

### Head Teacher's Comment – from Helen Davies

Today we had a fascinating assembly from Greener Growth before helping us plant numerous trees! They have shared with us lots of interesting information about the different varieties of trees we have planted and why they were chosen. For instance all of the varieties are heritage specimens intended to provide a varied and nurturing environment for different wildlife. We also have a lot of older and more unusual varieties of fruit trees such as damsons, plums and more unusual apple varieties! Best of all these trees should live for 100 years. The children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and have embraced such a wonderful learning opportunity. Thank you also to all of the parent/carer helpers who have helped today. I hope the children enjoy telling you all about their involvement and new found knowledge.

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

#### Head Lice

There have been several cases of recurring head lice in school. Please can we ask that you regularly check your child's head for head lice and treat them as required?

#### School pantomime

The PTA are very kindly funding a pantomime to come in to school to perform for Years R-5. The Little Elvers have another surprise in store! This will be on the morning of 4<sup>th</sup> December and we hope the children thoroughly enjoy it!

#### Parents' council

A reminder that the parent council is now open to all to attend and the next meeting is 6<sup>th</sup> December at 8:45am. The agenda has already been sent out and if you are intending on coming please let the office know so we can provide an adequate space.

#### Decoration morning

We are looking forward to seeing many of you in school on 9<sup>th</sup> December between 8:45am- 9:45am to create Christmas decorations for the school.

#### Parent share sessions

Parent share sessions, including decoration morning will now commence at 8:45am. This allows teachers to register the children and organise lunches before parents are in the classroom. Therefore, please drop your child off as you normally would and wait in the playground and you will be invited in at 8:45am. At the end of parent share sessions please exit via the office, there will be members of staff to point you in the correct direction if you are unsure of where to go. During the sessions no mobile phones should be out and we ask that you do not bring your phones into the school.

#### World Vegan month

As November is World Vegan Month we will be trying a new special Vegan menu on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. This will be for one day and will give the children the opportunity to try lots of different and tasty foods. An email with the special menu was sent out through Parentmail on the 18<sup>th</sup> November if you would like to see what the options are.



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### PTA News

#### Fundraising from your sofa

Did you know you could help raise funds for the PTA with almost no effort? We are a registered charity with easyfundraising, which means that if you do online shopping with certain retailers and you go to their site via easyfundraising first, we will get a percentage of your spend at no extra cost to you.

Go to [easyfundraising](#) to register and support the PTA from the comfort of your home.

To see similar ways to raise funds go to the school [website](#). We hope to be registered with Amazon Smile soon and will let you know when we are.

#### Keep in touch with PTA news:

Email us: [pta@isleofelyprimary.org](mailto:pta@isleofelyprimary.org)

Sign up to our mailing list: <http://eepurl.com/dvQ9Mf>

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IsleOfElyPTA/>

### Class news

**Little Elvers:** We have been exploring 'what the ladybird heard next' this week. They have been exploring the characters within the story, working out who stole the eggs! They have recreated their own 'snuggly snerds' from the story using junk modelling and playdough.

**Reception:** An alien has landed in our classroom with a sore finger, his name is Bob! We have been sharing ideas and thinking about where he has come from. The children want to feed him Jelly and make him better. In literacy, we have making sequence poster to help the alien make jelly. We have been recording bossy words to help him understand each step. In math, we have been making alien pants by recording amounts to 20. Our Big Question nest week: "How can we get him home?" We hear your child read once a week but books will not be changed on a Tuesday. Please make sure your child does not re-enter the classroom until all children are out. Your child can bring in an item/object into school once a week (Tuesday or Friday) to share with the class.

**Year 1:** We have been boxed up and looked at the structure of Owl Babies thinking about how authors create stories. We have explored the main characters and their emotions, linking it to evidence from the text. In Maths we have finished our shape topic through looking at patterns before moving on to place value to 20. We have ensured the children can represent the numbers in a variety of ways. It would be great if you could practise writing their teen numbers with them at home. Our theme focus has been exploring common and wild plants and distinguishing their characteristics, before moving on to evergreen and deciduous trees. The children have been continuously looking after their plants and they have begun to grow. Can you please continue to practice the songs with your children at home for the Christmas play, you can access the music on YouTube. Also if your child has been given lines please ensure they are beginning to feel confident about these.

**Year 2:** We have been very busy this week learning all the songs and dances for the Christmas play. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE can we ask you to help your children learn their lines off by heart at home. This will make them feel so much more confident when they are standing on the stage.

**Year 3:** This week Year 3 have begun learning the story 'The Day I Met a Big Foot'. We will be analysing this model text over the next 2 weeks to learn how authors write stories about capturing monsters. Ask your child to tell you the story with the actions they have learnt. In Maths the children have been learning how to add and subtract when exchanging, using written methods. They should be able to explain this to you. In Theme the pupils have continued their work on light and shadows and have learnt how to read grid references on maps. They have also had a go at creating a backwash ready to draw on their favourite UK building.

**Year 4:** This week, Year 4 have really immersed themselves in our new story 'Reilly' and have been using drama to act out key parts. They have also been putting themselves in Reilly's shoes and have written fantastic diary entries about his day: describing all the mischief he got up to. In Maths, we have been learning how to multiply and divide by 10 and 100, as well as using our understanding to explain reasoning questions. As part of our Theme work, the children have enjoyed developing their map skills, including understanding ordnance map symbols and using coordinates for grid references. The children created their own puppets in Science and investigated how shadows are formed.

**Year 5:** In Maths we have been learning about squared, cubed and prime numbers with some interesting questions that have needed a lot of explaining! In English, we have been practising our debating skills on topics such as watching television under 11 and whether we should do exams. Theme this week has included lots of science in our solar system. Friday's National Tree Planting Day is super exciting for us and we will be helping out all others in the school.



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### Diary dates & events

#### Next week:

- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Parents evening 3.30pm-5.30pm
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Vegan month special menu
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Parents evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 recycling morning 9.15am – 11.15am
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – 9am open session for 2020 intake
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3&4 Gymnastics at the Hive

#### Forward Planning:

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Reception class vision screening
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Touring theatre pantomime production of Beauty and the Beast at school
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Year 2 and year 5 National Space Centre trip (7.45am drop off & 5.30pm return)
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas decoration morning, parents can join in
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Moth Parents evening 3.30-5.30pm
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 performance at 9am (for parents with siblings)
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 performance at 2pm
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 performance at 5pm
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Moth class parents evening 3.30pm -5.30pm
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Whole school flu immunisation
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Save the Children Christmas Jumper day
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch menu
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 9am and 2.15pm Reception class Nativity
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 9am Little Elvers Nativity
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Children's Disco
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Surprise visit for Little Elvers at 9.30am
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Last day of term
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 – First day of term (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January are staff training day)

#### 2019/2020 Term dates:

**Spring term:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January (6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> January PD days – school closed to children) to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Half term:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February (PD day – school closed to children) to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020

**Spring (Easter Holiday):** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020 to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020 (includes Bank Holidays)

**Summer term:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020

**Half term:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020 (May Bank Holiday) to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**Bank Holiday:** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May (School closed to children)