

Friday 21<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #34



### Ivy Life

We say goodbye to our Y6 today, who performed songs and poetry at their leaver's assembly this morning. They certainly leave us ready for secondary school and we wish them every success on their journeys. They have certainly been a great example to all the other year groups with their attitude and camaraderie. We also say good bye to Mr Thompson who has spent 10 years teaching at Ivy Lane and Mrs Burchett (who is travelling the world - first stop Canada). Mr Scott is also leaving in August to take up a post at Wiltshire Council. All three have made a real impact on Ivy Life and we thank them all and wish them well in their future pursuits. Two MDSA's are also leaving us this week, Mrs Hall and Miss White - who starts her teacher training course in September. Mrs Poolman goes on maternity leave and we all look forward to meeting Baby Poolman in September - good luck!

We also say goodbye to two Ivy Lane families, Rowan Munn (Y1) and his family moving to the South Coast and Naylin Chittin (Y3) and his family who are moving to Austria. We send you all our best wishes for your exciting moves.

We must say a big thank you to Rob Ward and Paul Vincent, both committed members of the governing body, who will be switching to the new Pickwick Academy Trust board (which we join on 1<sup>st</sup> August). Paul has been a very supportive part of Ivy Lane for over 30 years!

Can we please say a massive THANK YOU to our many regular volunteers, the FOILS team and especially Claire Vines - who has brilliantly led the team for the last 3 years and is now 'stepping back'. Can I also thank the staff team for their efforts this year and finally all the parents for your support all year and recent kind gifts and messages.

Finally, have a great summer (let's hope for more of the sunshine) and see most of you in September.

### School Uniform

As many children will be getting new uniform over the summer, can we please remind you that it is all black shoes or trainers (including soles and any pattern) no heels and no-fashion items including jean style black trousers. Please can we also request that all items are labelled before coming into school! Our mountain of lost property continued to rise over the year, but if the item is named, it can be reunited with its owner. Mapac (our uniform suppliers) have asked us to remind parents to place any orders required for back to school by Friday, 4th August to avoid last minute panic!



### Star Award Winners

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

Cameron Tarn, Matilda Cunningham, Connor Remedios, Chloe Smart & Lottie-Rose Smith (Carle) Ava Swales (Rosen) Chloe Cordle & Isla Ward (Hargreaves)	Gil Graham-May & Scarlett Caskie (Donaldson) Theo Heape & Freya Brown (Milligan) Layla Boothman & Haddy Jurju (Dahl)	Joshua Bores (Walliams) Thomas Scarth & Fionn Gleisner (Morpurgo) Alfie Vines & Jessica Mounty (Pullman) Robyn Onslow & Charlie Smart (Hughes)
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## Attendance 16/17

The overall attendance for the whole school this year is 96.9% and the class with the highest attendance is Pullman with 97.6%. Today 30 Children have been awarded 100% attendance awards and received a book token for their achievement. Next year, there will be a High Attendance prize for the 50 children with the highest attendance alongside 100% attendance awards for T1&2, T3&4 and T5&6 separately.

## Celebrating Achievements

Well done to Joseph Evans for receiving a trophy from Derry Hill Football Club, Grace Metcalfe for achieving her ASA Stage 2 swimming award, Aila Layton-Walker and Ashrith Agastyaraju for passing their Grade 1 Flute exam and finally Lisa Marie Loud for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in Chippenham Moonraker Gymnastics Summer Club competition. Congratulations also to Mrs Mounty, our Catering Manager, for passing her Level 3 qualification in Hospitality Supervision and Leadership Principles.

## School Meals Terms 1&2 17/18

The new School Dinner Menu for Terms 1 and 2 starting on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 is attached to this newsletter.

## School Information System & Tucasi Scopay

In time for the start of the new school year in September, we will be switching our school information management system from SIMS to School Pod. This should not have any adverse effect on you as parents, but we would kindly ask you to bear with us in September during this transition period. We will, however, be continuing with the Tucasi Scopay system for managing dinners, breakfast club and trips for the time being.

