**Head Teacher’s Comment – from Bryony Surtees**

The summer term is progressing nicely and the children are all engaged and enjoying their new learning. It would just be nice if the weather turned a bit warmer and less windy. We have had a focus on exercise and being healthy during assemblies this week and it has been lovely to hear about all of the different activities that the children enjoy both inside and outside of school. Our daily mile is very popular with the children and playtimes are always very energetic and full of different games and activities. Dodgeball has become a real favourite with the children as well as football and basketball. This week I have encouraged the children to get the skipping ropes out and it has been great to see groups of children skipping individually and together. All of these activities are good practice for our up and coming sports day on June 23rd when hopefully parents will be able to join us and become involved in the life of the school again. It will be great having parents and carers back in school as it’s been a long time since it’s been possible. This week is a bank holiday so enjoy the extra day off.

**Latest news and information from Isle of Ely Primary School…**

**Staffing Update:**

Congratulations to Mrs Ashman, our Thrive Practitioner, and her partner who had their baby early on Sunday morning. He is called Freddie and weighed a healthy 7lbs 4oz. Both mother and baby are doing well.

We are currently advertising for a site supervisor and so if you know anyone who is interested, please let them know. Further information can be found on our website but our deadline is Wednesday 5th May.

I am pleased to tell you that we have appointed a new Early Years Lead and I look forward to introducing her to you in the near future.

**Parking:**

Apologies for the late opening of the car park barrier this week. Mr Aldridge has now been asked to open the barrier at 1440 which should alleviate the congestion around the gate at the end of the day.

**Parent view:**

As a school we always like receiving feedback from the parents so we can make sure that the children are getting the best possible education. Therefore, we would appreciate it if you could fill out the Ofsted parent view questionnaire so we can gauge how we are doing. Please click on the link below and follow the instructions for completion:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

**Year 6 Bikeability:**

If your child is in Year 6 and you are planning for them to do bikeability, please complete the forms that have been sent to you as soon as possible and send them back to [admin@isleofelyprimary.org](mailto:admin@isleofelyprimary.org)

**Coronavirus:**

There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other:

Wash hands, keep washing your hands regularly

Cover face, wear a face covering in enclosed spaces

Make space, stay at least 2 metres apart

**Covid Symptoms:**

If your child displays **any** of the following symptoms, please get your child tested, isolate immediately, let us know, whether they are at home or at school, and inform us of the result.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

* **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature) NHS guidance states that a high temperature is 38C+
* **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
* **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

**Dates and School Term Dates 2020/2021**

**Summer Term**

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| Starts | Monday 12th April |
| Half term | Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June |
| Ends | Thursday 22nd July 2021 |
| Bank Holiday (School Closed) | Monday 3rd May 2021 |