

Head Teacher's Comment – from Bryony Surtees

We've been back at school for two weeks now but I do hope that you all had a lovely Easter break, relaxing and enjoying being together with your families and friends. We are now well into the summer term and May is just around the corner so hopefully the weather will start to get warmer, drier and sunnier. We have a lot of things to look forward this term including Arts week, Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd May, when you will all be invited into school to carry out some art activities with your child/ren. Mrs Bartolozzi has spent a lot of time organising this week and this year we are focusing on resilience, one of our school values. With this in mind, all of our workshops are different so that the children are exposed to different areas of Art, Music, Dance and Drama – it should be very exciting and lots of fun. Then there will be residential, sports day, transition day and Year 6 fun before we say goodbye to Year 6. Soon we will start looking at the classes for next year so please do chat with your child/ren about which friends they would like to be with next year. We can't guarantee they will be with all of their friends but they will be with at least one friend and hopefully more but there is always break and lunchtime to socialise. Well done to Monty and Chloe for organising our charity day today, it was a lot of fun and as usual, you have all been very generous with your donations – thank you very much. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Latest news and information from Isle of Ely Primary School

Blue House charity day:

The children loved bringing their teddies into school today and being in their pyjamas or non-uniform to support Blue House charity day. Chloe and Monty are proud to have raised £300 for the Whales and Dolphin charity. Thank you for supporting their chosen charity. If you haven't donated yet, please click on the link below to donate – it would be good to achieve our target of £500.

[Isle of Ely Primary School is fundraising for Whale And Dolphin Conservation \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Isle-of-Ely-Primary-School/whale-and-dolphin-conservation)

Attendance:

Attendance at school is statutory. Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing and wider development. Being around teachers and friends in a school is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care. You might have noticed that there is currently a big push by the Government, with support from the NHS, to decrease avoidable absence in schools. With Covid guidelines still fresh in some parents' and carers' memories, many children are having frequent days off school when they could, and should, attend. The NHS has a useful page that helps parents and schools decide whether a child is well enough to attend school. Along with the Chief Medical Officer, they say it is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses, including general cold symptoms like a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. Without an accompanying high temperature, a child would be expected to attend school. Have a look at the website for more information using this link: [Is my child too ill for school?](#)

Discos:

A big thank you to the PTA, especially Cherry Lock, for organising the discos for the children this week. The children had a fantastic, fun time and enjoyed the music, the dancing and the chat. The PTA has raised £500 from the discos so a big thank you for supporting the PTA and their events. We now look forward to Isle Fest on Saturday 29th June.

Facebook:

Many of you have now joined our new Facebook group and I hope you are finding the updates useful. If you still haven't joined the group, please be mindful that you have to answer the questions asked before being admitted to the group.

Monday 6th May:

Monday 6th May, is a bank holiday and the school will be closed that day.

Online safety:

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok:

TikTok is a social media platform for sharing and watching short video clips. Some of the videos may not be appropriate for your child to view and there is also the risk of strangers contacting your child. If your child is using TikTok then make sure appropriate security/privacy settings are applied.

Account set up:

As always, it is important that when setting up an account, your child enters their real date of birth as accounts are tailored by age e.g., direct Messaging is disabled for accounts aged 13-15. In addition, advertisements are tailored to their age. By default, accounts for people under 16 are set to private and we would recommend keeping it as this. This means your child must approve follower requests. You can read more about the other settings available, such as switching off comments and switching on restricted mode here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/accountprivacy-settings>.

Family Pairing:

This allows you to link your own account to your child's account. You can then set controls such as restricted mode. You can find out more here: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/> Whilst against TikTok's guidelines, explicit and inappropriate content can be found on this platform, for example nudity/sexual content and hate speech. We often see viral challenges on social media, some of which can be dangerous. If your child is using TikTok, chat to them regularly about what they are viewing.



IOE Newsletter

26th April 2024

Summer Term 2024:

Starts Monday 15 April 2024

Half term Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024

Ends Friday 19th July

Summer holiday Saturday 20 July 2024 to Friday 30 August 2024

PD Days (School closed to children):

Friday 24th May 2024