

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017



Dear Parents,

Newsletter #28

### Ivy Life

We've been making the most of the dry weather, with the children enjoying the amazing facilities on the field. Y6 have been enjoying a breakfast together this week and then displaying all they have learnt over the last few years in their tests and are looking forward to our traditional BBQ, water fight and a bush skills day!

Congratulations to Mrs Poolman (& husband Ryan) who are expecting their first baby in September. Mrs Poolman will therefore be on maternity leave next academic year.

Mrs Bryant will be teaching in Pullman Class alongside Mrs Kalbskopf until the end of the academic year. Also this term, we welcomed Mrs Mavadia & Miss White to our lunch time team as MDSA's

We have recruited all the new teaching staff we require ready for September and also appointed a new Admin Officer, Mrs Kerry Nowosielski, who will be starting in June ready for the incredibly busy Term 6!

The next newsletter will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

### Star Award Winners

Congratulations to those children who have impressed the staff at Ivy Lane recently:

Grace Metcalfe & Mason Sheppard (Carle)	Millie Hinds & Thomas Yeomans (Milligan)	Alfie Cobbold & Hollie Millward (Pullman)
Christopher Hodgman & Tiffany Kostrec (Rosen)	Amelia Johnston & Callum Souter (Dahl)	Oscar Hurcum & Jack Hughes (Hughes)
Samuel Hillier & Noah Ladd (Hargreaves)	Seth Cook & Lilian Davies (Walliams)	Kai Hardman & Ronan Murrow (Byars)
Amy Mouny & Jake Garner (Donaldson)	Daniel Harrison & Isaac de Berker (Morpurgo)	Jasmine Carey & Ruairi Gleisner (Lewis)
		William Causer & Thomas Thornton (Rowling)

### PE Kit

Can parents please ensure their child has the correct and named PE kit in school - including black shorts and trainers for the field.

### All-Stars Cricket

Starting on 21<sup>st</sup> May for children aged 5-8 years old, at Chippenham Cricket Club (Sundays 10-11am), a great opportunity for children to learn to play cricket. More details at [www.allstarscricket.co.uk](http://www.allstarscricket.co.uk) and flyers by the front entrance.

### Celebrating Achievements

Well done to Dennis Barnett for achieving his Stage 6 swimming award and to Lucy Davis for passing her Grade 3 flute exam.

### Key Dates for Summer 2017

Open Classrooms	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 3-5pm	ALL	Classrooms
Summer Fayre	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 12-3pm	ALL	School and Field
Sports Day Window	First dry day 27 <sup>th</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> June KS1 am & KS2 pm	ALL	Field
Y6 Production	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 & families	Ivy Hall

Y6 Open Classrooms	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 3-5pm	Y6	Classrooms
Parents Evenings	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	YR-Y5	Classrooms
Move Up Day	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	ALL	Classrooms & secondaries
Discos	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	ALL	Ivy Hall
Y6 Leavers Assembly	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2-3pm	Y5 & Y6 & Y6 families	Old Hall

### Summer Fayre Raffle Prizes

This year's Summer Fayre will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June. More information to follow in the coming weeks. Rachel Hodson (parent of Thomas in Hargreaves Class) is seeking prizes for the Summer Fayre raffle. Please speak to Rachel, one of the FOILS team or e-mail [foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk) if you or a company you work for can help out! Raffle tickets will be going on sale on from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May under the canopy, before and after school every day.

### Reading at Home

Throughout this school year we have regularly highlighted our clear expectation that children will read at home at least 5 times a week and record this as part of their Home Learning. The value of this regular reading at home cannot be over emphasised.

It has been fantastic to be able to celebrate an increased commitment to reading at home with so many children!

Children who are developing early reading skills need frequent opportunities to use and apply their growing knowledge and re-reading of books also allow children to gain confidence and develop pace and fluency.

It is equally important to maintain a focus on home reading when your child has more secure reading skills. The Reading Agency has plenty of evidence to show that 'reading for pleasure' is vital for children's school achievement.

For details of the expectations at each of the book band colours, check the inside cover of your child's reading record or see our website ([www.ivylane.wilts.sch.uk/page/?title=Reading+Bands&pid=47](http://www.ivylane.wilts.sch.uk/page/?title=Reading+Bands&pid=47)). There are generally 9 colours for KS1 (an average 3 per year group) and 4 for KS2 (average of 1 per year group).

Reading broadly at each colour band builds positive foundations for future success, ensures your child enjoys the amazing variety of books available and is more important than 'racing' through the levels. This can be broadened further by the extra books they choose to read apart from school books!

Above all, making reading an enjoyable and fun experience is hugely beneficial.

### Y1 Carle Class Assembly and FOILS Cake Sale - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm

Carle Class will be performing their special assembly for parents and family on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm in Ivy Hall. Please could parents of Carle Class children bring in their yummy cake donations on the morning of the class assembly (no nuts or fresh cream please). These will be sold by FOILS, together with drinks, that afternoon. Thank you. Please be aware there is no parking available on site for class assemblies.

### Converting to an Multi-Academy Trust

All information is on our website (<http://www.ivylane.wilts.sch.uk/page/?title=Academy+Information&pid=63>). Any further comments prior to the Full Governing Body vote next week (18<sup>th</sup> May) to [clerk@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk).

### Dine with your grandparent

Due to staff shortages (kitchen & office) we have unfortunately had to cancel 'dine with your grandparent' for this term. Apologies for any inconvenience.

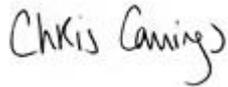
## Birthday Books

Thank you to all the following children, parents and staff who have donated books in celebration of their birthdays: Jack, Amelia, Ethan and Mrs McAveety, Haddy Jarju, Mia Meehan, Grace Ambrose, Mrs Bunker, Mrs Stenning, Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Spyer.

## Messy Church

The Salvation Army will be have their next Messy Church session on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May at their hall on Froghamshire from 11am to 1pm. They will be celebrating the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Messy Church with a birthday theme.

Yours sincerely,



Mr C Cannings  
Headteacher



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