## Squash Tournament



The children in Year 4 and 5 had a chance to show off their Squash skills as Ivy Lane were invited along to the first Mini Squash Festival at Marlborough College as part of the School Games morning. Sam, Josh,



Alannah, Aila, Mollie and Robyn were chosen for their dedicated attitude and obvious love and skill within squash. The morning was jam-packed with many quick games all based around participation, enjoyment and of course a little competition thrown in. The children enjoyed the morning and were blown away by the size and level of facilities on offer at Marlborough College. A big thank you to Mrs Bailey for helping to transport the children to and from the event.

## Parent Handbook & Term dates 17/18



We have recently updated the Parent Handbook for the new academic year 2017/18. A copy of this is attached to the newsletter. Also attached is the Ivy Lane School Term and Holiday Dates 2017/18 calendar.

## Academy Conversion

As mentioned, we join Pickwick Academy Trust this summer and we aim for this to have a positive impact in future years. Many thanks to Ros Darby and Rob Ward for their commitment this year and also Mrs Bunker, who, even over the summer, will be busy ensuring the move away from being a Wiltshire Council maintained school is a smooth one.

## Scooter

A purple scooter went missing during the Y3&Y4 disco last night, if it has been taken mistakenly or anyone has any information please get in touch. We had one very sad girl among many very happy ones last night.

## Dinner Arrangements

As our numbers grow for the next school year in September, the children in Year 4 who bring in sandwiches for their lunch will be eating in the Main School Building and not in Ivy Hall from 12.00-12.25pm.



## International School Award



Last week we were successful, once again, in achieving 'The International School Award'. This award is a recognition of the wide range of international learning opportunities we provide for all of our pupils throughout the school. These opportunities not only focus on language learning but it also celebrates and promotes cultural awareness amongst all of our pupils. Many classes have been lucky enough to learn alongside schools in Spain and India and we will certainly be continuing to do this in the next academic year. So, a very big congratulations to all the staff who have worked so hard to provide these opportunities to the children and also thank you to parents who have supported us with various international projects throughout the year.

## Birthday Books

We have recently received wonderful books from Annabel Salmon, Christopher Hodgman, Daniel Salen, Charlotte Summers, Lily Yeomans, Thomas Hodson, Joshua Guildford, Cameron Gilbert, Alfie Cobbold, Oliver Stonyer, Noah Ladd, Frankie Painter, George Cunningham, Mrs Schonfeld and Mrs Tiller.

## Baking Club



Cooking Club's final week showed how fabulous the children were at decorating their Victoria sponges, which they had previously baked. All 6 cakes were very different, from dogs and rabbits to football boots and dragons! Mrs



Geeves found it very difficult to choose 'star baker' but Amelia and Brooke were both given the award for their brilliant baking skills. Well done to the brilliant bakers - Alice, Amelia, Brooke, Declan, Tayla and Thomas. Watch out Mary Berry!

## 'Game Changers' Holiday Club

Trevor Ranger (who regularly comes into school to take assemblies) will be running a holiday club at Sheldon Road Methodist Church from 10am to 12 noon on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July. There will be crafts, songs, quizzes and games at 'Game Changers'. Children from YR to Y6 are invited to come along and registration forms are available from the church or can be downloaded from: [www.synergytrust.org.uk](http://www.synergytrust.org.uk). The cost is £2 per child per day.

## FOILS News

A huge thank you all the staff and parents for another successful year at Ivy Lane for FOILS. We have danced at discos, had fun at the fayres, and enjoyed all the class assemblies and had scrummy cakes supplied by all the parents, amongst many more activities throughout the year. We have raised over £8,000 this year so far, including an amazing £2,200 that was raised at the Summer fayre! We are awaiting a decision as to what to put the money towards as yet. We would like to wish Mrs Burchett happy travels in the coming year, and also say a big thank you to our current Chair Clare who is standing down from her role, thank you and we will miss you both. We look forward to next year and welcoming our new Chair Kim into our FOILS family.

## What's On

FRIDAY, 1 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTMEBER 2017	MONDAY, 4 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017
Teacher Training Day - School Closed to Pupils	First Day of Term 1

Yours sincerely,

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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](mailto:Foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk).