

**This week's Big Talk...**

**What is your favourite Roald Dahl book to read on Roald Dahl day...**

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

We've had a lovely first full week in our new classes. The children have all settled in beautifully to their new classes and new routines. The school feels very calm and purposeful!

This term we are working very hard to raise the profile of reading within the school and have been looking at lots of fun ways to do this. This week we have celebrated Roald Dahl day by exploring different Roald Dahl books during our lessons and in assembly time. The children seem to have really embraced the wonderful world of Roald Dahl and the fantastically descriptive and sometimes silly phrases he often used. Why not ask your child their favourite Roald Dahl memories?

We are all very much looking forward to next week and all the exciting things we have planned. We can't wait to hear how Years 1 and 2 get on with their trips to Ely Museum and Framlingham Castle next week.

**Latest news from Isle of Ely Primary School...**

- ❖ We are looking forward to the school council elections next week.
- ❖ Those children wanting to run for school council will be doing their presentations on Monday next week with the elections being held on Wednesday in the hall.
- ❖ School Council results will be announced on Friday. How exciting!
- ❖ For those children that attend any of our All4Sports clubs can parents please update their child's class details on your All4Sports accounts to enable your child to be collected by members of the All4 Sports team for their activities.

### Dates for your diary...

#### Next week:

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Year 1 trip to Ely Museum
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Year 2 trip to Framlingham Castle
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Parents' Council 8.45am.

#### Forward Planning:

- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4 Residential trip to Boughton Woods
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Year 4 return from Residential trip
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Parent Share Session – Maths 8.30am to 9.30am
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Open Session for Y20 intake 2pm
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Open Session for Y20 intake 2pm
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Open Session for Y20 intake 9.30am
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Last day of term
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – First day of term (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January is a staff training day)

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### Head teacher's Award

**Ladybird Class** – Otis for aiming high when recording his numbers, well done to him!

**Butterfly Class** – Annabelle for being kind and looking after her friends, well done to her!

**Dragonfly Class** – Reuben for demonstrating fantastic maths skills, well done to him!

**Bumblebee Class** – Emily for her wonderful creativity and labelling, well done to her!

**Spider Class** – Emma for persevering and working to the best of her ability, well done to her!

**Caterpillar Class** – Monty for completing his learning tasks so well, well done to him!

**Wasp Class** – James and Audrey for being brave learners, well done to them!

**Earwig Class** – Owen for persevering and not giving up, well done to him!

**Moth Class** – Evie for fantastic effort and great listening, well done to her!

**Grasshopper Class** – Eleanor for some amazing & creative art work, well done to her!

**Ant Class** – Oscar for thinking through and creating some fantastic ideas, well done to him!

**Mayfly Class** –Yani for always putting in 100%, well done to her!

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***What we've done this week...***

**Little Elvers:** This week Little Elvers have been exploring the story 'Funny Bones'. They had discussions about body parts and themselves - the similarities and differences between them. They created their own skeletons in a variety of different ways - with play dough, chalks and drawing around each other.

**Reception:** This week we have been working on the Golden Rule, 'We look after property.' The children had some great ideas for looking after property both inside and outside. Thank you for sharing pictures of your families. Next week we would like the children to bring in items, photos or certificates that have made them feel proud. This will link to our Big Question, 'What makes you feel proud?' In literacy we will be continuing to look at rhyming words. We have been supporting the children's early writing skills through play. In maths we have been looking at different shapes, weights and patterns. The children have enjoyed creating funny shaped pictures!

**Year One:** In Year 1 this week we have designed and labelled our own toys. When labelling, the children tried their hardest by using all of their phonics knowledge. In Maths we have been sorting and counting groups of objects. The children really impressed us with their teamwork skills. During the week we have been focusing on our handwriting daily as well as completing a range of different fine motor activities. This half term both Year 1 classes will have PE on a Thursday morning, where both indoor and outdoor clothes are required.

**Year Two:** What a great full week back to school. We have made 'Mashed Potato' castles. This was the highlight of the week!!!! Please remember Thursday is PE day. All children need a PE kit in school. Thursday will also be Show and Share day for all children in year 2. We are looking forward to our trip to Framlingham Castle next week. Enjoy the weekend.

**Year Three:** In Year 3 this week, we have had a visit from a wicked witch to kick-off our 'Heroes and Villains' theme. After meeting her, and creating potions, the children worked on collecting WOW words for a character description. We will have tag rugby and gymnastics every Wednesday afternoon this half term. Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothes for these sports and that all items are named. Sports kits can be left in school for the whole half-term to ensure that children always have them when they need them. We hope you have a lovely weekend

**Year Four:** This half term, Year 4 have PE on Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings so will need their PE kits in school for both of these days, we will be on tag rugby. This half term, we are also lucky to have Forest School on Wednesdays so children will need to have waterproofs for this, including a coat and wellies.

In English, we will be focusing on warning stories and using talk for writing to help us learn the structure of these. We will also have spelling and grammar sessions each week to support our writing. Later this half term, we will be learning how to write explanation texts.

For Maths, we are starting with place value and consolidating our understanding of numbers. The children will be learning how to partition numbers up to 4-digits; ordering numbers; and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000.

Year 4 will be continuing with their recorder lessons on Friday afternoons. Please ensure that these are in school on Fridays.

**Year Five:** This week in Year 5 the children have been completing some initial assessment tests ready for the new year ahead of them. In the afternoons we have been continuing with our chosen books and completing some fun activities. Both classes worked amazingly together during their first PE lesson on Tag Rugby and we couldn't be prouder. We also enjoyed a Mad Science assembly on Tuesday to spark some new Science interest.

## PTA News

### Diary dates:

**Next meeting** -Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm

**Fireworks event** - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November, from 5.30 on the school field.

Come and join us for our first ever school fireworks display! Tickets will soon be on sale for this event priced at £10 for a family (two adults and two children) or £5 per adult and £2 per child. For tickets email [pta@isleofelyprimary.org](mailto:pta@isleofelyprimary.org)

Refreshments and food will be available, including a licenced bar. There will also be games and entertainment and a raffle for a 'barrel of booze' where you can win a wheelbarrow filled with a variety of alcohol!

We would be grateful for donations of alcohol for the raffle. Please hand in any donations to the school office.

Thanks for your support!

### Next PTA meeting and AGM

The next PTA meeting will be held at the school on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm and will incorporate the Annual General Meeting (AGM). All parents and carers are welcome to attend and we hope to see lots of you there.

At the AGM we will appoint the committee members for the next year. If you are interested in joining the Committee, please get in touch with us. We are an informal and friendly group which welcomes new members. Joining the PTA is a great way to have fun while supporting the school and coming along to our informal meetings is also a great way to socialise and meet other parents.

In particular we are seeking a new member to act as Secretary to the Committee. The focus of this role is on communication and record keeping. The Secretary also takes minutes at meetings and records action points.

If you have any questions, or would like to chat to one of the current committee members, please let us know.

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