**Head Teacher’s Comment – from Bryony Surtees**

We have had a busy couple of week thinking about our British Values and what they mean to us as citizens. Firstly, we thought about democracy and how we can be involved in the shared decision making process which includes accepting the views of the majority. Then this week, we have looked at the rule of law and discussed the importance of rules and laws. The children are very aware that our school rules of safe, ready, respect keep them safe and enable them to learn and have fun. The children follow the rules at school very well and behaviour in and around the school is very good so it was difficult for the teachers to pick one child to receive the head teacher’s award this week. We think all of the children should be praised and so I’d like to thank all of our children for consistently following our rules and behaving well. Next week, we will be thinking about individual liberty. I would like to remind you to fill out the parent view questionnaire, it does take a little time to do but the information is valuable for us to review and plan for the future. Please click on the following link: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> and many thanks. I hope you all have an enjoyable and fun weekend, the last one in the cold hopefully, and I’m sure you’re all looking forward to next weekend when we can meet people inside again! Stay safe!

**Latest news and information from Isle of Ely Primary School…**

**Staffing Update:**

Mr Aldridge, our site supervisor leaves us today. We would like to thank him for all of his hard work and wish him well for the future.

We have appointed Mr David Bridges to replace Mr Aldridge and look forward to him starting with us in June.

**Classes next year:**

Following another national lockdown, we have decided not to unsettle the children any further and so we won’t be rearranging the classes for next year. Therefore, your child/ren will move up to the next year group with their current class unless your child’s current teacher has already had a conversation with you. You will find out your child’s next teacher after half term.

**Uniform:**

We have lots of lost property at school with jumpers and other items not named so we are unable to return them to their rightful owner. Please can you label **all** of your child’s uniform with their name so that if they leave it lying around somewhere, we can reunite them!

**Sports Day:**

We have had parents ask whether they will be able to attend the sports day as they need to book time from work. Unfortunately, at this moment, we are unable to say as the guidance from Monday states that up to 30 people can meet outside. We are hoping that this is will change from 21st June, the next stage of the roadmap, but we’re afraid we may not be able to let you until quite near the actual date.

**Arts Week:**

We are holding our annual arts week this year in July. During the week the children will take part in a variety of arts activities, from dancing to drama, and printing to performing and singing. It is always a lovely week and if you or you know someone who could give some time during the week to take a workshop with a class, please do get in touch with Miss Lewis as we’d love our parent community to be involved. At the moment we cannot arrange any parent share sessions but we are hoping that may change when we reach the next stage of the government’s road map.

**Parent view:**

Thank you to those parents who have clicked on the link below and filled out the questionnaire. If you haven’t done so, we would really appreciate it if you could spare five minutes to fill out the questionnaire so we have a whole school picture of your views. Please click on the link below and follow the instructions for completion:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

**Foster Care Recruitment Campaign:**

Foster for us today and show why you care!

Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council are supporting this year’s Foster Care Fortnight campaign (10th – 23rd May) and urging people to consider fostering as a career. We particularly need carers who can support children and young people between 10 -15 years old, sibling groups of brothers & sisters and short breaks Link foster carers.

[Foster Care Fortnight](https://www.thefosteringnetwork.org.uk/get-involved/foster-care-fortnight) is the UK’s largest foster care awareness raising campaign and aims to show the positive impact foster care has made on young people’s lives. Foster carers accomplish incredible things every day, and despite the practical and emotional challenges from coronavirus, foster carers continue to provide day-to-day support, love and stability to children and young people who can’t live with their birth families.

We want to hear from anyone who is over 21, has a spare bedroom and the love and dedication to help our young people. We offer round the clock out of hours’ support should you need it, a dedicated supervising social worker who will provide regular supervision and support and generous pay and benefits. Register today at [**www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering**](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering) or call 0800 052 0078.

Why not find out more by coming to our virtual information session on the 26th May from 6-8pm. Book now at: FosteringMarketing@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

**Coronavirus:**

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:

Wash hands, keep washing your hands regularly

Cover face, wear a face covering in enclosed spaces

Make space, stay at least 2 metres apart

**Covid Symptoms:**

If your child displays **any** of the following symptoms, please get your child tested, isolate immediately, let us know, whether they are at home or at school, and inform us of the result.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

* **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature) NHS guidance states that a high temperature is 38C+
* **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
* **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

**Dates and School Term Dates 2020/2021**

**Summer Term**

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| 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 |