

## Head Teacher's Comment – from Bryony Surtees

It's been a week of announcements from the Government and an easing of Lockdown. For us it means planning how to reopen the school for Little Elvers, Reception and Year 1 whilst maintaining social distancing, continuing the home learning for those children who will not return and supporting the key workers' children. As I am sure you will appreciate, this is a mammoth task and is taking a lot of consideration, risk assessments and planning. We are still awaiting further guidance from our Trust, The Active Learning Trust, and once we have received this and finalised our plans, I will be informing parents of what reopening our school will look like. We have no further information for the other year groups and so the teachers will continue to organise their home learning on Purple Mash and the website until further notice. Obviously, you as parents are best placed to make decisions about whether your child should return to school, but please be assured we are doing all we can to ensure the safety of everyone in the school. Have a lovely weekend and stay safe!

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

### **Staffing Update:**

We interviewed for teachers this week and I'm really pleased to inform you that we made some fantastic appointments and I look forward to them joining us in September. I will announce names and what year groups they will be teaching in as soon as I am able to.

### **Class Names:**

Thank you to everyone who voted for our Year 6 class names, we had a tremendous amount of votes. I can now announce that the winners were Cricket and Scorpion – very apt names for our Year 6 classes.

### **Home Learning:**

Hopefully some of you will have received phone calls from the teachers this week. If you haven't, don't worry, they will be in touch next week. The teachers have really enjoyed catching up with you all! The teachers are continuing to work hard and put lessons on Purple Mash as well as videos of them teaching. If you are unable to access Purple Mash, please do let us know and we are more than happy to put together a paper based learning pack. There is also a lot of information on our website under the home learning tab as well as on the class pages. If you have any problems, worries or concerns with the home learning do please email your child's class teacher through [admin@isleofelyprimary.org](mailto:admin@isleofelyprimary.org) and they will be more than happy to help you. It is important to note that these are exceptional times and how much of the home learning is done is very dependent on your family circumstances. The important thing is that your children are safe, well and happy.

For alternative lessons, please look at Oak National Academy <https://www.thenational.academy/> or BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

### **PD Days**

Due to Covid 19, we were unable to have our training day on 7<sup>th</sup> May as planned and so we've had to rearrange the training for October 2020. That will mean that next year we will be moving the PD on 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you for your understanding with this and if causes any problems, please do get in touch. All the other PD days will remain the same.

## Diary dates & events

<b>Summer term:</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 to Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2020
<b>Half term:</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 (May Bank Holiday) to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
<b>Bank Holiday:</b>	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May (School closed to children)

## School Term Dates 2020/2021

### Autumn term

Starts	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September (3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> September PD days)
Half term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 (Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October PD Day)
Ends	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Christmas holiday	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2020 to Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2021

### Spring term

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

### Summer Term

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

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

**3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 and 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021**