

This week's Big Talk...

What have you done in your first few days back at school.....?

Head Teacher's Comment – from Helen Davies

Firstly I would like to say 'Welcome Back' to all our students. It has been lovely hearing them share the fantastic adventures that were had over the summer!

We have welcomed our new reception classes who have done a wonderful job at settling in so far. I look forward to seeing them grow in confidence as the year progresses. Our returning children have enjoyed meeting their new teachers and classmates and have hit the ground running.

We have lots of exciting things planned over the next half term, including our Year 2 trip to Framlingham Castle and our Year 4 residential trip to Boughton Woods. I'm sure the children are just as excited as us!

I look forward to working closely with you all over the next term.

Latest news from Isle of Ely Primary School...

- ❖ We have welcomed Miss Newman to Butterfly class, Miss Lewis to Caterpillar class, Miss Carter to Wasp class, Miss Orakci to Grasshopper class and Mr Turner to Mayfly class.
- ❖ Miss Burnford has also be taken on the role of SENDCO in addition to her teaching role in Earwig class.
- ❖ We also have two new Teaching Assistants; Mrs Samantha Lambert and Miss Cheryl Bass.
- ❖ Lastly, we said goodbye to Mr Waters at the end of last term, we wish him all the best with his future endeavours.
- ❖ We are currently advertising for a further Teaching Assistant. Please email the school office for further information.

Dates for your diary...

Forward Planning:

- Tuesday 17th September – Year 2 trip to Framlingham Castle
- Friday 20th September – Parents' Council 8.45am.
- Wednesday 25th September – Year 4 Residential trip to Boughton Woods
- Friday 27th September – Year 4 return from Residential trip
- Wednesday 9th October – Parent Share Session – Maths 8.30am to 9.30am
- 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
- Monday 21st to Friday 25th October – Half Term
- 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 –Tola for staying positive and excellent listening, well done to her!

Butterfly Class – Sophia for good listening, well done to her!

Dragonfly Class – Isla for being exceptionally helpful, well done to her!

Bumblebee Class – Annabelle for being outstanding this week, well done to her!

Spider Class – Anthony for amazing focus and excellent listening, well done to him!

Caterpillar Class – Sienna for making and sharing a wonderful diary, well done to her!

Wasp Class –Ewan for producing some wonderful work, well done to him!

Earwig Class - Bentley for his super attitude, well done to him!

Moth Class – Zac for settling in well and setting a good example, well done to him!

Grasshopper Class – Joshua for settling in so well, well done to him!

Ant Class – Bethany for hitting the ground running, well done to her!

Mayfly Class – Maddie for being so polite and helpful, well done to her!

What we've done this week...

Little Elvers: This week we have enjoyed welcoming members of Little Elvers both old and new. The children have had lots of fun exploring the environment and learning the basic routine of Little Elvers. We look forward to lots more fun next week!

Reception: Well done to all the children in Reception, we are really proud of how quickly the children have settled into school. This week we have been working on the Golden Rule, 'We listen'. This has been supported through books, role play and our class puppets. Thank you to all the children that have brought back their 'All about me' books, we look forward to sharing these with our friends. Well done to all those children who have been coming into school independently. Just a reminder that next week children will need to say good bye at their class door.

Year One: To begin our Year 1 adventure we started our week by introducing ourselves and asking questions to find out more about one another. We also made some beautiful sensory bottles using lots of different materials and spoken about the use of sensory bottles to aid us in school with our emotions. If you would like to have a look at them they are displayed in the window to catch the light! Additionally Year 1 have explored how they would describe themselves and made a maze.

We then continued our week by having a team painted mark making session with spaghetti, spongers and our fingers, before playing bullseye to practice our sticking skills. We got very messy!

We have read lots of different stories to begin our engagement with reading for pleasure and hope this continues at home.

Year Two: Wednesday was a brilliant day in Spider and Caterpillar classes. We welcomed all the children into school and they have quickly settled into the new routines of the school day. Spiders have used water colours to create a multi-coloured spider web, complete with their own homemade spider. Look out for them in the classroom. Caterpillars and Spiders have been on a visit to the school library and chose some books for their classrooms. Caterpillars have also been on a walk around the school field and collected lots of different types of leaves, which formed the basis of some art work.

Children will bring a reading book and library book home from next Wednesday. It is essential that you read with your child on a daily basis and you complete the reading record with comments everyday. If you want to read more books with your child you can find recommended books for year 2 on the following website www.booksfortopics.com.

Year Three: Year 3 have had a lovely few days back exploring our new classrooms and getting used to the KS2 routines. To begin KS2 we have had lots of time discussing routines and expectations. We have also created lots of artwork based around our key book 'For Every Child'.

Next week we will begin exploring our new theme 'Heroes and Villains' through artwork and ICT.

Year Four: Year 4 have settled into their new classes well and have made a fantastic start to the school year. Both Grasshopper and Moth classes have been discussing class rules, getting to know each other and have started learning about our theme Heroes and Villains.

PE will be on Wednesday mornings for Year 4 so they will need to have their PE kits in school.

Year Five: Year 5 has started off the year with lots of 'Getting to Know You' games and art to put up and help make our classrooms our own. We are really focusing on books this year and we are currently concentrating on 'What do you do with an Idea?' for Ant class and 'Varmints' in Mayfly class, in these initial weeks. We are also upping the responsibility in year 5 with children given the option to help out in the wider school picture with things such as being Reading Buddies for children in the lower age groups and becoming Librarians. A little bit of admin; the children will have P.E. on Tuesdays as a year group so please remember sports kits then.

PTA News

Diary dates:

Next meeting -Thursday 10th October at 6pm

Fireworks event - Friday 1st November, times TBC

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.

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

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