

Thursday 9th November 2017

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #8



Ivy Life

This week's assembly was all about how good learners ask questions, as well as answer them. So hopefully the children have been asking lots this week! The school, as always, is a hive of activity. Having just showed around some visitors, I have seen children enjoying the library and reading; singing (preparing for shows later in the year and the Young Voices concert); drawing portraits in art; enjoying fires in the wild area; enjoying PE on the field and in Ivy Hall; playing the flute in the new Music Room; programming games on the new touch screen computers (delivered on Monday) and classifying animals in Science lessons. The staff really do provide a broad and engaging curriculum for our pupils.

It was great to see so many parents attending the YR Phonics workshop on Tuesday this week. All parents of YR will be receiving a copy of the workshop materials on Friday. If you didn't attend, once you have looked through, should you have any questions please pop in to see the YR teachers or e-mail us!

We are saying goodbye to one of our Ivy Lane families this week, as Kiera (Morpurgo) and Zoe (Carle) Banfield and their family are moving back to Australia! We send them our best wishes for the future.

Winter Ready

Please can children have either trainers (suitable for mud) or wellies in school every day (as well as coats). This means we can still use our (very muddy) field and wild area. Children will no longer be going up there with their school shoes on! Can we please ask that all clothing and items are **LABELLED** – we have just had to recycle a huge amount of children's property which has a cost to people finances and the environment.

Celebrating Achievements

Well done to Bronwyn Cheeseman who was awarded a medal at the Longwell Green Eisteddfod where she performed a dance in the competition. Congratulations also to Sam Harris (Walliams) and Max Harris (Donaldson) who won the Wilkos Halloween Colouring Competition – their entry is on display in the store.

Star Award Winners

The following children have impressed the staff at Ivy Lane recently:

Tom Williams (Carle) Melody Coates (Rosen) Oliver Stonyer (Hargreaves) Cameron Tarn (Donaldson) Scarlett Caskie (Milligan)	Chloe Cordle (Dahl) Elissa Murray (Griffiths) Thomas Yeomans (Walliams) Emerson Brignell (Morpurgo) Max Cruickshank (Hughes)	Chloe Garner (Pullman) Reuben Moles (Byars) Kiaron Lewinton (Lewis) Millie Lidder (Rowling)
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Birthday Books

The school library has recently received wonderful donations from Millie Gunton, Chloe Russell, Lacey Bores, Esther Oldacres, Teodor Newbury, Opal Triggler, Jacob Turner-Johnson, Tiffany Kostrec, Joshua Soreau, Evangeline Layton walker, Sophie Summers, Leonard House, Milla Smith, Miss Gibbens and Mrs Sarnago-Orchard. Thank you all for the amazing variety of books.

Ivy Lane Library

Weekly class visits to our school library are now firmly established. Please remind your child to have their library book with them on their class library day so that the book can be returned or renewed. We encourage everyone to borrow a book each week and try to ensure that a library visit allows some time for quiet and sustained reading in key stage 2 or story sharing in foundation stage and key stage 1.

Featured in our library this week is the 'Captain Underpants' series by Dave Pilkey. These books have readers laughing out loud and are proving popular. For those seeking a more informative read, we are also featuring biographical books about famous people from the past.

A reminder of the library day for each class is below.

Monday – Walliams, Lewis and Rowling

Tuesday – Donaldson

Wednesday – Carle and Rosen

Thursday – Dahl, Milligan and Hargreaves

Friday – Hughes, Morpurgo, Byars, Griffiths and Pullman

Football Fixture – Stanley Park

The new Ivy Lane Football team travelled to Stanley Park to play their first 3 teams of the year. Derry Hill, Monkton Park and Redlands (our biggest rival). Our first game was against Derry Hill and it was a tight game with Ivy Lane appearing to be the better of the two teams. We had so many shots but their keeper kept saving them. However, the tables were turned when the referee (Mr Prosser) made a very dodgy decision and gave them a penalty for hand ball which meant the game ended 1-0 to them. Mr Prosser will never live down that decision! We won the other two games, beating Redlands for the first time in many years and convincingly seeing off a Monkton Park B team: 9 – 0. Thank you to Mr Prosser and Mr McMahon for taking us along.

Written by: Samuel Dunmow and Joshua Jeffery

Y6 Wiltshire Festival of Engineering



On Friday 3rd November, Year 6 attended the engineering event in Trowbridge. We left at 10.20am and arrived at 11am – it felt like we were sitting on the noisy coach for an hour. We were greeted by a huge queue and complimentary bags, clothing and last but definitely not least – cereal! After a long wait, we finally entered the big building where we were given more options of different types of cereal plus hundreds of



other stands led by a variety of engineering companies. The most popular stand was a virtual reality display hosted by two large engineering firms. At 12pm the teachers started rounding us all up and we left to go back to school. We are all grateful for everything Mr Prosser, Miss Readman and Mrs Fewtrell did to get us there and we owe all our complimentary items to them.

Written by Finley Cozen Stott.

The children in Y6 were asked to produce a piece of writing for a competition linked to their learning on sentence structures and formality – so well done to Finley for being the winner of the competition and producing this wonderful piece of writing.

Children and Young People's Parliament

On Wednesday, 8th November we went to Hardenhuish School for the Young Children's Parliament to represent our School Council. Mrs Percy, Headteacher at Hardenhuish and Stephanie Davies introduced all of the different schools and we played a game to get to know each other. We were given some really tasty cookies and a drink. When Michelle Donelan, the MP, arrived she talked about politics and democracy and we had the chance to ask her questions. When we were walking back to school Mrs Tottle was very frustrated as we forgot to Michelle Donelan a question about the opening of the new Lidl store!

Written by Ella Swanson (Byars) and Daniel Garraway (Rowling)

FOILS

Christmas Fayre 8th December 2017 5-7pm

The Christmas Fayre is fast approaching, please find attached all the information you need. Don't forget to purchase your ticket to see Santa. Tickets go on sale week beginning 20th November and we are trialling a new time slot arrangement to avoid having to wait in a long queue. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Friday 8th December will also be a Muffin day, pay a £1 or please help us out with donations for the chocolate and bottle tombola and cake stall.

To ensure a good mix of treats at the Fayre we have broken down donations by year group (rough guide only, all donations welcome and very much appreciated):

YR, Y1 and Y2 – Cakes

Y3 and Y4 – Chocolate

Y5 and Y6 – Bottles

Toy donations

Are you having a clear-out before Christmas? Do you have any unwanted toys, games, books, DVDs? If so, please donate to our toy stall at this year's fayre. Please drop off any toys to the office. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Cannings



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