



Ivy Life

This week has been full of cold mornings, bright blues skies and 'Bonkers about Conkers' – it's all feeling very autumnal. It has been lovely seeing children (and staff) enjoying this traditional game. We also had a very successful Harvest Assembly yesterday. Many thanks for all the generous donations which Mrs Tottle and children on the School Council will be delivering to the local Salvation Army this Friday.



We say goodbye to two Ivy Lane families this week, Theo Paval (Y2) and his family have moved to Calne and Charlie Vines (Y4) and his family who are moving to Bristol. We send you all our best wishes for your exciting moves.

Celebrating Achievements

Jasmine and Layla Gardiner were both awarded medals for running the Bradford-on-Avon Lions 2K race. Layla was the fastest girl in her under 8 age group and also received a trophy. Emma Frampton has been named 'Star of the Week' by Stage Coach Theatre Group for her energy and great work. Claire Rollason has passed her Grade 1 Morden Theatre Dance exam with a distinction. Well done for all your achievements.

Running Away with it...



A huge congratulations and well done to the children from Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 who took part in the First Mid Wilts Primary School's Cross Country event at Biddestone Sports Ground on Tuesday this week. Ivy Lane School team were absolutely fantastic on the day and we were extremely proud to win the cross country event and be presented with the winner's trophy. Many thanks to the parents who very kindly helped us out with transport from school.

Star Award Winners

The following children have impressed staff at Ivy Lane this week:

Ollie Sheppard (Carle) Brody Evans (Rosen) Tiffany Kostrec (Hargreaves) Daniel Dowling (Donaldson) Finn Cobbold (Milligan)	Oliver Hunt (Dahl) Owen Gregory (Griffiths) Matilda Stanton (Walliams) Archie Cooper (Morpurgo) Joseph Oldacres (Hughes)	Fin Rosling (Pullman) Ethan McAveety (Byars) Finley Cozens-Stott (Lewis) Cameron Gilbert (Rowling)
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Coats, Labels & Lost Property

Can we please request that children bring a coat in every day now that autumn is upon us. We like to get the children outside as much as possible. Also, can parents please ensure all possessions (including sweatshirts, coats, trainers and lunchboxes) are clearly labelled. Lost property is already overflowing after just 4 weeks!

Birthday Books

A big thank you to Cora Deery for donating a wonderful children's picture atlas.

Young Voices

Many thanks to all the parents for returning order forms/permission slips if your child is attending the Young Voices Concert in Birmingham next year. If you have not already done so, please return this form by Friday, 6th October and pay for any items you have ordered via your ScoPay account.

Start of the School Day

To help settle all children at the beginning of the day, it is important for teachers to be supporting their class. Where there are questions, concerns or urgent messages for the teacher, please speak to a member of staff on the school gates or Mrs Tottle. Please do not distract the class teachers as their focus needs to be on the pupils in their care.

Previously, the school did start the day by lining up on the playground. However, to support the children and prepare them for the learning in the school day, this was changed. It has made a busy period on the playground, much calmer. It is also important to realise there are safeguarding issues with adults going in to classes – we are required to ensure that all adults going into classrooms are signed in at the school office. Similarly, if you need to collect your child during school hours for a medical appointment etc., please come to the school office first and a member of staff will collect your child for you in order for them to be signed out.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Scarecrow Trail

As part of the whole school Tractors and Turnips theme, we will be holding a Scarecrow Trail on the field for parents to attend. Each class will be making their own fantastic scarecrow to showcase and the children and parents will get the opportunity to 'Guess the Character' and 'Guess the Book' for each scarecrow. Parents of Y1-Y6 children are invited in from 1.30pm-3.00pm on Monday 16th, Tuesday, 17th and Wednesday 18th October (the last three days of term). Parents will need to sign in at the school office, your child will be collected and brought to you so you can then complete the scarecrow trail together. Parents of Reception children are invited to attend the trail with their child from 11am on Wednesday, 18th October.

