inform you that we appointed Mr Ricky Sinfield as Assistant Head teacher this week. As you know, he currently teaches Year 2, and in his new post he will still teach a class but will have a role on our newly formed Senior Leadership Team supporting with us all with the development of the curriculum. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mr Sinfield.

We have also appointed a Deputy Head teacher who will join us in September and I am very pleased about the appointment but unfortunately, I am unable to tell you their name at the moment but will inform you as soon as I can.

Home Learning:

The teachers are continuing work hard and put lessons on Purple Mash as well as videos of them teaching. If you are unable to access Purple Mash, please do let us know and we are more than happy to put together a paper based learning pack. There is also a lot of information on our website under the home learning tab as well as on the class pages. If you have any problems, worries or concerns with the home learning do please email your child's class teacher through 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. 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>

We have been in touch with many parents and children this week and we're hoping to get in touch with those we haven't contacted by the end of next week.

Video and Picture:

I really hope the children enjoyed our picture message and our video message and it brought a smile to their faces. If you haven't seen them you can find them on our website or click on the links below:

<https://youtu.be/tojRZZe6CcE>

<https://isleofelyprimary.org/news/2020-05-01-keeping-in-touch>

Mrs Brooks has been interviewed for Star Radio about the video so listen out for her interview tomorrow.

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

Tomorrow we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE day, or 'Victory in Europe Day'. It marks the day towards the end of World War Two when fighting against Nazi Germany in Europe came to an end. On 8th May 1945, Primary Minister Winston Churchill made an announcement on the radio that the war in Europe had come to an end. On this day, the British people were extremely happy that the fighting had stopped and took to the streets to celebrate. Tomorrow, during this difficult time, it is important to remember and celebrate this day and even though many events have been cancelled there are still various things that you can join in with and be part of.

VE Day timetable

- **11am** — Two-minute national silence to remember the declaration of victory and the end of the Second World War in Europe.
- **2.45pm - 3.45pm** — The first of two special BBC One programmes to mark VE75, including an extract from Sir Winston Churchill's victory speech delivered at 3pm on VE Day.
- **Afternoon** — Britons encouraged to hold 1940s-style afternoon tea parties at home rather than street parties, including homemade bunting and recipes from the era.
- **9pm** — Address by the Queen followed by national doorstep rendition of Dame Vera Lynn's "We'll Meet Again"





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Diary dates & events

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

School Term Dates 2020/2021

Autumn term

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| Starts | Monday 7 th September (3 rd & 4 th September PD days) |
| Half term | Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th October 2020 (Monday 2 nd November PD Day) |
| Ends | Friday 18 th December 2020 |
| Christmas holiday | Monday 21 st December 2020 to Sunday 3 rd January 2021 |

Spring term

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

Summer Term

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

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

3rd September 2020, 4th September 2020, 2nd November 2020, 4th January 2021 and 12th February 2021