

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #1



## Ivy Life

Welcome back to another school year at Ivy Lane. If this is your first year at Ivy Lane as a parent then a particularly warm welcome to you, and I hope this will be the start of a very happy and successful partnership between us.

It has been a real pleasure this week to greet our smartly dressed reception children in Carle and Rosen classes. They are full of enthusiasm and smiles and we look forward to watching them grow as learners and individuals over the coming years! We would also like to welcome the following children who have started with us this term: Lexi (Griffiths) and Rio (Walliams).

I am also delighted to return to the Ivy Lane team as Interim Head of School after my year of travelling the world. I am looking forward to sharing all the tales of my adventures with the children this year.

There have been a number of pleasing improvements to the school environment over the summer, including the fitting of a new boiler and the refurbishment of Y6 Lewis and Rowling classes.

## Staffing

A warm welcome to our new teachers, who have settled in and seamlessly joined the team over the summer months - Miss Orchard (Y1 Hargreaves), Mr Frost (Y4 Morpurgo), Miss Mustoe (Trainee Teacher in Y2) and Mrs Stevens (Teaching Assistant Y3 Walliams). We are really looking forward to working alongside them.

We are also delighted to send our congratulations to Miss Gibbens (Y2 Milligan Class Teacher), who became engaged over the summer holidays.

## Food Allergies



Can we please remind parents that as we have children with nut allergies who attend our school (one child has severe allergies), we do have a nut-free policy in place (this includes sesame seeds). Any contact with nuts can cause allergic reactions therefore we are asking for your help in minimising the risk by:

- a) Avoiding giving children peanuts in school lunches.
- b) Avoiding giving peanut butter sandwiches, other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella and snacks/bars containing nuts
- c) Parents reinforcing with their children **not** to share their lunches.

Due to the health risks involved, it is important that all parents support us - thank you.

## Tesco Bags of Help

We are delighted to inform you that Mrs Kay's (YR Carle teacher) application to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme has been successful and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores during September and October 2018. The grant will help to fund an outdoor early years physical development climbing structure.



You will be able to vote at the following stores:

Chippenham Town Superstore  
Foundry Lane Express  
Frogwell Express  
Lyneham Express  
Pewsham Express

Please encourage all your family, friends and neighbours to do their shopping at any of the above stores and vote for Ivy Lane School.

## Parent Handbook & Term Calendar

Please see attached the revised Parent Handbook for 2018/19 and the Term Time calendar.

## Dinner Menu Term 1 & 2

A copy of the school dinner menu for terms 1&2 is attached for your information.

## YR Parents Coffee Morning

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On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September, all YR parents are invited to a coffee morning from 8.45am until 9.45am. This is being organised by FOILS (Friends Of Ivy Lane School) in Ivy Hall and is a great opportunity for our new parents to forge links with other parents and hear more about Ivy Lane School. We look forward to welcoming you all.

## Uniform and labels

The children certainly look very smart and part of 'Team Ivy Lane' in their uniform this week. Can I thank parents for their support in ensuring all children wear the correct uniform every day and providing the correct PE kit - indoor (daps) and outdoor footwear (trainers) and shorts for Term 1. Could we please remind parents to ensure that all items of uniform/PE bags/lunch boxes/water bottles/spectacle cases etc are clearly marked with your child's name – thank you.

## After School Clubs Terms 1 and 2

Clubs information will be sent to parents via e-mail/text in the next few days with a quick deadline for requests of 9am on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September as we aim to start clubs on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September and they will run for 8 weeks. As in previous years, club requests should be submitted via our school website. There will be no clubs during week commencing Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October due to Parents' Evenings and week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November due to Open Classrooms.

## Year 4 Swimming Lessons

Year 4 classes will be starting swimming lessons on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Letters have been emailed to parents with a breakdown of dates and voluntary contributions payable for these lessons. Please ensure that you log onto your SchoolMoney account to give permission for your child to participate and to pay the voluntary contribution. Children will need to bring their swimming costume and a towel in a named bag. Goggles are not permitted unless the child provides a letter of permission from their parents.

Finally, we are always on the look out for parents helpers to assist us with walking the children to and back from the swimming pool. If you are able to spare some time to help please contact the school office or your child's class teacher.



## Y1 Parents Introduction to Year 1 Meeting

The parents of children in Hargreaves and Donaldson classes are invited to an Introduction to Year 1 meeting that will take place in Donaldson Class on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 9am. The class teachers will be giving an informal introduction to the Year 1 curriculum and expectations, as well as covering topics such as home learning, reading and phonics (more in-depth workshops on these will follow later in the year). This is also an opportunity for parents to ask any questions about life in Year 1. We hope to see many of you there!

## Carle and Rosen Weekly Teacher Changes

We would like to inform the parents of YR children in Carle and Rosen that Mrs Smith will be teaching in Carle on a Wednesday afternoon and Rosen on a Thursday morning. This is to cover the YR teachers planning time. If you have any queries regarding this, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

## Harvest Collection



We will be holding our annual Harvest Assembly on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September. We would welcome donations of dry and tinned food. Please take donations directly to your child's class from Monday next week (11<sup>th</sup> September). Some of our children will be delivering the collection to the Chippenham Food Bank at The Salvation Army.

## Tuck Shop

From Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September, the school tuck shop will open every morning during break time for KS2 children. We offer a fabulous choice of fruit/tasty snack with milk for just 50p or if you would prefer water it's just 30p.

We have a great team of Year 5 children who will be helping Mrs Monaghan run the tuck shop this term.



## SchoolMoney Log In

Just as a quick reminder after the school holidays about how to log onto the SchoolMoney system. Please follow the instructions below to access your account.

- Click on the link sent via text/email or log onto [www.schoolmoney.co.uk](http://www.schoolmoney.co.uk).
- Click on Sign In and choose the last option: schoolmoney parent login.
- You will be prompted to enter your Mobile, Email, Password and Child's First Name (as shown in the diagram opposite).

You will then be able to view any outstanding amounts that need to be paid for any child attending ILS.

Please contact the school office if you experience any problems and the ladies in the office will be happy to help.

If your child has just joined Ivy Lane School you will be sent a link via email/text informing you of your password.

## MDSA Vacancies

We have two MDSA (lunchtime supervisor) vacancies, which will become available after the October half term with a start date of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Please contact the school office if you would like further information about these vacancies.

## Weekly Teacher Changes

Date	Class	Replacement Teacher
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> and Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Morpurgo	Mr Metcalf

## Diary Dates

<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>
9am - Afterschool club deadline for submitting requests
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>
8.45am-9.45am – YR FOILS Coffee Morning – Ivy Hall
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>
Year 4 Swimming Lessons start
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>
9am – Year 1 Parents Introduction to Year 1 Meeting
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Parents Evening
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Parents Evening

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Burchett  
Interim Head of School



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).

