

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

I am very much looking forward to our annual Isle Fest tomorrow. It is always an event in the calendar that everyone looks forward to and this year is no exception. A slight difference this year is the fact that many of our classes are running stalls and trying to raise extra funds for the PTA. There is a healthy competition between the classes to see which class raises the most money and I know many of our competitive staff are keen for it to be them so we shall have to wait and see. Whilst the event seems to happen effortlessly, it has been months in the planning and couldn't happen without the amazing members of the PTA, the wonderful volunteers who give up some of their time to run stalls and the fabulous staff so I would like to thank them all for their hard work, effort and generosity – it is greatly appreciated. Although it has cooled today, it has been rather hot this week and the sun at lunchtime is particularly strong so please make sure your child/ren has a hat to wear and sun cream on, which can be applied before school, to ensure they are safe in the sun. As many of you will have seen, our Reception classes outdoor area had a bit of a makeover this week, with a story telling chair, water play and musical instruments. Whilst it is not finished, we are expecting some sails too for shade, the equipment does look great. However, the grass is overgrown with lots of weeds and the bark seems to have disappeared so if you have any ideas or resources on how we could improve the flooring areas, we'd love to hear from you so please do get in touch. I hope to see many of you at Isle Fest tomorrow but if I don't, I hope you have a great weekend.

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

#### **Green House Charity Day:**

Green House Charity day was a lovely day and the children thoroughly enjoyed the penalty shoot outs and the music run. A big thank you to William and Georgia for organising the day and to you all for the kind donations to Jimmy's Cambridge. If you haven't donated yet, please click on the link below:

[Isle of Ely Primary School is fundraising for Jimmy's Cambridge \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Isle-of-Ely-Primary-School)

#### **Attendance:**

We are really pleased that our whole school attendance figure hit 96% this week which is back to pre-COVID levels. We are still aiming for a higher overall attendance figure and would like all of the children's attendance to be 96%+ and so we will shortly be reviewing our attendance policy for September. This will make it very clear what illnesses and absences will be authorised and which will not. The attendance policy will be emailed out as soon as it has been finalised.

#### **The end of the day:**

At the end of the day, please collect your child/ren and leave the school premises quickly. Please do not allow them to play on the field or on the play equipment as there are no staff there to supervise the children. We also have to lock the gates swiftly as there are many after school clubs and activities. Thank you for your understanding with this.

**Strangers:**

**WE SPEND THE FIRST FEW YEARS DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN...**

Then we have to learn how to give them some independence...

Teaching children simply to avoid strangers doesn't work. Most strangers will help rather than harm children. Conversely, it is often people known to children that pose the greatest threat. It is important to teach children to recognize when someone (known or unknown) is asking them to go with them or do something that makes them feel uncomfortable. It is important to give your child practical safety skills and confidence to engage with the outside world and the strategies needed if they are worried, concerned or feel unsafe around someone.

**Stranger Danger Online:**

The internet can provide many opportunities for child grooming and many children are accessing the internet for long periods of time. Research tells us that only 23% of children aged 3-4 play games online however it is good to start having conversations early about not speaking to strangers online and not telling anyone any personal information such as their name or where they live. Parental controls can be activated, passwords can be set and search engines just for children can be downloaded.

**PTA News:**

<h1>ISLE FEST 2024</h1>		<p><b>WHEN?</b> Saturday 29th June SEN Family Early Entry 11.30am General admission 12-3.30pm</p>	<p><b>WHERE?</b> Isle of Ely School Playground &amp; Field</p>	
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<p><b>PRICES</b></p> <p>ENTRANCE - ADULT £3 - CHILD £2 - INCLUDED IN TICKET PRICE IS HARRY POTTER &amp; CIRCUS SKILL WORKSHOPS</p> <p>HAIR BRAIDS BY LILY MAEVE DESIGNS - FROM £5</p> <p>FACE PAINTER BY BLUE KANGAROO - FROM £5</p> <p>FLOWER CROWN WORKSHOP BY FLORA LAURA - From £6</p> <p>MASSAGE BY CARL - 10 MINS £15 - 20 MINS £20</p> <p>PTA STALLS WILL BE CASH ONLY. PLEASE BRING A MIX OF NOTES &amp; COINS. OUTSIDE VENDORS WILL BE A MIX OF CASH &amp; CARD PAYMENTS.</p>	 <p><b>SCAN TO BOOK ENTRY TICKETS</b></p>	<p><b>RAFFLE</b></p> <p>Raffle tickets are being given to all students. Please fill out and return to the school office or on the day.</p> <p>Raffle closes at 2pm on the 29th.</p> <p><b>£1 a TICKET</b></p>	<p><b>VOLUNTEERS</b></p> <p>The best events are run by the best volunteers. We cannot do this without you. Any time is a huge helping hand in raising money for the school.</p> <p>Sign up to help for as much or as little as you can.</p> 	
<p><b>FOOD &amp; DRINK VENDORS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ginger Barista</li> <li>Kong Thai Soul Asian Food</li> <li>Verriecchia's Ice Cream</li> <li>The Little Pizza Oven</li> <li>Meat up Gambs</li> </ul>	<p><b>Scones with jam &amp; clotted cream!</b></p> 	<p><b>STALLS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elaine McDonald books</li> <li>Lego by James Dae</li> <li>Angelic designs by Michelle</li> <li>Melissa Castrillon Illustrations</li> <li>Bamboo Stone</li> <li>Emily Louise Crafts</li> <li>ABCakes</li> </ul> <p>...and many more!</p>		
<p>Hosted by the Isle of Ely Primary School PTA</p> 		<p>pta@isleofelyprimary.org</p>	<p>Isle Of Ely PTA</p>	



## HERE ARE SOME REMINDERS TO HELP YOU ENJOY THE DAY:

### TICKETS

*Either buy on the gate or avoid the queues and buy now!*



### TIMINGS

**SEN Family Early Entry 11:30am**  
**General admission\* 12-3:30pm**

*\*A few of you have highlighted that their children are due on stage at 11:55am for Rocksteady. For these families please head to the front of the main queue and aim to arrive for 11:50 am.*

*Once you have either purchased or shown your tickets you will be able to head straight to the stage for the 12 o'clock performance.*

### PARKING

*The school car park will be for the sole use of vendors!*

*Please try to walk or park respectfully on the roads surrounding the school!  
Please respect local residents.*

### RAFFLE TICKETS

*Please remember that tickets must be returned either to the school office or on the event day along with fully completed books.  
Additionally, tickets cannot be issued in the name of anyone under the age of 16. Thank you for your cooperation!*

### WHAT TO BRING

*Make sure you're prepared for the sun, so bring a hat & sunscreen. You're welcome to bring picnic blankets & chairs!*

### BRING CASH, PREFERABLY CHANGE FOR PTA STALLS!

EXTERNAL VENDORS WILL HAVE CARD MACHINES

### PLEASE VOLUNTEER - WE NEED YOU!



*Sign up to help for as much or as little as you can.*

*We're so close to raising all the funds for the outdoor classroom.  
We couldn't do this without all of your support.*

*We hope to see you all there having a great time while supporting the PTA!*

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