

### Head Teacher's Comment – from Bryony Surtees

I have to apologise for the newsletter being one week late. As many of you may know, I had a fall recently and the bang on the head has obviously left me a little confused. 😊 Today is the last day of a wonderful term. As usual it has flown by but there have been many highlights and it has been fantastic having parents in school again for decoration morning and our Nativity and Christmas concerts. Our Nativity on Wednesday was delightful, the children sang beautifully and said their words clearly and the Year 1 and Year 2 children thoroughly enjoyed themselves – it really warmed the heart and got everyone into the Christmas spirit. Ladybird, Butterfly and Little Elvers then continued the Christmas spirit on Thursday with their Christmas sing along concerts. Again, the children were amazing and sang and danced well and it made everyone very excited about the festivities to come. All of our children have worked incredibly hard this term, I am always impressed with what our children know and remember, but they are now ready for a break! I wish you all a relaxing, fun and festive holiday and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Merry Christmas!

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

#### **Staffing Update:**

Mrs Rachael Forster will be joining us in January to teach Mayfly Class as Mrs Silveira goes on maternity leave. Mrs Silveira will still be with us until the middle to the end of January but she will not be teaching Mayfly Class. Mrs Forster will take over teaching the class from the beginning of the new term.

Sadly, Mrs Karen Ellis, will be leaving us today, as she takes up a new post at Spring Meadow. We wish Mrs Ellis well for her future endeavours.

#### **Isle of Ely Choir.**

Our school choir has taken part in many celebrations recently. They sang Christmas songs at Ely Market place as well as Winter Fest and on Monday, they took part in the Cathedral's Christingle which was live streamed to all of the local schools. They sang beautifully and were a real credit to the school and the children have thoroughly enjoyed all of the events. A big thank you to Miss Crawley and Mrs Branson for all of their hard work and dedication to the choir.

#### **House Points:**

Congratulations to Green Team who again won this half term's Team Cup. They will celebrate with an extra playtime when we return in January.

**Green: 2996**

**Blue: 2971**

**Yellow: 2810**

**Red: 2752**

## School Term Dates 2022/2023

### Autumn Term 2022:

Starts	Thursday 1 September 2022
Half term	Monday 24 October 2022 to Friday 28 October 2022
Ends	Friday 16 December 2022
Christmas holiday	Saturday 17 December 2022 to Monday 2 January 2023

### Spring Term 2023:

Starts	Tuesday 3 January 2023
Half term	Monday 13 February 2023 to Friday 17 February 2023
Ends	Friday 31 March 2023
Spring (Easter) holiday	Saturday 1 April 2023 to Sunday 16 April 2023

### Summer Term 2023:

Starts	Monday 17 April 2023
Half term	Monday 29 May 2023 to Friday 2 June 2023
Ends	Friday 21 July 2023
Summer holiday	Saturday 22 July 2023 to Thursday 31 August 2023

### PD Days – the school is closed on the following days for the professional development of staff -

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023