

### Head Teacher's Comment – from Helen Davies

As we come to the end of our last full week of the Autumn term I'm reminded of all the wonderful achievements the children and our school have made. Our new reception classes have settled brilliantly into school life and are about to put on their first nativity. Their dress rehearsal was fabulous and we can't wait to see how they do 'on the day'. Our KS1 nativity was also a huge success. We are very proud of all our children for their hard work. I would just like to say 'thank you' to all the parents for providing costumes and taking the time to help your children learn their lines and songs. Also a big thank you to our wonderful teachers for their dedication and hard work in pulling together another brilliant show.

Just a reminder that Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December is our last day in school and we look forward to seeing you all in school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

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

#### Books

Please can you ensure that all reading and library books are returned before we break up next week, so we can identify any missing items.

Also, if you are shopping for books, please remember that we get £1 to spend in the library for every £10 you spend with The Book People. Just select our school when you check out.

#### Quicksticks inter-house competition

Next week, after practising all half term, KS2 will participate in an inter-house quicksticks hockey competition in their year groups. If you wish to come and cheer on your child and their team mates you are more than welcome. The timings are as follows:

YR5 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9:30-11:45

YR3 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9:30-11:45

YR4 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 13:15-14:45

If your child would like to wear shin pads they will need to bring in their own, but these are not compulsory and if possible, please can your child wear a top which matches the colour of their house. Please also ensure your child has a water bottle to bring outside with them.

If you have any further questions, please email the office at [admin@isleofelyprimary.org](mailto:admin@isleofelyprimary.org) or speak to Miss Falconer.

#### Forest school - wreaths

After selling the Christmas wreaths that the children made in Forest school they have made a total of £74. The children and All4Sports discussed where the money should be donated to and have decided they would like the money to go in with the Christmas jumper day money. We would like to say a big 'thank you' to those parents who bought the wreaths and contributed to our wonderful total.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

The children have displayed a dazzling array of festive attire in school today complete with elf hats and reindeer antlers! They have looked fabulous and raised a whopping £217.15 in the process!

### **Parking**

I know we have mentioned this several times now but *please* can I ask our parents to consider where they are parking. We have had several complaints from local residents of cars being parked blocking driveways, on the pavement and generally parked dangerously.

### **Reception Nativity**

Just a reminder that we have Reception class nativity on Monday at 9.10am and 2.15pm. Children should come to school in their nativity costume bringing their school clothes in a named bag.

### **PTA News**

#### **Children's Disco – 18 December**

Years R, 1 and 2 will have a disco 4pm-5pm. Years 3, 4 and 5 will have theirs 5.15pm to 6.15pm.

Suggested donation is £2, payable on the day. Juice and water will be provided.

If your child attends Fireflies please arrange with fireflies if you would like them taken to the disco. If your child attends after school club and you want them taken to the disco, please email the office [admin@isleofelyprimary.org](mailto:admin@isleofelyprimary.org).

Thank you so much to parents who offered to help; as we have so many staff volunteers on this occasion we do not need additional helpers.

### **Cake Sales**

We are hoping to have a final cake sale of the year next Tuesday after school. Keep your eyes peeled for more information on Facebook.

Thank you so much for all your support. Merry Christmas from the PTA Committee.

### **Keep in touch:**

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## IOE Weekly Newsletter

13<sup>th</sup> December 2019

### Diary dates & events

#### Next week:

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 9am and 2.15pm Reception class Nativity
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 9am Little Elvers Nativity
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30 – 11.45 Yr5 inter-house Quicksticks Hockey competition. Parents welcome to watch
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30-11.45 Yr3 inter-house Quicksticks Hockey competition. Parents welcome to watch
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 1.15-2.45pm Yr4 inter-house Quicksticks Hockey competition. Parents welcome to watch
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Children's Disco. KS1 at 4pm and KS2 5.15pm
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Surprise visit for Little Elvers at 9.30am
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Last day of term

#### Forward Planning:

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – PD day, school closed to children
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – PD day, school closed to children
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – First day of term, children return
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Open session for 2020 Reception intake at 9am
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – Parent council at 8.45am

#### 2019/2020 Term dates:

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

**Half term:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February (PD day – school closed to children) to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

**Spring (Easter Holiday):** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020 (includes Bank Holidays)

**Summer term:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020

**Half term:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (May Bank Holiday) to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**Bank Holiday:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May (School closed to children)