

Thursday 4 October 2018

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #5



Ivy Life

This week has been full of cold mornings, bright blue skies and 'Bonkers about Conkers' – it's all feeling very autumnal. It has been lovely seeing children enjoying this traditional game all week. Sam (Williams) and Joseph (Pullman) are in the photo here enjoying playing conkers this morning.



Here is a super autumnal poem written by Amelia E (Griffiths)

The Beauty of Nature

Look around, what can you see?
Crunchy golden leaves crispy as can be
The wise Willow dancing rhythmically in the breeze
Reliable busy bees working as a team
Flowers hiding in the jungle of fresh emerald grass
But the beauty of nature is all around growing every day!

Please remember that there will be no after school clubs next week due to Parents Evenings. They will resume as normal week commencing 15th October and the final clubs for this term will take place during week commencing 26th November.

Parents' Evenings

The staff are looking forward to meeting many of you next Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th October for Parents Evenings. The children's books will be available for you to read outside the classroom either before or following the appointment.

Chairs will be ready outside the appropriate classroom. Please note that Griffiths and Williams classes will have their waiting area upstairs, you are welcome to walk straight up.

Pupil Collection Arrangements

If your child is going home with a friend/other parent after school, can we please remind parents to contact the school office by 2.30pm to let us know. For safeguarding purposes, we must receive a call from the parent and not from the person collecting.

Reading Challenge Success

At Ivy Lane School, we have a clear commitment to promoting reading for pleasure. Our library is central to this commitment as is our Reader Leader Team (to allow FS2 and KS1 children to read or be read to at lunch time), story times in all classrooms and our ongoing investment in quality texts for our children to read. We also maintain very strong links with Chippenham Library and we were delighted to hear that so many Ivy Lane pupils had completed the Summer Reading Challenge, reading and reviewing six books each during the summer holidays. 100 Ivy Lane pupils will receive a certificate this week in recognition of this achievement. Well done! We are very proud of all of you!

Understandably, there is a strong association between the amount of reading for pleasure a child is involved in and their reading achievement. But did you know that the benefits of a strong leisure reading habit are not confined to improved reading ability? Reading for pleasure makes children more articulate, develops higher order reasoning skills and promotes critical thinking, meaning there is an impact on all areas of the school curriculum. Make time for reading for pleasure everyone!

Year 3 and Year 5 in the Library



Year 5 have given a warm welcome to the Year 3 pupils this term by inviting them to share books from our school library. All the children have had a lovely time sharing books with each other and it has been a great opportunity for the younger Key Stage 2 children to read to some of the older children and vice versa. Well done Year 3 & Year 5!

Healthy Snacks

Can we remind all parents that if snacks are brought into school for morning break time they need to be of a healthy nature or fruit, so no crisps or chocolate bars please. Please also remember we are a nut free school due to children with allergies. Thank you.



Year 2 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park



Last week we went to the Cotswold Wildlife Park and my favourite part was when Arnold the heartbreakingly creepy Lemur stared at George (in Milligan) and it looked like they were in love!! The Lemurs ran around our feet and we met a new baby Lemur who was dazzled by our bright, neon high-vis vests. Miss Gibbens' favourite animal was the tall, spotty giraffe and Mrs Reynolds loved the tough, stocky rhinos. Written by Theo (Milligan)

The Year 2 children were exceptionally well behaved and thoroughly enjoyed looking at all the African animals. We'd all love to revisit the Cotswold Wildlife Park one day. Thank you to all the parent helpers who came along for the day.

Summer Reading Challenge

This year Chippenham Library signed up **1173** children for the Summer Reading Challenge.

901 children finished the challenge, reading **6** books each!

All together, we listened to **5748** book reviews!

Of these, Ivy Lane had **100** children finish the challenge.

This is nearly 27% of our school's population.

Well done to all of the following children who took part in this challenge. They will receive a certificate in Friday's Celebration Assembly.

Aditi M	Daniel P	Joseph O	Oliver H
Aila LWr	Daniel S	Joshua S	Oliver S
Alfie V	Dominic L	Julianna T	Olivia L
Alice K	Eden S	Keeleigh L	Opal T
Alice Z	Elliott L	Laurence G	Otis DB
Amelia E	Elwood M	Laurence N	Owen G
Amelia M	Emma F	Layla G	Phoebe E
Andre S	Emma K	Leonard H	Rebecca H
Arlo K	Ester O	Lily S	Saisaket T
Ava S	Ethan M	Lucy H	Samuel H
Beth D	Evan C	Mabel V	Scarlett B
Billy	Evangeline LW	Macie L	Seryn T
Brody E	Fred G	Marley	Sophie A
Bronwyn C	George C	Matilda C	Sophie P
Callum E	George C	Max H	Sophie S
Cameron R	Grace A	Megan C	Tessa C
Charlotte P	Grace M	Megan L	Thomas G
Charlotte S	Harry G	Megan R	Thomas H
Chloe C	Inara M	Melody C	Thomas W
Chloe S	Iris L	Mia G	Verity H
Christopher H	Jack M	Michaela J	Viraaj K
Claire R	James H	Millie G	Zoe P
Conn D	Jasmine G	Mitchell B	Evie B
Conor R	Jeremy S	Noah L	Charlotte R
Cora D	Joseph E	Noah M	Theo

School Council Meeting

The School Council had their first meeting this week and this is what Mason in Y2 Dahl had to say:
"Last Monday we had a meeting to decide what art project we would like to do at Ivy Lane. We looked at the Key Stage 1 playground, Hedera building and the bike wall by the bike racks. My favourite choice was near the bike wall because the parents could all see the art work there".

Birthday Books

A big thank you this week to Cora D (Walliams) & George B (Donaldson) for their donations to the school library in celebration of their birthdays.

Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Ben H & Emmeline H (Carle) Seryn T & Ivy W (Rosen) Amelia K (Donaldson) Tom W (Hargreaves) Tiffany K (Milligan)	Henry O (Dahl) Nour D (Griffiths) Evan C (Walliams) Thomas Y (Morpurgo) Layla B (Hughes)	Tiffany Y (Byars) Daniel P (Pullman) Lily Y (Lewis) Chanelle A (Rowling)
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Celebrating Achievement

Well done to Charlotte R for achieving her Level 1 & 2 in swimming and also to all the children (& parents) who took part in the Ride 4 Simon charity bike ride from Chippenham to Lacock and back last Sunday in memory of Simon Oldacres and Leo Darby. A fun time was had by all – especially the ice creams at Lacock and the cake at the finish in John Cole Park! All those who took part received a Brain Tumour Research medal.

FOILS News



FOILS Halloween Disco is taking place on Tuesday, 23rd October in Ivy Hall. There will be two sessions:

KS1 YR, Y1 & Y2 4.30-5.30pm £4 (incs bag with drink, sweets and a glow stick)

KS2 Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 5.45-6.45pm £2 (drink, sweets & glow sticks can be bought on the night)

There will be a prize for the best costume with fancy dress being optional.

Entrance fees are to be paid on the night.

Please note: doors will open at 4:20pm and 5.35pm allowing 10-mins to get everyone in for their start times.

Thinking of Becoming Primary School Teacher?



Please see attached information from the Pickwick Learning Teaching Schools Alliance on finding out more about Initial Teacher Training and their meet and greet events taking place at Corsham School.

Yours sincerely,

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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.