

This week's Big Talk...

What signs of autumn have you spotted...

Head Teacher's Comment – from Helen Davies

It's been a rather cold and wet week in school this week but the children haven't let that slow them down. However, now that it is getting colder and wetter it is important that all children do come in to school with weather appropriate clothing.

Today has been a busy day for outings with both our year 5 and year 1 children out of school. Our year 5 students were very excited on their way out to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village this morning and I'm looking forward to hearing all about their new discoveries.

I would also like to say a big 'Thank You' to all of our parent helpers (especially on a cold and muddy day like today!) who make it possible for our children to go on such lovely trips throughout the school year. We really do appreciate your support.

Lastly we have some wonderful news to share with you. Laura Fielding our Deputy Head is expecting her first child in April 2020. How exciting for her!

Latest news from Isle of Ely Primary School...

- ❖ The school currently have a vacancy for a Kitchen Assistant. The role is for 15hrs a week between 10.30am and 1.30pm. If you require further information please contact Carolyn Camy at Caterlink on ccamy@caterlinkltd.co.uk.
- ❖ The school are currently recruiting a new class teacher. Please contact the school office on admin@isleofelyprimary.org if you would like further information.
- ❖ Can we please remind parents that the office needs to be informed of your child's illness before 9am. This can be done in person, over the phone or via email. This is in addition to telling the class teacher (if you have done so).
- ❖ As a school we are working together to collect the ALDI Kit for Schools stickers. Please hand any stickers you may have in to the class teachers. If we are able to collect 300 stickers we will receive an exclusive sports kit plus a chance to win £20,000 for the school.

Dates for your diary...

Next week:

- Wednesday 9th October – Parent Share Session – Maths 8.30am to 9.30am
- Thursday 10th October - Recycling workshop for KS2

Forward Planning:

- Wednesday 16th October – Open Session for Y20 intake 2pm
- Thursday 17th October – Open Session for Y20 intake 2pm
- Friday 18th October – Open Session for Y20 intake 9.30am
- Friday 18th October – Year 5 attending the Safety Zone at Ely Fire Station
- Monday 21st to Friday 25th October – Half Term
- Tuesday 29th October – Open Session for Y20 intake 10am
- Wednesday 30th October – Open Session for Y20 intake at 1.30pm
- Wednesday 30th October – Science with Parents 8.30-9.30am
- Thursday 19th December 2019 – Last day of term
- Tuesday 7th January 2020 – First day of term (Monday 6th January is a staff training day)

Head teacher's Award

Ladybird Class – Abby for never giving up and being willing to try, well done to her!

Butterfly Class – Jake for always being helpful around the classroom, well done to him!

Dragonfly Class – Nathaniel for aiming high in his English, well done to him!

Bumblebee Class – Kubra for aiming high in her English, well done to her!

Spider Class – Callum for trying hard with his listening & following instructions, well done to him!

Caterpillar Class – Jude for excellent progress in English & Maths, well done to him!

Wasp Class – Ellie for fantastic problem solving in Maths, well done to her!

Earwig Class – Evie for being helpful all the time, well done to her!

Moth Class – Olly for his excellent effort in during English, well done to him!

Grasshopper Class – Sasha for superb story writing, well done to her!

Ant Class – Ruby for finding her voice in class, well done to her!

Mayfly Class – Yigit working so hard on his independence, well done to him!

What we've done this week...

Little Elvers: This week Little Elvers have been exploring the topic 'birthdays'. We decorated balloon pictures and made our own birthday cakes using a variety of messy play tools - using them to roll and mix before adding candles to the finishing product. Then we had our very own party which we created brightly coloured invites for and played a game of pass the parcel.

Reception: The children have been enjoying their new challenges this week both inside and out. In literacy we have been using Fred Fingers. Fred is our new class pet; he helps us say our sounds correctly. The children are enjoying using letter join to help their pencil control and formation. You can visit the website at www.letterjion.co.uk and join as a parent. In maths we have been creating super heroes, using mathematical language to describe the shapes. The children have been very excited this week using white boards during their CLIC input. CLIC is a mathematical input we use to teach children mathematical skills. Thank you for all your support and encouragement. Have a wonderful weekend.

