

Head Teacher's Comment – from Bryony Surtees

As this is the first newsletter of 2023, I would like to wish you all a happy new year. I hope you all had an enjoyable break and I hope 2023 brings you all you wish for. The children quickly settled back into school life and I have been very impressed with the behaviour and attitudes of all of the children. Each day, the children take part in an assembly and the theme for our assemblies this half term is relationships. Relationships Education is a very broad subject, which comprises learning about families and people who care for them, caring friendships, respectful relationships, online relationships and being safe. Children will learn about healthy and unhealthy relationships, focusing on their own experiences with family and friends both online and offline. The children also learn about ways to help themselves, to help others and to ask for help from trusted adults when needed. We have decided this will be the focus for our upcoming share sessions at the end of January and look forward to you sharing more with you then. I hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend.

Latest news and information from Isle of Ely Primary School

Staffing Update:

Mrs Rachael Forster joined us at the beginning of term as she has taken over teaching Mayfly Class from Mrs Silveira who will be taking maternity leave imminently. Dr Anna Sandfield also joined us and is now teaching in Little Elvers alongside Miss Lewis.

Ofsted Parent View:

As you are probably aware, it is coming up for six years since our last Ofsted in June 2017 and, therefore, their next visit is imminent and we are expecting them at any time. Prior to the visit, Ofsted like to gather your views via Parent View, which is an online questionnaire. It would good to begin to gather your views now, even though we don't have a date for the visit. Please click on the link below: [Welcome to Ofsted Parent View | Ofsted Parent View](#) to give your views about the school.

If you have given your views previously, you will have a log in so please sign in using your details. If you haven't given your views about our school yet, you will need to register but it is quick and easy. The questionnaire won't take long to complete and it helps us understand what we are doing well and what we need to work on from a parents' perspective.

Parents' Share:

Our next parents' share sessions will take place shortly and we have decided to change the theme of the sessions. Instead of you attending a Maths sessions, the teachers will be focusing on Thrive and healthy relationships. Mrs Godfrey will then hold a parents' discussion in the hall following the class based activities to discuss how we use Thrive and the importance of our Relationships policy. The sessions are as follows:

Reception: Monday 30th January @ 0830 – 0900

Key Stage 2: Tuesday 31st January @ 0830 – 0900

Key Stage 1: Wednesday 1st February @ 0830 - 0900

KD Academy:

KD are launching a brand new academy. Their new Academy will run every Friday during Term Time offering a balanced timetable in all three disciplines: acting, singing and dance. Their professionally trained, passionate and caring staff have many years of experience in teaching and working within the industry. For further details, please see the attached flyers.

Cost of Living:

The Library in Ely is holding another event for you to find out about the help that is on offer to you during the cost of living crisis and you will be able to talk to all of the various organisations about your concerns. This is taking place on Wednesday 25th January 0930 – 1200. Further information is on the attached flyer.

School Term Dates 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 –

Friday 26th May 2023