

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

The children have had a fun few weeks with anti-bullying workshops, house afternoon and tree planting day. Thank you for the wonderful donations that we have received to further enhance our forest school area, we are very grateful. Mrs Del Grazia and Mrs Collard have undergone training in forest schools and they have turned the area at school into a wonderful outdoor space which is enjoyed by all of the children. Our staff are wonderful at school and are very dedicated towards providing the very best provision for your children. I've noticed that the children are getting really excited as December approaches. I look forward to hearing lots of stories about your mischievous elves on the shelves in the run up to Christmas. The PTA have organised lots of lovely Christmas activities, from Elfridges to the discos, a Xmas jumper sale and more. We are grateful to the PTA for organising and running the events and the support we receive from you. Following the construction of our wonderful outdoor classroom, we are hoping and wishing for an outdoor gym and a calming, mindful room so we hope that the events will be popular and well attended and we raise a lot of money for the school. I hope you all enjoy the last weekend of November and stay warm and dry.

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

#### **Staffing Update:**

We are still advertising for a teacher to cover Mrs Bartolozzi's maternity leave. If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please click on the link below for further information:

[Class Teacher at Isle of Ely Primary School | MyNewTerm](#)

Congratulations to Miss Chantelle Miller, Bumblebee LSA, who welcomed her second child at the beginning of the month, a beautiful baby boy called Oscar.

We look forward to our new office manager joining us in January. Her name is Sam Warren and she joins us with a wealth of experience in schools, most recently at Vista, Littleport.

#### **House Afternoon:**

During Anti-bullying week, our house captains, organised an afternoon of fun whilst being mindful of being kind and respectful. The children played football, designed posters and badges and made natural messages in the forest school area. Well done house captains for a fabulous afternoon with a very serious message – we all really enjoyed it.



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

Kubra and Jacob, Yellow House Captains, have organised our first charity day of the year. They would like to raise money for Addenbrookes hospital, our local hospital, to help them ensure the highest quality of care for their patients. So on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, Kubra and Jacob would like all of the children and staff to come into school in rainbow colours and donate £2 to the hospital by clicking on the following link: [Isle of Ely Primary School is fundraising for Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust](#)

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

Our last tour of the year is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 1400. 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 **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

### **Bring back to nature:**

A big thank you to Mrs Alison Butterfield and Mr Graham Biss for taking part in this event at Ely Library. It was well attended and members of the public enjoyed finding out about our school garden. What great publicity for our school!



### **Tree Planting:**

Thank you for all of the donations of £2 for the tree planting in our forest school area. All of the children have had a wonderful time spending time in our forest school area and planting the trees and we raised over £700. This is a fantastic amount and will help us improve the area even more. A big thank you to Mrs Collard and Mrs Del Grazia for organising and facilitating the event.





## IOE Fortnightly Newsletter

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### **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.

### **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