Year One: In Maths, we have been ordering objects as well as plotting numbers on a number line working within 10. In English, we have started our unit of work of Old Bear by using the Talk 4 Writing approach. The children have been looking at the use of capital letters, adjectives and conjunction and have had the opportunity to apply their knowledge. In Theme, the children have conducted a simple experiment by testing which material is more effective to protect a teddy bear from water. They then discussed their results from the experiment and explained their conclusion.

Year Two: STOP THE PRESS – DRAGON in Year 2 classes. This week both Year 2 classes were destroyed by a DRAGON!!! We found footprints on the floor and our furniture was turned over! We decided that we needed to think about how to trap the dragon. We have written instructions using time connectives, First, next, after that, then, finally. We came up with some brilliant ideas as to how we could capture the dragon. Mrs Bates and Miss Lewis were very impressed and thanked us for trying to stop the dragon from returning to the school.

Year Three: This week Year 3 class have been innovating their own versions of the Nail Soup story. We have been really impressed with the adjectives and adverbs the children are using to improve their sentences. In maths the children have been solving problems using place value and can now find 1, 10 or 100 more or less than any three digit number. They have moved onto our Science Big Question: How can a villain make their getaway faster? To answer this question we have started to investigate forces, friction and magnets

Year Four: This week, Year 4 have started their new science topic on forces and magnets. They thought about what forces they already knew about and when we use push/pull forces, before investigating how materials affect forces impacting a toy car. In Maths, we have been looking at rounding to the nearest 10 and 100. We have thought carefully about which digit to look at to work out if we need to round up or down and children made their own number lines to show whether numbers need to be rounded up or down. In English, we have thought about how to build tension in stories and how to create an effective setting description. We are now moving on to creating class innovations of our text 'Sulius'.

Year Five: This week, children have been learning how to round numbers and write up their own versions of 'Axe Soup'. We have been looking at lots of different literary tools and including these in our work. In the afternoons, we have been learning about Properties of Materials for Science and about the importance of music in our lives. We are trying to encourage everyone to walk to school for Walk to School Month too. Finally, Friday is our school Trip to West Stow – we are all very excited!

PTA News

Diary dates:

Next meeting -Thursday 10th October at 6pm

You are all welcome to come along and hear more about what the PTA has been busy with over the last year. This is also a good opportunity to hear about future activity and share your thoughts on what we could focus on for the school community.

Our current Secretary is stepping down next week. If you or any school parents you know are interested, please do email us to find out more about what's involved in the role, prior to next week's meeting.

Halloween cake sale – Wednesday 30th October 3pm

We will be holding a Halloween themed cake sale on Wednesday 30th October at 3pm so please do drop by to pick up some spooky but yummy treats! Cakes are 50p each and as always all cake donations (bought or home-made) are very much appreciated.

Please make sure that any containers you would like returned are clearly labelled with your child's name and class, and remember we are a nut free school. The committee will be on hand to receive any donations at drop off or alternatively please bring your donations along to the stand outside the school office from 2.45pm onwards.

Fireworks event - Friday 1st November, from 5.30 on the school field.

Come and join us for our first ever school fireworks display! Tickets will soon be on sale for this event priced at £10 for a family (two adults and two children) or £5 per adult and £2 per child. For tickets email pta@isleofelyprimary.org

Refreshments and food will be available, including a licenced bar. There will also be games and entertainment and a raffle for a 'barrel of booze' where you can win a wheelbarrow filled with a variety of alcohol!

We would be grateful for donations of alcohol for the raffle. Please hand in any donations to the school office.

Thanks for your support!

Next PTA meeting and AGM

The next PTA meeting will be held at the school on Thursday 10th October at 6pm and will incorporate the Annual General Meeting (AGM). All parents and carers are welcome to attend and we hope to see lots of you there. At the AGM we will appoint the committee members for the next year. If you are interested in joining the Committee, please get in touch with us. We are an informal and friendly group which welcomes new members. Joining the PTA is a great way to have fun while supporting the school and coming along to our informal meetings is also a great way to socialise and meet other parents.

In particular we are seeking a new member to act as Secretary to the Committee. The focus of this role is on communication and record keeping. The Secretary also takes minutes at meetings and records action points.

If you have any questions, or would like to chat to one of the current committee members, please let us know.

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