

Thursday 30th November 2017

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #11



Ivy Life

It has been another fun filled and busy week at Ivy Lane! Some of the Year 6 children have been braving the icy temperatures outdoors and learning to cycle safely on our roads. Whilst those keeping warm in this frosty weather, have been filling the classrooms with singing.

Byars Class performed their class assembly all about 'Brilliant Britain' yesterday. A real highlight was a dance to music by Queen. They performed with great enthusiasm and were buzzing about their learning from the term. Many thanks to all the parents who attended the assembly and brought in some lovely cakes for the FOILS cake sale afterwards.

We would also like to offer an Ivy Lane welcome to Alice Zheng (Carle) and her family who have joined the school this week.

Early Years Questionnaire for YR Parents

Could we please ask our YR parents to kindly complete our Early Years Questionnaire – we would be very grateful if you could complete and submit this by Thursday, 14th December. Right click on the link below to open the questionnaire which is also on our website under the Parents' Information tab.

<http://www.ivylane.wilts.sch.uk/survey/?pid=8&form=92>

Open Classrooms

Please come along to Open Classrooms on Wednesday, 6th December from 3-5pm. Teachers will be available for you to meet with and children's books will be on display for you to look at and discuss. Mrs Philips (SENCo) will be in the Chatterbox and Mr Cannings will also be available.

Star Award Winners

The following children have impressed the staff and to all of Pullman Class for their outstanding class assembly on Wednesday 22 November.

Elodie Murray (Carle) Amelia Kennedy (Rosen) Theo Ross (Hargreaves) Lacey Bores (Donaldson) Gil Graham-May (Milligan)	Keira Morse (Dahl) Oscar Pearcey (Griffiths) Leonard House (Walliams) Claire Rollason (Morpurgo)	Daisy Bridger (Hughes) Ciara Murphy (Byars) Oscar Hurcum (Lewis) Daniel Garraway (Rowling)
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Birthday Books

A big thank you to all the following who have recently donated birthday books; Lucy Hibberd, Zoe Porter, Dominic Lycett and Ms Pemberton.

Christmas Festivities

Christmas is fast approaching & preparations for our school performances are under way. Children can post their Christmas cards in the Christmas post box from Friday, 8th December. Please ensure envelopes have the **full name** of the child they are sending to & the **class** they are in. Year 6 will then ensure they get delivered!



Santa hats and tinsel can be worn from the week beginning 11th December (we find they can be quite distracting if worn before!). The children will be eating their Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, 19th December (letters have been emailed to parents). If you have not received an email please come into school office to pick up a paper copy of the letter.

Every parent needs to log in to their Scopay account to book. This is totally separate to paying/booking for everyday dinners, so please make sure you click on the link for **Christmas Dinner KS2 2017** or **Christmas Dinner YR & KS1 2017**. The deadline for payments and food choice is Friday 8th Dec.



Playground Craze

We have noticed a new 'playground craze' with children playing with putty. We are happy for the children to bring in and play with suitable play putty at break and lunchtimes (only) until the end of this term.

Y5 Swimming

Y5 Pullman will take part in their last swimming session on Monday, 4th December. Y5 Byars will start swimming on Monday, 8th January (letters have been emailed home). Could we please request that payment is made by Wednesday, 20th December for these lessons. If there are any parents that would be available to help us walk the children to the Olympiad we would really appreciate your support. Please let your child's class teacher know or contact the school office.

Poppy Appeal

This year Ivy Lane raised an amazing £392.50 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This amount was one of the highest raised by a school in Chippenham and the charity would like to thank everyone.

Y6 Bikeability



Over the last two weeks, twelve of our Year 6 pupils attended two sessions with Mrs Akerman and Mr Beasley from Bikeability. Starting off with some mechanical checks, the children had the opportunity to talk about their equipment, ask any questions and learn new things including pedal positions and making observations. In groups, Year 6 practised emergency braking, hand signals and developed some strategies for dealing with distractions; ultimately achieving their level 1 in Bikeability. On the second Monday pupils had the chance to go out onto roads putting into practice what they'd learnt the week before. After learning how to ride in a snake in order to ride around parked cars, the pupils went back to school having successfully completed their Bikeability level 2 - riding on major roads. Written by Samuel Dunmow

Ivy Lane Library

It's all getting rather festive in the library this week! The Christmas books are out on display and available to borrow this week and next. The many lovely picture books for our younger readers range from retellings of the Nativity story to Christmas versions of Dinosaurs Love Underpants. Older readers can enjoy traditional texts like The Twelve Days of Christmas or less traditional stories like Spy Dog at Christmas. For fans of Jacqueline Wilson, Hetty Feather makes a Christmas appearance and for those seeking a challenge we have A Christmas Carol! There is definitely something to suit everyone.

Pupils may continue to borrow books this week and next week. From the week beginning December 11th we will be gathering all our library books back in. Please help us by ensuring your child returns their library book to school that week. Happy festive reading!

Y4 Christmas Cross Country Event

A reminder that it's the Y4 Christmas Cross Country at Hardenhuish School from 10:45am-12:00pm. Letters to parents went home this week with details. Please ensure children have warm sports clothes and bring along a plastic bag to put muddy trainers into after the event.

Live Wires Assembly

Wayne Lawther visited us this morning to give a school assembly and tell us about the new Live Wires club which is held at Station Hill Baptist Church every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. This is aimed at children in Years 2-6 where they can enjoy games, crafts and fun. This is a free club organised by the church. For more information please see the leaflet attached.

Celebrating Achievements

Well done to Claire Rollason (Morpurgo) for winning a RSPB competition as part of her Brownies Wildlife badge.

FOILS

Can we please remind parents that if cakes are being donated for the Christmas Fayre cake stall, that they do not contain nuts or fresh cream. Donations can be brought into school on the morning of the Christmas Fayre, Friday 8th December.

Yours sincerely,

Danielle Schonfeld