

Head Teacher's Comment – from Helen Davies

Following the Active Learning Trust's announcement before half term regarding my departure from Isle of Ely, I wanted to write personally to you all to say a huge 'thank you' for the incredible support you have shown me in my time here at Isle of Ely. You have all made me feel so welcome.

I have really enjoyed being the Head Teacher of Isle of Ely, particularly working with the children – who have been a delight. I shall miss everyone enormously, but it is the right thing for me personally to return to Worcestershire, where I am taking up another headship.

I would like to wish everyone at Isle of Ely success and good fortune in the future.

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

Donations

As a school, we are looking to improve our local community links. We are beginning to work closely with The Orchards care home facility (adjacent to the school) to create some lovely projects for your children to be involved with over the forthcoming months. In having a tour of the facility, it became clear that they really need high quality jigsaw puzzles and copies of the latest book releases to fill their beautiful library. If you are going to be having a 'Spring clean' and have either of these items still in good quality, we would love to collect them and pass them on to The Orchards.

Please bring any items into the foyer and there will be a box to put them in. Thank you!

Mrs Coates.

Special Visitor for Little Elvers

As part of their People Who Help Us topic Little Elvers had a surprise visit from a policeman and police car before half term. The children were all very excited and made their own police hats to wear. The children were able to explore the inside of the police car looking at the evidence bags and trying on police hats. They also got to watch the lights and hear the siren. It was a wonderful visit and they all enjoyed meeting a real life policeman!

Arts Week

We've had a fantastic donation of recycled materials – Thank you! The children have the opportunity to be involved in a large variety of art forms next week with everything from printing to drama and digital art. We look forward to sharing our creations with you at the parent share and the open event.

Don't forget to bring in any natural resources you may have (e.g. leaves, pebbles, shells...) next week. Again thank you for all of your support.



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Inter-house sports competition

Last half term the KS2 children worked extremely hard throughout all of their netball PE lessons and this was evident with the standard of play during their inter-house competition. Miss Falconer is pleased to have received such fantastic feedback and is looking forward to taking some Y5 children to the East Cambridgeshire Netball event on Friday 20th March 2020.

Reading Volunteers

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to come into school and read with the children. You should all have received an email with more details and instructions. If you have not had an email and would like to volunteer then please contact the school office.

National Literacy Trust Survey

This year we are taking part in the National Literacy Trust's survey of children and young people to explore their views on reading, writing and listening. There is one survey for children aged 5-8 and one for children aged 9 and over. As a school we will not be able to access individual pupils' results. However, we will receive a whole school report. **All surveys need to be completed by Friday 6 March 2020.**

Ages 5 -8: http://research.literacytrust.org.uk/s/ALS2020_5to8_IsleofEly/

Ages 9 to 18: http://research.literacytrust.org.uk/s/ALS2020_IsleofEly/

Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

Newsletter dates

The next newsletter will be issued on Friday **13th** March 2020.



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PTA News

Thank you so much for all of your support with the Valentines Disco.

Keep an eye out for chocolate bingo, coming before Easter!

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:

- Monday 2nd to Friday 6th March 2020– Arts Week
- Thursday 5th March 2020 – World Book Day
- Thursday 5th March 2020 – Parent Share (Art) 8.45am-9.30am
- Thursday 5th March 2020 – Author visit
- Friday 6th March 2020 – Y3/4 Football event at WVC
- Friday 6th March 2020 – 2.40pm parents welcome to view artwork
- Monday 9th March 2020 – Sports Relief Week
- Monday 9th March 2020 – Y4 Ely Museum visit
- Wednesday 11th March 2020 – Y3 Ely Museum visit
- Wednesday 11th March 2020 – Year 5 music workshop within school

Forward Planning:

- 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
- Friday 20th March 2020 – Netball Event for some Y5 SVC
- Monday 23rd March 2020 – Mother’s Day afternoon tea for Little Elvers at 2pm
- 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
- Monday 30th March 2020 – Y1 trip to Wicken Fen
- Thursday 2nd April 2020 – Last day of term
- Thursday 7th May 2020 – PD day, school closed to children
- Friday 8th May 2020 – Bank Holiday, 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)