

Head Teacher's Comment – from Bryony Surtees

Thank you to everyone who has completed the questionnaire that was sent out on Monday, we are now aware of who would like their children to return on 1st June and who will send their child in later if the whole school reopens. As expected, there has been a mixture of responses, which is understandable, but we look forward to welcoming about 40% of the eligible children back on 1st June. Staff and I have spent the week planning and organising for the school to reopen and ensuring that when the children do come back, they and the adults will be as safe as possible. I now await to hear from the Trust board whether they give us permission to open on 1st June as well as waiting for the Government's announcement later next week. For those parents who will be sending their child back to school, there will be further information about the reopening following the Government's announcement. Of course, we have been open to the key worker and vulnerable children since the beginning of Lockdown and we will obviously continue to support these children after half term. If you are a key worker and would like your child to attend school, please let the office know. I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable half term and stay safe!

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

Staffing Update:

I was pleased to inform you last week that we had recruited several new teachers to join our team in September and I'm now pleased to introduce them. Miss Kirsty Palmer will be teaching one of the Reception classes, Miss Jessica Overson, Ms Louise Crawley and Mrs Louise Bradshaw-Campbell, all of whom will be teaching in Key Stage 2. They bring with them a wealth of experience and I am looking forward to working with them shortly.

Sadly, at the end of the year, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Newman who is moving on to pastures new. I would like to thank her for all of her hard work and wish her all the best wishes for her future career.

Home Learning:

Next week is half term and so the teachers will not be planning and organising any online learning through Purple Mash nor completing the videos. You do still have the home learning packs which are available on our website if you would like some extra things to do over the week. However, we would encourage that the children relax and enjoy the week and spend some time in the fresh air enjoying the lovely weather. After half term, our home learning may change slightly as several of the teachers may be teaching our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes and, therefore, may not be able to film the videos. There will be new learning packs for June and some activities will still be posted on Purple Mash. Further information will be sent out to you once we know whether we will be reopening on 1st June but please rest assured that home learning will continue.







For alternative lessons, please look at Oak National Academy <https://www.thenational.academy/> or BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

Our Values:

Over the last half term, the staff have been thinking about what makes the Isle of Ely special and unique and we have been reviewing our mission statement as well as our aims. Collectively, we agreed that a set of values would be good to underpin all that we do at our school. Following are the values we have agreed upon and we would now like to hear your views on our chosen values.

The best way to help our children to know these values is to live them every day, by discussing them, modelling them and highlighting children who go above and beyond in their demonstration of them. Alongside this we are going to choose a value each half term which will frame and provide direction for our assemblies.

Isle of Ely Primary School Values

	Empower	To empower every student to take responsibility for their learning and confidently make decisions and choices for themselves.
	Include	To include all children within our school community and appreciate and celebrate our similarities and differences. We see children's abilities, likes and dislikes as a learning opportunity for all and one which can enrich our community.
	Community	To value and develop strong partnerships with our parents and the wider community . Acknowledging our unique role within it and contributing to a better society.
	Inspire	To inspire a love of learning and create a thirst for knowledge across the curriculum and school life so that every pupil strives for personal and academic excellence.
	Support	To support every child and ensure they feel valued and safe. To provide an environment where they can be recognised for their individual strengths, talents, efforts and progress.
	Respect	To create an atmosphere of mutual respect and consideration for the ideas, values and feelings of others.

Diary dates & events

Summer term:	Monday 20 th April 2020 to Tuesday 21 st July 2020
Half term:	Monday 25 th May 2020 (May Bank Holiday) to Friday 29 th May 2020
Bank Holiday:	Friday 8 th May (School closed to children)

School Term Dates 2020/2021

Autumn term

Starts	Monday 7 th September (3 rd & 4 th September PD days)
Half term	Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th October 2020 (Monday 19 th October PD Day)
Ends	Friday 18 th December 2020
Christmas holiday	Monday 21 st December 2020 to Sunday 3 rd January 2021

Spring term

Starts	Tuesday 5 th January (Monday 4 th January PD Day) 2021
Half term	(Friday 12 th February PD day) Monday 15 th February - Friday 19 th February
Ends	Friday 26 th March
Spring (Easter) holiday	Monday 29 th March - Friday 9 th April

Summer Term

Starts	Monday 12 th April
Half term	Monday 31 st May - Friday 4 th June
Ends	Thursday 22 nd July 2021
Bank Holiday (School Closed)	Monday 3 rd May 2021

PD days - The school is closed on the following days for the professional development of staff:

3rd September 2020, 4th September 2020, 19th October 2020, 4th January 2021 and 12th February 2021