

Head Teacher's Comment – from Bryony Surtees

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and stayed well. There seems to be a lot of illnesses going around at the moment which has affected some of the staff as well as myself so to stay well, try avoiding touching your face, wash your hands regularly with soap and water and maintain healthy habits. Many of our children have had their flu vaccinations although it won't stop them from getting other illnesses so please encourage good habits in your children too. If your child has a high temperature or is vomiting, they should not be in school but if they simply have a cold or are feeling under the weather, we expect them to attend school as usual and we will send them home if we feel they shouldn't be in school. The spring term is always shorter than the autumn term but we still have lots of things planned and the children will be as busy as usual with trips, visits, parent shares and lots of new learning to undertake. The weather is changeable at the moment but the wind always whips around the playgrounds so the children need a warm coat. I wish you all a great weekend.

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Staffing update:

Congratulations to Mrs Hayley Ashman, our Thrive practitioner who is expecting her second baby later in the spring.

We have recruited two new learning support assistants who will be joining us shortly.

Mrs Sam Warren, our new office manager, started with us last week and is slowly getting to know everyone.

Yellow House Charity Day:

Yellow house charity day was very successful and we managed to raise £523 for Addenbrooke's hospital. Thank you for all of your kind donations and I know Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust really appreciate our fundraising. Well done Kubra and Jacob.

Parents' Share sessions:

The next parent share sessions begin the week of 27th January. This share session is looking at maths. This year we introduced our White Rose Maths scheme and by joining us at the end of January, you will be able to take part in a maths lessons and see the teaching and learning of the subject. All of the sessions begin at 0830 so please wait in the playground until a member of staff invites you into your child's class.

Monday 27th January – Reception

Tuesday 28th January – Key Stage 2 (years 3 – 5)

Wednesday 29th January – Key Stage 1 (years 1 &2)

We look forward to showcasing our maths curriculum to you so we hope you can join us.

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Parents Coffee Morning:

We are holding our next coffee morning on Friday 31st January at 0845. We thought it would be a good idea to hold an informal meeting with an open agenda so that we can discuss anything you would like to. All of SLT will be at the meeting and we are happy to answer questions or discuss any topics that you would like to. We look forward to seeing you then.

Behaviour survey:

Behaviour at our school is good, the children follow our rules of safe, ready and respect and enjoy demonstrating our values. In September we introduced our behaviour curriculum and Class Dojo to support our behaviour policy at Isle of Ely. The behaviour curriculum and behaviour policy can be viewed on our website here:

<https://isleofelyprimary.org/our-school/policies-documents>

I would be really grateful if you could complete this questionnaire about behaviour and Class Dojo:

<https://forms.office.com/e/4J6K4mqFQ7>

We are always looking to improve and your feedback will be really valuable.

Donations for After School Club:

Breakfast and after school club would like some donations so that the children have more to play with when they attend the club. They are looking for craft bits and bobs, coloured paper, card, glue, pompoms, paper plates, any role play equipment like kitchen items, baby dolls, any baby doll accessories and dressing up clothes. They are also looking for outdoor toys, small world and figurines. If your children have finished playing with any of the named items, please consider donating them to our clubs so the children can have as much fun as possible. Any donations should be passed to the office.

PTA:

As you may be aware, Kelly Canham is stepping down as the chair of the PTA. A big thank you to Kelly for all of her help and support during her time as Chair – much was achieved and a lot of money was raised. The PTA have announced the calling of an EGM on Thursday 30th Jan at 1830 online to elect a new chair and vote in any other new members to the committee. If you are interested in joining the committee or attending the meeting, please email the PTA pta@isleofelyprimary.org

Beginning/End of the day:

Please do not let your children and toddlers stand on the seats in the outdoor classroom nor go on the field or the play equipment at the beginning or the end of the day. Once you have collected your child, please leave the school grounds swiftly as the gates need to be locked quickly in order to safeguard the children who are at after school clubs. Thank you for your understanding with this.



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School Term Dates 2024/2025

Spring Term 2025:

Starts Monday 6th January 2025
Half term Monday 17th February 2025 to Friday 21st February 2025
Ends Friday 4th April 2025
Spring (Easter) holiday Saturday 5th April 2025 to Monday 21st April 2025

Summer Term 2025:

Starts Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Half term Monday 26th May 2025 to Friday 30th May 2025
Ends Tuesday 22nd July 2025
Summer holiday Wednesday 23rd July 2025 to Friday 29th August 2025

PD Days (School closed to children):

Friday 23rd May 2025