

Thursday 20 September

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #3



### Ivy Life

It was wonderful to see lots of our Year 1 parents attending the Curriculum Information meeting which was held in school this morning. We hope that parents have gone away with some ideas of how best to support their children with their home learning and a good insight into the Year 1 Curriculum. We will email the information used to all parents soon and would welcome any feedback.

Swimming has started for some of the classes this week. The children have had good fun splashing around and getting to know their new instructors. Many returned with wide smiles and tales of their achievements. There are likely to be many more successes over the next few terms.

Our annual Harvest Festival assembly will be taking place tomorrow – food donations can still be brought into school in the morning and taken straight to your child's classroom. These donations will be taken down to the Salvation Army in Chippenham by our School Councillors in the morning. Many thanks to all the parents for their donations, I know that these will be gratefully received.

### Bonkers for Conkers



Starting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October, we will be having our annual Bonkers for Conkers week. For one week only, children are encouraged to bring in their conkers (ready stringed please) to either just enjoy playing this traditional game or if they would like, enter our competition and battle it out for the trophy! Winners will be announced in celebration assembly the following week.

### Library timetable Information

All pupils can begin borrowing books from the school library again this week. Books are always issued, renewed or returned during the timetabled library session for each class. Children are entitled to borrow one book at a time which they may keep for one week before it should be returned or renewed. We will need to see the book in order to renew it. See the timetable below for information about which day your child's class will be visiting the school library.

We are extremely proud of our library and the rich variety of books to which it gives our children access. Our system operates just like the town library, with books being issued to children individually via our library computer system. This makes it possible for us to track exactly which books are on loan and to whom. We encourage all children to take responsibility for looking after their library book and for bringing it back to school each week in good condition. Your support in achieving this is much appreciated. On the rare occasions when books are lost or badly damaged we will ask for either a replacement copy of the book or a cash payment of £3.00 which should be sent to the school office.

Library timetable

MONDAY	Williams, Lewis, Rowling, Dahl
TUESDAY	Donaldson
WEDNESDAY	Rosen, Carle
THURSDAY	Milligan, Hargreaves
FRIDAY	Hughes, Morpurgo, Griffiths, Pullman, Byars

### House Captains

We are proud to reveal our newly chosen Year 6 House Captains for the first terms of the academic year:

Biddestone: Marcie and Joseph  
Castle Combe: Khahelia and Reuben  
Kington Langley: Lily and Freddie  
Lacock: Ella and Lawson



## School Council

Welcome to our new School Councillors, who have been nominated by their classmates to represent them and the school. We are sure that they will all do an excellent job and Miss Gibbens is really looking forward to this year's meetings. There will be lots of important decisions to be made and they will be gathering their class mates' ideas as the children's views are always valued. Our new councillors are:

Phoebe (Y1 Donaldson), Ollie (Y1 Hargreaves), Mason (Y2 Dahl), Millie (Y2 Milligan), Belle (Y3 Griffiths), Gil (Y3 Walliams), Layla (Y4 Hughes), Leonard (Y4 Morpurgo), Lucca (Y5 Byars), Sophie (Y5 Pullman), Alfie (Y6 Lewis) and Bradley (Y6 Rowling).

## Reporting Absences & End of Day Messages

Can we please remind parents to contact the school office before 8.40am if their child is going to be away from school due to illness/medical appointments. If your child has suffered with sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must be off school for a full 48 hours after the last episode.

If you need to get a message to your child, due to change in collection arrangements for instance at the end of the school day, please ensure where possible that you contact the school office before 2.30pm. Many thanks for your co-operation.

## YR Meet Bertie the Dog



The YR children were very excited to meet Bertie the school dog this week! Miss Barrass told the children all about how they can look after Bertie and help him when he comes and plays with them in the garden. The children sat and listened really well and could remember lots of things like not to all shout Bertie's name at once!



