



Head Teacher's Comment – from Bryony Surtees

I hope you all had a lovely and relaxing Easter break and enjoyed getting together with friends and family in gardens and outside. The guidance for schools barely changed and so the children have come back to school in their bubbles with the same safety procedures as before half term. From Monday we are moving to Year group bubbles but very little will change for the children. I am hoping that we may be able to relax our procedures more from 17th May when we reach the next stage of the government's roadmap. All of the children have settled very well into the new term and seem to be enjoying being back at school altogether. This is the last term for our first Year 6 children and we are thinking and planning carefully about how we can make their last term with us memorable, enjoyable and exciting, if you have any ideas, please do let us know. They received their leavers' hoodies on Monday and so emotions are already running high but before they think about moving on, we want them, and all of our children, to enjoy the summer term. I hope you all have a great weekend.

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

Staffing Update:

Congratulations to Mr Sinfield and his partner, Pip, who had their baby on Tuesday morning. He is called Remy William and weighed a healthy 9lbs. Both parents and baby are doing well.

Sadly, Mr Aldridge, our site supervisor, has decided to leave us on 14th May. We would like to thank him for all of his hard work at the school and wish him well with his future endeavours.

We are currently advertising for a site supervisor and so if you know anyone who is interested, please let them know. Further information can be found on our website.

Parking:

As you know, parking around the school is always a contentious issue. We have opened the car park to alleviate the pressure on the surrounding area and there are plenty of spaces within it but some people are still parking unsafely. Please do not park on the pavements at the edge of the school. The curbs have been dropped but these are not parking spaces and unfortunately, we have had a couple of near misses in this area recently with people reversing and children walking on the pavement. Luckily, both the children were fine, just shaken up. Please park safely and considerately if you are driving to school. As we move through the spring and into summer, perhaps more of you may ditch the car and walk to school.

Car Seats:

A police officer has noticed and informed us that since the children have returned to school this term there seems to be a lot of children being dropped off in cars without car seats. The law states that a child must be in a car seat until they are either 135cm tall or 12 years old, whichever comes first. The point of the child seat is to keep the child as safe as possible should an accident happen as a seatbelt alone will do very little to protect a child under 135cm tall. To keep your child safe if they are under 135cm tall, please use a car seat.



Bethan in Year 4 (Moth Class):

We are very proud of Bethan who walked every day over Easter, from 12th March to 12th April, to raise money for her gym club, Fenland Gymnastics Academy. Her fundraising was to help the club purchase new conditioning equipment. The club aimed to walk 5400 miles altogether, the equivalent distance from Hollywood to England and they smashed their target! Bethan clocked up just over 150 miles with the support of friends and family and raised £634. A big thank you to those who have helped her achieve this. She was super excited to be return to her gym squad this week.

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

Dates and School Term Dates 2020/2021

Summer Term

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