

Head Teacher's Comment – from Helen Davies

We've had a busy couple of weeks at school. The reception classes have been busy following their clues to find the dragon and princess. It's been lovely to see their contagious enthusiasm!

Year 1 had a wonderful trip to Banham Zoo. It was a long day but they behaved wonderfully and were very engaged throughout. They loved seeing all of the different animals and telling us about them on their return.

I look forward to seeing many of you for next week's parent share session on Wednesday.

Don't forget that the newsletter is now fortnightly.

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

Arts Week

On the week of Monday 2nd March, Isle of Ely Primary School will be running Arts Week! Our theme for this year is "The Natural World". In this week, children all across the school will be get to experience and experiment with a variety of different art forms. These will hopefully include various visual art forms, music, drama, dance etc. We hope to make the week as fun and exciting as possible! We are inviting various artists to come in and carry out workshops with the children. If you would like to get involved or simply wish to pass on the contact details of someone you know, please contact Miss Lewis through the school email. Please do not hesitate to email! It would be fantastic for the children to be inspired by a variety artists in our community. Thank you so much for your support. I hope to hear from you soon!

ITV news

For those of you who missed the handwriting segment which aired on ITV Anglia last night. Our school is featured about 10 minutes in. The link should be available for viewing up until midnight tonight. The segment on science was aired on Wednesday 22nd January as per the Parentmail that was sent out prior to the airing.

<https://www.itv.com/news/anglia/2018-05-04/catch-up-watch-the-most-recent-itv-news-anglia/>

Parent Share

A reminder that there is a Parent Share session on next Wednesday the 29th January. The children will enter school and be registered in the normal way. Parents will be asked to wait outside during this time. Parents will be allowed into the classrooms once this has been completed.

Reading Volunteers

As part of our literacy drive within school we are looking for parent volunteers who would be able to come in to school and read with our year 2 children. If you would like more information or are able to volunteer please contact the school office.

Parking

We are continuing to receive complaints from local residents about the driving and parking in the vicinity of the school during drop off, pick up and wrap around care collection times. I know this has been mentioned several times before but it would be greatly appreciated if parents and carers could consider the impact of their behaviour on our neighbours. As a school we feel it is important to have a positive impact on and relationship with our local community. Please refrain from driving dangerously and endeavour to park respectfully around the school site avoiding parking over residents' driveways and on the pavements.

Competition

Amey Waste Services currently have a competition running offering children the opportunity to win £250 for their school to spend on coach travel. It would be great if any of our children would like to complete the word search on the last page of their attached newsletter (use below link) and put us in the running.

https://wasteservices.amey.co.uk/media/6672/waterbeach-newsletter-winter-2019.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Parent Council

We've had the first of this terms Parent Council meetings this morning. It was lovely to see so many parents sharing their feedback and experiences, it was a very productive meeting. The minutes will be available via the school website shortly.

Recruitment

We are currently recruiting for 2 TA positions within the school. We are looking for a Level 3 qualified Teaching Assistant for Little Elvers and another TA for the main school. If you would like more information or an application pack please contact the school office.

Newsletter dates

The next newsletter will be issued on Friday 7th February 2020.



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PTA News

PTA Meeting 30th January

Thursday 30th 6-7pm is our next PTA/School meeting and you are welcome to attend. As parents and carers you are automatically members of the PTA.

If you want to see or join in discussions about the year ahead including events, such as Isle Fest (4th July) and Quiz Night, and decisions about spending then please come along. Come to the main door just before 6pm and we'll see you there.

Valentine's Disco

Will be on Wednesday 12th February. More details in the next newsletter.

Thank you so much for all of your support.

Keep in touch:

Email us: pta@isleofelyprimary.org

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

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



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Diary dates & events

Next 2 weeks:

- Wednesday 29th January 2020 – Parent share session (writing) 8.45am-9.30am
- Friday 31st January 2020 – Netball tournament at Kings School Ely for some Y 5

Forward Planning:

- Wednesday 12th February 2020 – PTA Valentines Disco
- Thursday 13th February 2020 – Valentines special lunch menu
- Thursday 13th February 2020 – Last day of half term
- Monday 24th February 2020 – Return to school
- Monday 24th February 2020 – Family worker in 9am-11am
- Monday 2nd to Friday 6th March – Arts Week
- Thursday 5th March 2020 – World Book Day
- Thursday 5th March 2020 – Parent Share (Art) 8.45am-9.30am
- Monday 16th March 2020 – Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
- Tuesday 17th March 2020 - Family worker in 9am - 11am
- Wednesday 18th March 2020 – Parents Evening 3.30pm-7.30pm
- Friday 20th March 2020 – Parent Council at 8.45am
- Tuesday 24th March 2020 - Y3/4 Production at 2pm
- Wednesday 25th March 2020 – Photographer in for class group photos
- Wednesday 25th March 2020 - Y3/4 Production at 2pm
- Wednesday 25th March 2020 - Y3/4 Production at 6pm
- Thursday 2nd April 2020 – Last day of term
- Thursday 7th May 2020 – PD day, school closed to children

2019/2020 Term dates:

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

Half term: Friday 14th February (PD day – school closed to children) to Friday 21st February 2020

Spring (Easter Holiday): Friday 3rd April 2020 to Sunday 19th April 2020 (includes Bank Holidays)

Summer term: Monday 20th April 2020 to Tuesday 21st July 2020

PD Day: Thursday 7th May 2020 (School closed to children)

Half term: Monday 25th May 2020 (May Bank Holiday) to Friday 29th May 2020

Bank Holiday: Friday 8th May (School closed to children)