



## IOE Fortnightly Newsletter

20th December 2024

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

The Christmas holiday has finally arrived and the excitement is in the air in our lovely school today. The children and staff are all ready for a break after the busy half-term, filled with festive events and exciting learning. Just in the last week, we had two successful school trips - Year 6 classes had an opportunity to travel back in time and learn about the incredible work that was happening in Bletchley Park during World War II, while Year 3 had a great day at the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge, learning about Ancient Greece and exploring the art exhibition. We have enjoyed welcoming parents, carers and families to our decoration morning, KS1 Nativity and EYFS performances. Our children and staff worked hard practising the songs and lines. Thank you to all of you who were able to join us and for your support. The children have also enjoyed discos, Elfridges, the hot chocolate and cake stall accompanied by the choir's beautiful and festive songs, as well as the hilarious pantomime, kindly paid for by our lovely PTA. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to welcoming the children back on the 7th January 2025.

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

#### **Staffing Update:**

Congratulations to Miss Overson who is expecting her second baby in April – she will be with us until Easter. Mrs Wilshin will not be with us for the first half of the Spring Term as she is undertaking a placement at a different school, Mrs Kirsten Marriott is joining us to cover Mrs Wilshin's lessons on Mondays – some of you may remember her and we look forward to welcoming her back to the Isle of Ely. Ms Bolupe will be joining Moth class after Christmas and will be working closely with Mrs Bartolozzi before she goes on maternity leave – Ms Bolupe will then takeover the class full time.

#### **Yellow Charity Day:**

Kubra and Jacob, Yellow House Captains, have organised our first charity day of the year. They chose to raise money for Addenbrookes hospital, our local hospital, to help them give the highest quality of care for their patients. So far we have managed to raise £470, which is very close to our target of £500. If you are able to donate and would like to help Kubra and Jacob with their initiative, please use the link below:

[Isle of Ely Primary School is fundraising for Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust](#)

#### **Message from the PTA:**

Thank you for your continuous support and generous donations, the hot chocolate stall was very well attended and, together with our very busy Elfridges, allowed the PTA to provide each classroom with a voucher and sweets as a lovely Christmas treat. The gifts were delivered by Father Christmas himself, which brought lots of joy to our children. Thank you all!

#### **Online safety**

During the holidays, children are likely to spend more time using devices and accessing online content. Some children may also be given new devices as gifts. Please make sure your children enjoy these safely, agree boundaries and have appropriate controls set up. You may find useful information on the UK Safer Internet Website.

[Top Tips for staying safe online at Christmas](#)



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#### **Visits to the school:**

Our next tour is on Wednesday 8th January at 0930. If you would like to visit, or know someone who would, please ask them to phone the office to put their name down for the tour. The deadline for Reception place applications is 15th January 2025.

#### **Parent Share sessions:**

Our next parent share sessions are going to be focused on mathematics and are planned for:

Monday 27th January 0830 - 0900 EYFS

Tuesday 28th January 0830 - 0900 KS2

Wednesday 29th January 0830 - 0900 KS1

We look forward to welcoming you back in school to share our teaching and learning in maths.

#### **Beginning/End of the day:**

A gentle reminder to 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.



**School Term Dates 2024/2025**

**Autumn Term 2024:**

Starts Monday 2nd September  
Half term Monday 28th October 2024 to Friday 1st November 2024  
Ends Friday 20th December 2024  
Christmas holiday Saturday 21st December 2024 to Sunday 5th January 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):**

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025