

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

Welcome back, I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. The children seem happy to be back at school and they are enjoying the sunshine and playing on the field. The summer term is always a busy term but with things back to 'normal' now, we hope to be able to carry out all of the planned activities. In two weeks' time, our Year 6 children will be taking our school's first ever SAT tests – they have worked so hard and all deserve to do well. Year 2 also have their SATs before the end of May and Year 1 have phonics screening in June whilst Year 4 have their multiplication test. Then after all of that hard work, the children can begin to enjoy themselves and look forward to their residential trips in July, our Sports day which is planned for the end of June, weather permitting, as well as Isle Fest, returning for the first time in two years on 2<sup>nd</sup> July. The children from Year 2 and Year 5 went on school's trip this week to Wicken Fen and Africa Alive and had thoroughly enjoyable days. They were all fantastic ambassadors for the school. Today is Earth Day, please ask your children to tell you all about it and what they can do to help the Earth. Have a great weekend!

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

#### **Share Sessions:**

Next week, we are looking forward to holding our first parent share sessions for over two years. We would like to invite you into school to join your child for a writing lesson from 0830 – 0900. Key Stage 2 session is on Monday, Key Stage 1 session is on Tuesday and Early Years session will take place on Wednesday all at the same time. Please drop your child off as usual and then come to the office and sign in and you will be taken to your child's classroom.

#### **One way system:**

Even though COVID restrictions are no longer needed, we are still keeping our one way system when entering and leaving the school grounds. This allows for the flow of people to keep moving as everyone is going in the same direction. I am aware this is not popular with everyone as if you park in our car park, you then need to walk all the way around, especially if you have a child in reception, but I do ask that you respect our wishes and do not try and nip through gates or go against the flow of people.

#### **COVID:**

From the 1st April 2022, Covid-19 is managed in a similar way to any other respiratory illness. The similarities between the profile of Covid-19 and other respiratory viruses' means that individuals will be unable to distinguish one virus from another based on symptoms alone. The NHS have been updated their COVID-19 symptoms in adults and symptoms in [children guidance](#). Children and young people who are unwell with these symptoms and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can come back to school and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. Most children who are unwell will recover in a few days with rest and plenty of fluids. If your child has mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or mild cough, and they feel well enough, they can go to school, college or childcare.

#### **Attendance:**

Attendance is once again mandatory at school and therefore, we expect you to send your child to school unless they have a high temperature, have an upset stomach or are so unwell, they cannot attend school. The government expects the children's attendance to be at least 97% and the teachers may be speaking to parents whose child's attendance is lower than this. Any absence due to holidays or birthdays will be unauthorised and following three of these, you may be at risk of a penalty notice being issued.

**School uniform:**

I would like to draw your attention to expectations regarding school uniform. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform when coming to school. This includes PE and forest school kit. If you wish to have the school logo on the uniform it can be purchased via the website ([yourschooluniform.com](http://yourschooluniform.com)). Non-logo uniform can be purchased at large supermarkets and stores.

Nail varnish and make up are not allowed. Watches and ear studs are allowed, but no other jewellery, including charity bands, for health and safety reasons. On PE days earrings should be removed.

**Day-to-day uniform**

**Sweatshirts/ Cardigans/ Jumpers**

Plain Burgundy or plain burgundy with school logo

Hoodies for outside use only

**Polo shirt/ Blouse/ Shirt**

EY/KS1: Plain white or white with school logo

KS2: White shirt with tie

**Skirts/ trousers/ pinafore dresses**

Plain grey or black

No denim

**Summer dresses**

**Burgundy or blue and white check (not red)**

**Socks and tights**

Plain burgundy, grey or black

No leggings

**Shoes**

Sensible shoes/trainers which will support your child's feet outside and inside. No strappy sandals or open backed sandals.

Dark blue or black. No bright colours or flashing lights.

**PE and forest school kit**

Plain colours only, no logos other than the school logo, no football shirts.

**T-shirt/ polo shirt**

White

**Sweat shirt/ hoodie**

Burgundy (both items can be purchased via the website with the school's logo)

**Shorts (inside and outside) and jogging bottoms (outside if cold)**

Black

No leggings

**Leotards (For gymnastics only)**

Burgundy or black

**Foot wear**

Trainers or pumps which must be in addition to school shoes.

**Forest school**

Wellies, warm clothing, waterproof coats

## School Term Dates 2021/2022

### 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 <sup>th</sup> June

PD day - The school is closed on the following day for the professional development of staff - 27th May 2022

## 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