

Head Teacher's Comment – from Bryony Surtees

This week the senior leadership team has been finalising details for our wider reopening of the school in September. Next week, I will be updating our risk assessment and submitting it to The Active Learning Trust Board for approval and I will write separately to you with all of the necessary details. All of the children are expected back into school, full time, on Monday 7th September but please be aware that the Government will not make a definite decision about schools opening until 11th August so any information I give you will be subject to change. It was a pleasure to hold a whole school assembly today, there were over 70 children listening at home as well as all of the children in school, thank you to all of you who tuned in. I look forward to next Friday. Have a great weekend.

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

Staff Update:

This week we appointed Miss Amina Hoque to cover Mrs Hunter when she goes on maternity leave. I am hoping that she will be able to join Mrs Hunter for the transition day so the children can get to meet her. Miss Hoque will start with us in September so Ant class will have Mrs Hunter and Miss Hoque in the first instance.

Last week you were informed about our new support members of staff. Mrs Parker has been appointed as our new Pastoral Assistant whilst Miss Spence, Mrs Murray and Mrs Daybel will be joining the Key Stage 2 team.

Home Learning:

I hope the children have continued to access and enjoy the live lessons that have taken place. These will continue throughout next week and the teachers will carry out one further live lesson on either Monday 21st or Tuesday 22nd July before we break up.

We do not expect the children to continue learning throughout the summer holiday and so will not be setting any further work. The paper based learning will still be on the website for those that would like something. We really want the children to relax and enjoy the summer break.

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 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.

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Celebration Assembly:

Next Friday, it would be lovely to end the year with a celebration assembly, and to celebrate the children learning at home as well as those in school. We will celebrate all of the children for their achievements but if you think your child deserves a specific mention for a specific reason please do email into the office and we can include them in the assembly.

Reports:

Hopefully you have now all received your reports. Those of you who didn't collect them, they should be in the post. If you would like to discuss the report further, please contact the office to arrange a mutually convenient appointment with your child's class teacher.

Transition meetings:

Meet the teacher transition meetings are taking place on Friday 17th July, Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July. We are very grateful that all of the new teachers are coming into school and so if you can make the time you were given, it would be beneficial for your child and all of the teachers are looking forward to meeting the children in their new classes. Further details will be sent out next week.

A big thank you to Miss Palmer, Butterfly Class teacher, for spending the time in school this week supporting the transition for our new reception children.

Summer School:

Summer School will take place Monday 27th July – Friday 31st July during the morning for years 2 - 5. Eight of my staff have kindly volunteered to give up a week of their holiday to lead a bubble. It has been very popular and most of the bubbles are now full but if you are still thinking about it, please get in touch with the office as we have a few spaces. It will be lovely to see all of your children back in school for the week.

Gifts:

Usually at this time of year, the teachers receive gifts from the children and families in their classes. This year, due to Covid-19, we have made the difficult decision to ask you not to send in any gift for your child's class teacher at the moment and we will review this in September. A kind word or an email would be just as appreciated. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary CYP Team:

They hope you have all enjoyed receiving their Safer Schools Newsletter.

Please find attached their latest edition – Week 3.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary CYP team

Diary dates & events

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

Starts	Monday 7th September (3rd & 4th September PD days)
Half term	Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2020 (Monday 19 th 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, 19th October 2020, 4th January 2021 and 12th February 2021