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Head Teacher's Comment – from Helen Davies

This will be the last newsletter of this very busy half term which has seen our children embrace lots of engaging trips and activities within school, including the recent exciting visit from Fossils Galore. Our year 3 and 4 children had a brilliant time learning about palaeontology and finding their own treasures.

Just a quick reminder that there is a PD day on Friday 14th February making Thursday 13th February the last day of the half term for the children. I hope you all have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 24th February.

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

Senior Leadership Team

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Kate Coates has this week joined our leadership team, bringing with her several years of leadership experience. The appointment of Mrs Coates means that we are able to increase our leadership capacity and further support our school community. As you can imagine, the unexpected departure of Mrs Fielding for her maternity leave did present the school with several challenges and we would like to thank you for your support during this period of transition.

Reading Volunteers

As mentioned previously in the newsletter, we are currently looking for parent volunteers who would be able to come into school and read with the children. Even if you are only able to offer a minimum of 30 minutes a week this would be very beneficial for the children. If you would like more information or are able to help, please contact the school office.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to come in and read with the children, we shall be in touch shortly.

<u>Netball</u>

Several of our year 5 girls attended a Netball tournament at Kings Ely on Friday 31st January. They worked extremely hard in all positions on the court. They won one game, drew another and lost a third. The children played very well as a team and promoted the school highly. We continue to be very proud of their effort and attitude.

Parent Share

It was lovely to see so many of our parents at the writing Parent Share on Wednesday 29th January. I hope you were able to enjoy the session with you child/children and found the session beneficial.



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Inter-house sports competition

The KS2 classes will be taking part in an inter house Netball tournament next week. As with previous inter house competitions parents, are welcome to come into school and watch their child's participation. Timings are as follows:

Year 5 Tuesday morning

Year 4 Wednesday morning

Year 3 Wednesday morning

Staff news

We're very pleased to announce that Miss Dennis has had a beautiful baby girl. Darcy Laine, born on 31st January weighing 6lbs 4ozs. I'm sure you'll all join us in sending her our congratulations.

Mrs Godfrey will be returning from her maternity leave on Monday 10th February. She will be working Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from after half term.

Newsletter dates

The next newsletter will be issued on Friday **28th** February 2020.



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PTA News

Children's Valentine Disco – 12 February

Years R, 1 and 2 will have a disco 4.30pm-5.30pm. Years 3, 4 and 5 will have theirs 5.45pm to 6.45pm. Suggested donation is £2, payable on the day. Squash and water will be provided.

If your child attends Fireflies please arrange with Fireflies if you would like them taken to the disco. If your child attends after school club and you want them taken to the disco, please email the office <u>admin@isleofelyprimary.org</u>.

PTA/School Meeting

We held a very productive meeting last week and as soon as the minutes are agreed, we will share them.

Thank you so much for all of your support.

Keep in touch:

Email us: <u>pta@isleofelyprimary.org</u> Sign up to our mailing list: <u>http://eepurl.com/dvQ9Mf</u> Follow us on Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/lsleOfElyPTA/</u>



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Diary dates & events

Next 2 weeks:

- Monday 10th February 2020 Y5 STEM event at Kings Ely for some children
- Wednesday 12th February 2020 PTA Valentines Disco
- Thursday 13th February 2020 Valentines special lunch menu
- Thursday 13th February 2020 Last day of half term
- Friday 14th February 2020 PD day (school closed to children)
- Monday 24th February 2020 Return to school
- Monday 24th February 2020 Family worker in 9am-11am
- Tuesday 25th February 2020 Pancake Day (Pancakes for desert)
- Wednesday 26th February 2020 Year 5 music workshop within school

Forward Planning:

- 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
- Wednesday 11th March 2020 Year 5 music workshop within school
- 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
- 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
- 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 AprilHalf term:Friday 14th February (PD day – school closed to children) to Friday 21st February 2020Spring (Easter Holiday): Friday 3rd April 2020 to Sunday 19th April 2020 (includes Bank Holidays)Summer term:Monday 20th April 2020 to Tuesday 21st July 2020PD Day:Thursday 7th May 2020 (School closed to children)Half term:Monday 25th May 2020 (May Bank Holiday) to Friday 29th May 2020Bank Holiday:Friday 8th May (School closed to children)