

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #17



### Ivy Life

Each class performed a poem brilliantly to the rest of the school on Tuesday (a special mention to YR for performing so confidently to a large audience) to end this term's topic 'Ways with Words'. The topic for next term is 'Around the World in 80(ish) songs' – although some teachers would prefer 80's songs!



It was lovely seeing Y4 children dressed as Tudors today and enjoying making gingered bread, sewing and dancing.



We hope the children enjoy the 'Valentine Disco' this evening, many thanks again to FOILS for organising this event for the children.

We wish all our Ivy Lane families a great week next week and look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February (clubs start straight away).

### Parent Forum

Please find attached the agenda for the Parent Forum meetings on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm or Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> at 8.45am. The aim is for parents to give opinions and ask questions about aspects of whole school life and an opportunity for the school to share information and ideas with parents in more detail. In the past changes have been made following these meetings, for example, to school meals, clubs and reports. We hope some of you will be able to attend.

### Long Hair & Head lice

Please can we ask parents to ensure that children with long hair have it tied back – it all helps in reducing head lice. We are trialling selling head lice combs - these are now available from the school office at a cost of £1.00 – we are taking cash for these as they were not purchased using the school fund.

### Important Dates for Y2 and Y6

There are a couple of important assessment dates we would like to make parents aware of and would ask that pupils avoid being absent during these times.

Year 6 – SATs tests will take place from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

Year 2 – "Quizzes" will be taking place between Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

### Year 3 Swimming

Year 3 children will commence their swimming lessons at the Olympiad Pool on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Please ensure that your child brings in their swimming costume and a towel each week until the sessions finish on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2018. If you haven't already done so, please log on to your ScoPay account to pay the voluntary fee and give permission for your child to participate. Also, if you can spare an afternoon to help accompany the children to and from the Olympiad that would be much appreciated – please let your child's teacher know or contact the school office.

## Y3 KidsTuskForce Fundraising Event



Year 3 are busy preparing for our 'KidsTuskForce UK' fundraising event which is taking place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March between 1.30pm and 3.00pm in the Hedera building. Every pupil has made and decorated a set of beads, which will be on sale at the event. Each bead represents a part of the Tsavo National Park in Africa. The aim of the event is to raise funds so that we can foster an orphaned elephant and play our part in helping to protect one of nature's most wonderful species. 'KidsTuskForce UK' supports the 'David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust' which is dedicated to the protection of elephants, rhinos and other endangered species living in Africa's wilderness. Pupil's learning to view themselves as global citizens and understanding that they can make a difference is an important part of our school curriculum and we hope you will be able to support us with this event. You will be receiving invitations from the children after half term with updated details of what other exciting activities will be taking place! You can also visit the following websites to find out more about the organisations mentioned above:

<https://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/>

<http://www.kidstuskforceuk.org.uk/>

## NHS Oral Health Workshops

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February we will be welcoming a team from NHS Oral Health into school to deliver Oral Health Workshops to every child in school. Each of the sessions will last approximately 1 hour.

Tooth decay, in many cases, can be prevented when children are motivated to improve their oral hygiene and snack options. The oral health promotion team is skilled in delivering sessions which raise awareness of these issues, with the children in a fun way, thereby increasing their motivation.

### Key Stage 1 (YR, Y1 & Y2) sessions:

A session with puppets or stories and interactive resources, which introduce tooth brushing, diet and dental visits in a fun and interactive way. A work book is used for Year 2 classes

### Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) sessions:

A session looking at teeth and their functions, charting teeth, diet and tooth decay finishing with a quiz and prizes. At the end of the session the students will have compiled a work book containing all the information.

### Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6) sessions:

A session looking at the process of decay, diet, reading food labels, recognising sugar contained in products. At the end of the session the students will have compiled a work book containing all the information.



## Y1-Y4 Scootability



The parents of children in Y1-Y4 should have received a letter regarding Scooter Skill Sessions which are being held at school and led by Wiltshire County Council on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March. These sessions are designed to promote safe scooting to and from school and will cover various topics and skills such as scooter maintenance, responsible and safe scooting, looking out for hazards, balance skills etc. If you would like your child to participate please log onto your ScoPay account to pay your £2 fee.

## Lateness

Could we please remind all parents to come to the school office to sign your child in if they have arrived in school after 8.40am when the register is taken in class. Many thanks.

## Y1 Hargreaves Pizza Express Trip



On Wednesday this week Hargreaves class walked to Pizza Express. When we got there we had to pat the dough down to make the pizza base. We then had to add the tomato sauce and cheese. My favourite part was eating the pizza!

Written by Maggie Maclure.

My favourite part of the visit was putting the pizza into the pan. Written by Jack McAveety.



## World Thinking Day



World Thinking Day centres around the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and has been celebrated since 1926. It is a day of international friendship, speaking out on issues that affect girls and young women and fundraising for 10 million Girl Guides and Scouts around the world. To help celebrate and mark this day, we would be happy for any girls who are part of Rainbows or Brownies to wear their guiding uniforms to school on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

## Parent's Music Group

WANTED – Live musicians of all types and all ability! All welcome!

There has been a fabulous response to this "shout out" from a couple of weeks ago, however, we would still love to hear from brass and woodwind players to take part in our Parent's Music Group. If you could be tempted or know someone who can spare 30 minutes time to inspire our children and show them what music has to offer, please email Charlotte Watkins (parent) [clwatkins0@gmail.com](mailto:clwatkins0@gmail.com). If you or your friends sing, play recorder, play in a rock band or teach music of any sort and feel you can dedicate a small amount of time (not regular) to this idea please do let me know by Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

## Dragonflies Half Term Fun

Please find attached a flyer about Dragonflies Half Term Holiday Club. The topic this half term is nature so children will be taking part in all sorts of nature related activities and getting outside as much as weather permits. From Reception to ages 11 years, all children are welcome. To book a place or to find out more information, please call the Dragonflies office on 01249 652004 or e-mail [info@newroadnursery.co.uk](mailto:info@newroadnursery.co.uk)

## Wiltshire County Council Childcare Sufficiency Audit



Wiltshire County Council are about to embark on updating their [Childcare Sufficiency audit](#) and are keen to learn what parents and carers of children aged 0-14 think about childcare options in Wiltshire. They would like to encourage parents using our provision to complete their [survey](#). If you would like to complete this survey please right click on the link provided. The more responses they receive, the clearer the picture they will obtain. This survey will run until the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018 with the full report being published in April.

## Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Dylan Price (Carle) George Barnes (Rosen) Chloe Russell (Donaldson) Hugo Robinson (Hargreaves) Beth Dunmow (Milligan)	Samuel Guildford (Dahl) Freddie Pike (Griffiths) Michaela Jones (Walliams) Jake Battley (Morpurgo) Lily-Rose Hayward (Hughes)	Mayson Greenslade (Byars) Lawson Mears (Pullman) Sam Porter (Lewis) Finnbar Callahan (Rowling)
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## Birthday Books

Thank you to Ben Cruickshank and Hollie Jones who have recently donated birthday books to the school library.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Cannings



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).