

Head Teacher's Comment – from Bryony Surtees

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely half term break and managed to relax and enjoy yourselves even though the weather was against us. Yesterday, the national guidance around COVID changed and there is no longer a need to self-isolate if you test positive although the advice is to stay at home. The DfE guidance for schools is slightly different and it states that children and young people with COVID should not attend school whilst they are infectious and should take lateral flow tests on day 5 and day 6. If both tests are negative, they should return to school as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. Therefore, if your child has a high temperature or a new continuous cough, we will still urge you to get your child tested with a PCR and to keep your child at home for five days, if they test positive. From 1st April, the Government will update the steps that anyone with COVID should take to minimise contact with other people. We expect further guidance on how to deal with suspected COVID, but in the meantime the local authority recommends that children affected should isolate at home for five days. If your child is isolating due to testing positive but you feel they are well enough to continue learning, the teachers will upload work for them onto TEAMS so please let us know. COVID infection rates in Cambridgeshire are still high and so we will continue to update you of any positive cases in your child's class. I wish you all a fabulous weekend.

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

Staffing Update:

We are pleased that Mrs Louise Kavanagh-Dixon joined our admin team this week and is working every morning.

Sadly, Ms Nicky Pauley, teaching assistant, will be leaving us at the end of March as she has secured a new position at Wilburton Primary School. A big thank you to Ms Pauley and we wish her well with her future endeavours.

World Book Day:

Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day and to celebrate the children have been asked to come into school dressed in their favourite book character or alternatively their pyjamas ready for a bedtime story. We look forward to seeing who we have in school on Thursday. The children will be carrying out a variety of book activities throughout the day.

P.E Kits:

We like the children to come into school on their PE days in their PE uniform as it saves time and items of clothing going missing. This uniform should consist of shorts or jogging bottoms, T-shirt, sweatshirt and trainers. The children should not wear a football/rugby club branded top or shorts with numbers and names on.

Parents' Forum:

Our next Parents' forum will take place next Friday, 4th March, at 0845 in the school hall. Mrs Silveira and Miss Cross will be talking about how we teach phonics and reading in the school. If you are interested or have any questions, please do join us.

COVID:

We have a few children in each class with COVID. However, many of those children have not been in school since before half term although in the classes below, there has been positive cases this week.

Butterfly Class – 2 children, Caterpillar Class – 1 child, Wasp Class – 1 child, Ant Class – 2 children

Driving:

As you are probably aware the high way code has changed recently.

- When people are crossing or waiting to cross at a junction, other traffic should give way
- if people have started crossing and traffic wants to turn into the road, the people crossing have priority and the traffic should give way
- people driving, riding a motorcycle or cycling must give way to people on a zebra crossing and people walking and cycling on a parallel crossing

A parallel crossing is similar to a zebra crossing, but includes a cycle route alongside the black and white stripes.

This is important to remember when leaving or entering School Road. Pedestrians have right of way so please be mindful of this at pick up and drop off times.

School Term Dates 2021/2022

Spring term

Starts	Tuesday 4th January 2022
Half term	Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February
Ends	Friday 1st April 2022
Spring (Easter) holiday	Monday 4th April - Monday 18th April 2022

Summer Term

Starts	Tuesday 19th April 2022
Half term	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June
Ends	Friday 22nd July 2022
Bank Holiday (School Closed)	Monday 2nd May 2022 & Monday 6 th June

PD days - The school is closed on the following days for the professional development of staff
1st September 2021, 22nd October 2021, 4th January 2022, 19th April 2022, 27th May 2022