



IOE Newsletter

15th January 2021

Head Teacher's Comment – from Bryony Surtees

It has been one of the most testing starts to a new term that we have had, but as usual, during difficult times, the whole school community has pulled together and our 'new normal' seems to be going well. Our brilliant teachers have mastered a new skill, teaching some vulnerable and critical worker' children in person whilst live streaming to the rest of their class at home. Many of the teachers were understandably nervous about this as they do not usually have the parents watching too and, as we're all only human, they were worried about making mistakes and lessons going wrong. However, I am sure you will agree with me that they have done a fabulous job ensuring that all of our children are learning and having the same provision. On that note, please can I ask that parents do not interrupt whilst a teacher is teaching and please keep your microphones muted. If your child needs help, they can speak to the teacher or type in the chat section. I would like to thank you all for your positive comments, tweets and supportive emails that we have received. It has brightened many a day recently and made everyone feel valued and appreciated. Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

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

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 and do let us know, whether they are at home or at school, and let us know 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
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Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

Illness:

If your child is ill and unable to take part in the remote learning or attend school, please inform the school office.



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Dates and School Term Dates 2020/2021

Spring term

Starts	Tuesday 5th January (Monday 4th January PD Day) 2021
Half term	(Friday 12th February PD day) Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February
Ends	Friday 26th March
Spring (Easter) holiday	Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April

Summer Term

Starts	Monday 12th April
Half term	Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June
Ends	Thursday 22nd July 2021 Monday 3rd May 2021
Bank Holiday (School Closed)	

PD days - The school is closed on the following days for the professional development of staff:

4th January 2021 and 12th February 2021