

Head Teacher's Comment – from Helen Davies

Welcome back to a new school term and indeed a new year! I hope you have all had an enjoyable break and are ready to tackle whatever 2020 brings.

The children have settled back into school easily and are embracing their new topics. We have lots of exciting things happening in school this term, starting with our Year 1 children's trip to Banham Zoo next week.

Just a quick reminder that newsletters will be continuing on a fortnightly basis and class information can be found in the relevant section of the school website.

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

Fire Alarm

Thank you for your patience during our unscheduled fire alarm test yesterday afternoon. Whilst the timing of this may not have been ideal the children and staff did very well and evacuated the building in good time and followed directions well. However the drill did highlight that we had not communicated with parents what they should do should the fire alarm sound at either school drop off or pick up.

Should this happen again parents will need to go immediately to the back of the school field, away from the children. They should remain there until all children are back in their classrooms and accounted for. Parents may then move to collect their children as normal.

This is so that staff have a clear view of the children at all times and children are not distracted and thus able to concentrate on any instructions and remain silent. With lots of additional adults milling around it can be very difficult, especially for our younger children, to focus on the correct adult and not be drawn towards other adults they may know and therefore becoming separated from their class.

I'm sure you can appreciate that in such a situation it is essential that we can easily account for all the children in our care.

ITV news

We will have ITV news in school on Tuesday filming some of our year 5 students whilst they learn. A handful of children will be filmed practicing their handwriting and will be shown on or around the National Handwriting Day on 23rd January.

A few children will also be filmed during a science lesson learning about space. More details will follow regarding when this segment will air.

PE and Forest School

PE and forest school times for this term are as follows:

Reception: Forest school and PE on Tuesdays

Year 1: Fundamental skills outdoor on Tuesdays and Forest school and gymnastics on Wednesdays

Year 2: PE on Wednesdays

Year 3: Dance and PE on Thursdays

Year 4: Dance and PE on Thursdays

Year 5: PE in Tuesdays

Please ensure children have appropriate clothing for both indoor and outdoor sessions.

Class information

Please remember to check the website regularly for class information and updates as it will no longer be included in the fortnightly newsletter.

Lunch Club Football

Children who wish to take part in the Friday lunchtime football club will need to bring in appropriate footwear. This can include their school PE trainers, football boots or other footwear. They will not be able to play in their school shoes as this is causing a large amount of mud to be brought back into school.

Competition

Amey Waste Services currently have a competition running offering children the opportunity to win £250 for their school to spend on coach travel. It would be great if any of our children would like to complete the word search on the last page of their attached newsletter (use below link) and put us in the running.

https://wasteservices.amey.co.uk/media/6672/waterbeach-newsletter-winter-2019.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Parent Council

Our Parent Council currently have vacancies for representatives from years 1, 2 and 4. As a school we greatly value the input of our Parent Council as it offers an invaluable connection with our parents and carers, providing them with an opportunity to provide feedback and input into school life. The council meet once every half term on a Friday at 8.40am. If you would like further information please contact Mrs Davies.

Science Week

On the week of Monday 4th May, Isle of Ely Primary School will be running a Science Week! We hope to get the children hands on with lots of experiments, find out about new ideas and meet some scientists. We have many people in our community with scientific backgrounds, who we would love to invite into our school to give children the opportunity to meet everyday Scientists. If you think you would like to get involved with this, or know someone who might, please contact Mrs Hunter through the school email and we can organise for you to come in. Our topics at that time will be (but not limited to!):

- Year 1: Weather, in the context of Africa
- Year 2: Properties of Materials, in the context of making paper planes
- Year 3/4: Nutrition, in context of the Ancient Egyptian diet
- Year 5: Evolution, in context of the Victorians

Newsletter dates

The next newsletter will be issued on Friday **24th** January 2020

PTA News

Thank you so much for all of your support.

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Diary dates & events

Next week:

- Tuesday 14th January 2020 – Y1 Banham zoo trip (leaving promptly at 8.30am and returning 3.30pm)
- Friday 17th January 2020 – Parent Council at 8.45am

Forward Planning:

- Tuesday 21st January 2020 – Family worker in 9am - 11am
- Wednesday 29th January 2020 – Parent share session (writing) 8.45am-9.30am
- Monday 24th February 2020 – Family worker in 9am-11am
- Monday 2nd to Friday 6th March – Arts Week
- Thursday 5th March 2020 – World Book Day
- Thursday 5th March 2020 – Parent Share (Art) 8.45am-9.30am
- Monday 16th March 2020 – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
- Tuesday 17th March 2020 - Family worker in 9am - 11am
- Wednesday 17th March 2020 – Parents Evening 3.30pm-7.30pm
- Friday 20th March 2020 – Parent Council at 8.45am
- Tuesday 24th March 2020 - Y3/4 Production at 2pm
- Wednesday 25th March 2020 – Photographer in for class group photos
- Wednesday 25th March 2020 - Y3/4 Production at 2pm
- Wednesday 25th March 2020 - Y3/4 Production at 6pm
- Thursday 2nd April 2020 – Last day of term

2019/2020 Term dates:

Spring term: Monday 6th January (6th & 7th January PD days – school closed to children) to Thursday 2nd April

Half term: Friday 14th February (PD day – school closed to children) to Friday 21st February 2020

Spring (Easter Holiday): Friday 3rd April 2020 to Sunday 19th April 2020 (includes Bank Holidays)

Summer term: Monday 20th April 2020 to Tuesday 21st July 2020

Half term: Monday 25th May 2020 (May Bank Holiday) to Friday 29th May 2020

Bank Holiday: Friday 8th May (School closed to children)