



### Ivy Life

This week the children have started to explore life outside of Ivy Lane, exploring animals and nature in the great outdoors. Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Bristol Zoo on Tuesday and Year 2 also came back excited from their visit to Cotswold Wildlife Park today. This will certainly bring a buzz to the classroom.

Hopefully we will be as lucky next week with the glorious weather we are experiencing at the moment and the children will be able to make the most of being outdoors, especially for our annual "Bonkers for Conkers" week. Children can bring in conkers all week (please make sure they are already stringed) and take part in some friendly competition during break times!

### Baby News!



We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Smith (Y1 Donaldson class teacher) has had a beautiful baby boy this week (a little bit earlier than expected). Mother and baby are both doing exceptionally well and I'm sure you will all join us by congratulating Mrs Smith and her husband Simon, on the safe arrival of their little boy George.

We are all very much looking forward to seeing Mrs Smith and meeting George very soon.

### Social Media

We understand the change that social media has made to communication and can all value the positive use of platforms like Facebook and Twitter; however, schools have also witnessed the damage and distress that negative postings can cause.

As part of our 'working together' approach, we request that social media will not be used to comment in such a way that brings Ivy Lane, any of our pupils or wider-school community into disrepute. We have other approaches to resolving issues, which we know have a more positive outcome.

If your child has access to social media sites and apps (especially via unsupervised mobile devices) then we would value your support in reiterating the guidance we offer (see below). The general recommendations say that any child should be, at a minimum, 13 years old for many platforms and it is strongly advised that parents monitor what is being sent. Primary-aged children can lack the emotional maturity to use social media without incident or risk.

Children using Social Media Guidance:

- Don't write anything online that you wouldn't say to the person directly (if you wouldn't say it in the playground, in front of your parent or teacher, please don't say it all)
- Act responsibly towards yourself and others whether online or offline
- **Think** before you say things that will hurt others online
- **Think** before you post online - once you post something online it can last forever as it can be saved and shared by others
- Do not share anything which might get you or your friends into trouble today or which you might regret in the future
- Check privacy settings –insure accounts are private (some apps and sites automatically create public accounts)

For more information please see [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org).

### Keeping our school secure

During school hours could parents who access the grounds via the security gate at the top of staff car park, please ensure they check that the gate is securely locked behind them especially when there are children in the playground. The gate will automatically lock but this does take a couple of seconds to activate and we need to ensure that our school is being kept safe for the children at all times.



## Mobile Phones

Can we please remind parents of our policy regarding mobile phones. We do not allow children to have their mobile phones in school and as such if a child is found with a phone this will be confiscated and we will contact their parents to enable them to come and collect it. If you have any queries regarding this policy, please don't hesitate to contact the school office where an appointment can be made to discuss this with Mrs Burchett or Mrs Schonfeld. Many thanks for your co-operation.

## Parents Evenings 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October

A letter has been emailed to parents today regarding the upcoming Parents Evenings. A text/email will then be sent on Friday afternoon with a link to enable booking appointments on line for either Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Please ensure that you click the link within the text/email and book your appointment by **9am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October**. If you don't receive any communication regarding Parents Evening appointments please contact the school office so that we can check our records to ensure we have up to date contact details. Please be aware that text messages will only be sent to the Priority 1 parent on our system.

## Lucky Tray Lunch – Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> October

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> October is our October School Census so we will be having a 'Lucky Tray Day' in Ivy Hall. Lots of prizes will be up for grabs and we will be serving up Beef burger & Chips or Tomato & Basil Pasta. Can we please request as many children in YR, Y1 and Y2 as possible eat a school dinner on 4<sup>th</sup> October (even if just for one day) as the funding we receive for infant meals depends on the number of KS1 children who have a school dinner on Census Day!

## Bikeability



Wiltshire Council Road Safety, in partnership with the school, is once again offering the Bikeability Course for our Year 6 children at a cost of £5.00 per child. This course is taking place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November. There are a limited number of spaces available on this course (only 12) and these will be filled up on a first come first serve basis. Letters will be sent home next week with all the information required about the course.

## Harvest Festival



The children on the School Council delivered all the donations that had been sent in for Harvest Festival to the Salvation Army last Friday. The Salvation Army volunteers were extremely grateful for all the fabulous food items donated. The children all behaved very well and enjoyed a cup of juice and some biscuits and fruit before heading back to school.

Lucca P from Byars Class said "The Salvation Army trip was fun because we got to sort the food and then we had biscuits, grapes and squash. The lady then took us all upstairs to show us where all the donations were kept and how they were given out".

Thank you once again to parents for your generosity and support.

## Y1 Trip



The children in Year 1 had a fantastic time at Bristol Zoo on Tuesday this week. They enjoyed learning about how to look after our pets and even got to hold some different sorts of animals, including cockroaches! They were very lucky to visit the zoo on such a wonderful sunny day and loved finding out about all the animals that live at Bristol Zoo. All the children were extremely well behaved and were a credit to Ivy Lane School. A big thank you to the parents who came and helped out on the day – without your continued support and help, trips like this would not be able to go ahead.

## Year 2 European Languages Day



Year 2 enjoyed celebrating European national languages day. They began the afternoon answering the register in a different language then looked at all the German colours and created a rainbow flower. The highlight of the afternoon was food tasting from different cultures where the children sampled yummy baguette and croissants and tasty nachos with salsa dip. The afternoon ended with the children singing along to 'Let it go' from Frozen in a whopping 25 languages! Here is the link if they'd like to listen again: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ta\\_C1lj2ld4&safe=active](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ta_C1lj2ld4&safe=active)

## Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Clara R (Carle) Lily S (Rosen) Brody E (Donaldson) Sienna C (Hargreaves) Theo R (Milligan)	Cameron T (Dahl) Sophie M (Griffiths) Riley S (Walliams) Luisa S (Morpurgo) Joshua S (Hughes)	Oliver J (Byars) Sophie B (Pullman) Kenzi S (Lewis) Amelia M (Rowling)
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## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to Layla (Hughes) for gaining her Stage 5 swimming certificate.

Congratulations also to Isla (Lewis) and Violet (Milligan) for taking part in the Race for Life 5k Pretty Muddy Run. They have raised an amazing amount of over £370 for Cancer Research - their mom said that they demonstrated real Ivy Lane grit and determination!

## Weekly Teacher Changes

Date	Class	Replacement Teacher
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Donaldson	Mrs Rafferty
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Donaldson	Mrs Rafferty

Yours sincerely,

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