

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #2



### Ivy Life

It was wonderful to see so many parents attending the YR new parents coffee morning today. We hope you enjoyed chatting to members of staff and other parents. Many thanks to the FOILS team for serving refreshments and cakes (kindly made by our lovely kitchen staff).

The children in Reception had their first taste of our delicious school dinners today - chips were a popular choice! It was lovely to see them all enjoying their food, whether it was a hot school dinner or their own packed lunch, there were smiles all round.

The first After School Club will start on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Children will be bringing home a slip to inform you which club they will be attending. There is a great range on offer this year, many thanks to the teachers and staff for giving up their time to make this possible.

### Staffing

Mrs Tottle, our Pastoral Manager, will be available during school hours all day on Monday and Wednesday. She works for mornings only on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday this academic year. She is also available at the gates, when teachers are busy welcoming or releasing their class to discuss, support or advise on any matters that may affect your child or family. This can include any attendance queries. Although she can talk to teachers about academic support and pass messages on, her role is mainly around supporting the emotional and social wellbeing of our children.

### Sticker Club Chain Letters

It has been brought to our attention that some children have been bringing in "Sticker Club" Chain Letters to pass onto their friends at school. Although it may seem like a fun and exciting thing to do, it can also put pressure on children and parents to take part, additionally there are some concerns about the data information shown on the letters. Therefore, could you please ensure that your child does not bring these letters into school in the future. Many thanks.

### Start of the Day Gate Closing Times

Can we please remind parents that the school gates are locked each morning at 8.40am prompt. If you arrive after this time access to the school will be via the security gate at the top of the staff car park, and parents will need to bring their child/children to the school office to register them in school and make their lunch choice.

### Parents' Evening Dates

Our first Parents evening dates have now been arranged and are as follows:

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 3.20pm – 5.30pm**

**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm – 7.00pm**

More information will be sent home via email/text shortly and parents will once again be able to use the on-line booking system to make appointments.

### Healthy School (Water and Snacks)

Just a gentle reminder that we are a water (and milk) only school. No squash or juice is allowed. Snacks for break time should also be healthy snacks or fruit. As part of being a healthy school, we ask that children do not bring in sweets or cake to celebrate birthdays. If your child would like to celebrate their birthday in school, (other than having Happy Birthday sung in the dinner hall) we ask you donate a book to the school library and we put a special certificate inside the cover and share this in assembly.



### Harvest Festival Reminder



Donations for the Harvest Festival should be taken directly to your child's class from Monday next week as the School Council representatives will be taking the donations to The Salvation Army following the assembly on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> September. We would welcome donations of dry and tinned food. Many thanks.

## Tesco Bags of Help Reminder



Please look out for the token collection points in some local Tesco stores. In the main store in Chippenham town centre, the tokens need to be placed in the **MIDDLE BOX** marked **Early Years Unit – Ivy Lane School** (see photo). The box marked with Ivy Wildlife Garden is nothing to do with Ivy Lane School.



Thank you so much for all your support – it is very much appreciated.

## KS1 Trips

The following trips have been arranged for KS1:

- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Year 1 Bristol Zoo
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Year 2 Cotswold Wildlife Park

Letters have been emailed to parents with more details regarding these trips. Please log onto your SchoolMoney account to pay the voluntary contributions and give consent for your child/children to participate in these trips. As KS1 children are entitled to Universal Free Schools, if you would like to order a school packed lunch can you please let the school office know by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.



## Reception Photo – Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September

A Gazette & Herald photographer will be visiting us at 11.00am on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September to take a photo of all our new reception children, which will be published in their annual new starters supplement shortly.

## Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Ella F (Donaldson) Mia C-M (Hargreaves) Alfie P (Milligan) Olivia L (Dahl)	Cayden F (Griffiths) Tessa C (Walliams) William F (Morpurgo) Connor M (Hughes)	Joshua B (Byars) Ruby B (Pullman) Jessica M (Lewis) Jack B (Rowling)
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## Birthday Books & Celebrating Achievement

None last week, will start this week.

## FOILS

A warm welcome back from the FOILS team. We hope you all had a great summer break. It was lovely meeting many of the YR parents today at the coffee morning. We've got lots planned for this year with our first meeting arranged for Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in Wetherspoons.

Upcoming event dates for your diary are:  
Halloween Discos - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
Christmas Fayre - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

## Live Wires

Following a school assembly last week by Mr Lawther, he would like to inform parents of the information and dates regarding Live Wires club. See attached flyer.

Yours sincerely,

Danielle Schonfeld  
Assistant Headteacher



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).