

Thursday 8th March 2018

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #20



Ivy Life



We hope you were all able to enjoy the snow on Friday. This may have meant going outdoors for sledging, snowmen building and fun or staying in and getting warm and cosy. We appreciate your understanding that the school could not open. It sounds like you all made the most of it - the teachers have been buzzing with snow adventures told to them by their classes this week!

Today we had a school assembly and welcomed two lovely people from the Olympiad Pool who came in to talk to the children about water safety (they even bought their very own mascot – a full sized dog lifeguard!). They taught us how to stay safe on beaches and around rivers. Remember to stay SAFE: Spot - lookout for danger, Advice - ask a grown up, Friend - have a friend with you, Emergency - call 999. Many thanks to Lee Calver and Kelly Donald from the Olympiad for a really interesting assembly.



On the subject of water, well done to all of our children who are currently taking part in swimming lessons at the Olympiad Pool (Year 3 and Year 5) – we have received some wonderful feedback from their staff saying that our children are the best behaved out of all of the schools who visit them. You are a credit to Ivy Lane for displaying fabulous behaviour and excellent manners outside of the school.

Parent On-Line Payment and Communication System



Over the next few weeks we will be changing our on-line payment system to SchoolMoney and our parent communication system to Teachers2Parents. Please see attached a letter explaining all about the changes that are taking place and how you will need to sign-up for the SchoolMoney system. We are also sending home a Pupil Data Contact Sheet, in a sealed envelope, over the next couple of days for parents to check that all of their details are correct and up to date. It is extremely important that if there are any changes that need to be made to your child's details, you should contact the school office as soon as possible or return the data sheet with amendments to be made. Many thanks for your co-operation during this time and please bear with us during this transition.

Y4 Hughes Class Assembly and FOILS Cake Sale

Y4 Hughes Class will be performing their special assembly for parents and family on **Wednesday 14th March at 2pm** in Ivy Hall. Please could parents of Hughes Class children bring in their yummy cake donations on the morning of the class assembly which will be sold by FOILS, together with drinks, that afternoon. Can we please remind parents to avoid anything containing nuts and fresh cream and could you also be aware there is no parking available on site for class assemblies.

YR Dinosaur Outdoor Play



Reception spent the morning outdoors on Tuesday 6th March. They used their imagination to explore and experiment through their play. The day began through a dinosaur investigation, finding dinosaur eggs, dinosaurs teeth and even a big dinosaur pool! Carle and Rosen Class then spent time in the garden enjoying lots of messy play,



experimenting with weighing equipment in the mud kitchen, digging for dinosaur fossils, role playing dinosaur stories and creating natural dinosaur landscapes for their clay dinosaurs to live. The children really enjoyed the outdoors and getting stuck into their dinosaur theme. We are all looking forward to Andrew Skelton coming into school soon to share more dinosaur facts with us.

Request from YR

Rosen and Carle Classes would like some crates for their outdoor area. If we have any parents who work in the local supermarkets and would possibly be able to donate some of the bread crates for example, they would be very gratefully received. Many thanks.

Young People's Parliament Visit

On Wednesday this week, we visited the Monkton Park Council Offices to represent Ivy Lane at the Young People's Parliament. We entered the council chambers, we socialised a bit with the children from other Chippenham schools before learning about the suffragettes. There was one particular person called Emily Wilding Davison who was a famous suffragette. She was the person who jumped in front of the King's horse. We then took part in the mock debate where the girls and boys chose a topic – the boys chose to debate about an International Men's Day whilst the girls debated homelessness. At the end of the debates the boys found out that there already is an International Men's Day!

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Y1 Visit to S&K Fruits



This week as part of our Maths learning, Year 1 have been walking to SK Fruits in Chippenham to do some shopping. The children have been using their knowledge about money to help them decide which fruit and vegetables they can afford to buy, which coins they need to pay with and how much money they have been given in change. "I loved going to the fruit shop to spend my money, I bought a really big apple!" - Dakota, Hargreaves.



FOILS News

FOILS Quiz Night -Friday 23 March 2018

Not long to go until the quiz night, so start getting your teams together. It's always a fun night so it would be great to see lots of you there. Forms to be returned to the school office by Friday 16th March at the Latest (in an envelope clearly marked 'FAO FOILS').

FOILS are on Facebook!

We now have our very own page on Facebook page. Like and share to keep up to date with information and events. Find us @FOILSIvyLaneSchool

Weekly Teacher Changes

Date	Class	Replacement Teacher
Thursday, 15 th March	Y4 Morpurgo	Miss Ireland
Thursday, 15 th March	Y6 Rowling	Mrs Metcalfe

Diary Dates

Please find below a few significant dates over the coming weeks.

Day	Date	Event
Wednesday	14 th March	Year 1 Donaldson visit to Pizza Express
Wednesday	14 th March	Year 4 Hughes Class Assembly and FOILS Cake Sale – 2pm
Friday	16 th March	Year 1-Year 4 Scootability sessions
Wednesday	21 st March	Year 4 Morpurgo Class Assembly and FOILS Cake Sale – 2pm
Friday	23 rd March	Sports Relief Skip-a-thon
Friday	23 rd March	FOILS Quiz Night in the Old Hall at 7.30pm
Thursday	29 th March	TD Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
30 th March – 15 th April		EASTER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday	16 th April	Start of Term 5

Yours sincerely,

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