## YR – Class Pictures in the Gazette & Herald

The Gazette & Herald were in school this week taking photographs of our new reception children looking incredibly smart in their uniforms (even Bertie the school dog was included in the photo!). Although it was quite a dull and windy day, we still managed to gather the children up on the field for the photo. Look out for the supplement in the Gazette & Herald on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> October.

## European Day of Languages



It is 'European Day of Languages' on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Please visit this website if you would like to do some language activities at home with your child <https://edl.ecml.at/>. We are busy planning a range of international projects to take place over the next school year, which I'm sure your children will share with you.

## Donation of Sports Equipment

We have been very lucky to receive a fabulous donation of footballs, mesh bibs and mini dome cones from a company called Kandu Arts. Thank you so much to Kandu Arts, the children will have lots of fun using these.

## Influenza Programme 2018



The NHS are once again offering the nasal flu vaccination this year for pupils in Reception to Year 5. We would like to inform parents that the nurses from Virgin Care will be visiting us on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Parental consent this year will take the form of an electronic consent process, as this will ensure a more robust and safe experience for children as it reduces the opportunity for miscommunications or errors. We will be given an individual link which will be distributed to parents via our text/email system. Parents can then use a computer or smart phone, click on the link and will be directed to a secure website to complete all details required to gain consent. This electronic consent links directly with the NHS health records and has been subject to robust information governance process.

## Dinner Menu Changes

We have made some slight changes to the dinner menu to take into account food allergies/intolerances. Please see attached.

## Head Lice

Please find attached a Parent Information leaflet on how to eliminate headlice which we thought would be useful for parents.

## Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Rex J-S (Donaldson) Dylan P (Hargreaves) Poppy T (Milligan) Declan J (Dahl)	David L (Griffiths) Noah L (Walliams) Reece S (Morpurgo) Freddie P (Hughes)	Jacob M (Byars) Daisy B (Pullman) Chelsea B (Lewis) Ted T (Rowling)
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## Birthday Books

Thank you to all the following who have recently donated books to the school library; Adway M, Arthur W, Mia G, Isabella T-N, Bradley H, Harry G and Joshua G. We hope that you all had wonderful birthdays.

## Celebrating Achievement

Well done to Aria M (Donaldson) for gaining Ducklings level in swimming. Congratulations to Sophie (Pullman) for being runner-up in the Summer Reading Challenge Comments Competition – her comment was:

*"I quite like doing the reading challenge and every night I read the books, I read until my eyelids were so heavy and I was so tired I had to go to bed! The reading challenge also gave me a reason to stay up really late! And the books were mostly interesting".* Sophie won a chocolatey prize!

## Brain Tumour Research Charity Bike Ride

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September, why not join the Ride 4 Simon group in a 16km (10 mile) cycle ride to Lacock and back to support Brain Tumour Research? The ride is in memory of Simon Oldacres and Leo Darby, an Ivy Lane parent and pupil respectively, who died from brain tumours in 2016 and 2015. Starting at 1 o'clock from the Millennium Wall by the river at Avenue La Fleche, the ride will follow the path to Lacock for ice cream before returning via the same route to John Coles Park for medals and cake. The purpose of the ride is for children to participate, although it is essential that all children are accompanied by a responsible adult and ride well enough to cope with the distance and bumpy terrain. The path certainly isn't suitable for anyone using stabilisers. Children participating will receive a Brain Tumour Research medal. To give them an idea of numbers, please visit the Facebook events page – Kids Lacock Ice Cream Ride (<https://tinyurl.com/yc5b8fny>) – and let them know how many kids you are bringing.

There is also a Just Giving - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/r4slacock-2018> to sponsor the kids taking part.

## Wiltshire Primary and Secondary School Application Deadlines

The deadline for applications for children starting Secondary Year 7 in September 2019 is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2018** and the deadline for applications for children starting in Reception in September 2019 is **midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. You can apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk) or you can submit a paper application. All applications submitted after the deadline dates will be treated as late and will be processed accordingly. For more information please log on to [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,

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