Y4 Trip to Chippenham Market



To support our learning in Tractors and Turnips, Year 4 have been designing and making healthy soups. Last Friday, they visited the market looking for their vegetable ingredients. After learning that the vegetable stall was not available on a Friday, the children went hunting and discovered SK Fruits. Here they weighed and purchased their ingredients, checking for the right change. The pupils and teachers have enjoyed tasting the soups. There are certainly some fine chefs in the making!



FOILS News



FOILS Halloween Disco is taking place on Tuesday, 17th October in Ivy Hall. There will be two sessions:

KS1 YR, Y1 & Y2 4.30-5.30pm £4 (incs bag with drink, sweets and a glow stick)

KS2 Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 5.45-6.45pm £2 (incs drink & sweets - glow sticks can be bought on the night)

Entrance fees are to be paid on the night.

Please note: doors will open at 4:20pm and 5.35pm allowing 10-mins to get everyone in for their start times.

Do you have any uniform at home that your child has outgrown? We are looking for donations for our second hand uniform stall. If you can help, please drop any donations into the school office. Many thanks.

FOILS will once again be organising cake sales after class assemblies this year to raise money. The dates for the assemblies are as follows but we will remind you nearer the time and they will all be at 2pm in Ivy Hall.

Term 2	Pullman Byars	Wednesday, 22 nd November Wednesday, 29 th November
Term 3	Hughes Morpurgo	Wednesday, 24 th January Wednesday, 7 th February
Term 4	Griffiths Walliams	Wednesday, 14 th March Wednesday, 21 st March
Term 5	Carle Rosen Milligan Dahl	Wednesday, 2 nd May Wednesday, 9 th May Wednesday, 16 th May Wednesday, 23 rd May
Term 6	Hargreaves Donaldson	Wednesday, 27 th June Wednesday, 4 th July



Y6 Bikeability

Wiltshire Council Road Safety, in partnership with the school, is offering a Bikeability Course for our Year 6 children at a cost of £5.00 per child. This course is taking place on Monday, 20th November and Monday, 27th November. There are a limited number of spaces available on this course (only 12) and these will be filled up on a first come first serve basis – there are only a few spaces left. If you would like your child to participate please log on to your ScoPay account to pay and also send the consent form back by Tuesday, 17th October.

Parents' evenings

The staff are looking forward to meeting many of you next Monday 9th and Wednesday 11th October. Their learning in books will be available for you to read outside the classroom either before or following the appointment.

Chairs will be ready outside the appropriate classroom. Please note that Griffiths class will have their waiting area upstairs, you are welcome to walk straight up.

Weekly Teacher Changes

Date	Class	Replacement Teacher
Mon 9 th – Friday 13 th October	Walliams	Mrs Horan
Wed 11 th October	Dahl Walliams	Mr Little (am) Mr Little (pm)

Mr Thompson will also be back with us covering classes from next week.

Dates

Please find below a few significant dates over the coming weeks. These and other school/FOILS events will be updated on our website's School Diary shortly.

There will be no clubs from this Friday due to parents' evenings. These start again in the week beginning 30th October (after the half-term break).

Monday	9 th October	Parents' Evening 3.15-5pm (except Walliams)
Tuesday	10 th October	Y2 Classes visit to Chippenham Library
Wednesday	11 th October	Parents' Evening 3.30-7pm (except Walliams)
Wednesday	12 th October	Flu Vaccinations YR – Y4
Monday	16 th October	School Photographs – individual and Ivy Lane siblings
Mon-Wed	16-18 th October	Ivy Lane Scare Crow Trail (1-3pm)
Tuesday	17 th October	FOILS Disco
Wednesday	18 th October	End of Term 1
Monday	30 th October	Start of Term 2
Wednesday	1 st November	YR Parents Dine with your Child

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Schonfeld
(Acting Assistant Headteacher)



To volunteer for FOILS or pass on any suggestions for fund raising ideas/events – please e-mail our FOILS team on: Foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk.