

Thursday 18th October 2018

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #7



Ivy Life

We cannot believe that we are almost through the first term of the school year already. What a busy term it has been! There is more action packed fun ahead next week when Year 4 visit The Red Lodge Museum and the Matthew ship in Bristol, whilst our Year 5 children participate in a Maths Enrichment programme delivered by a Hardenhuish maths tutor. Year 1 and 2 will be enjoying an Outdoor learning Day and we await excitedly for the final result of the Bonkers about Conkers competition.

Just a quick reminder to parents that there will be no after school clubs next week and we break up for half term holidays at 3pm on Wednesday 24th October. We hope that you all have an enjoyable longer half term than normal and we look forward to the next term with lots of exciting things planned in the run up to Christmas.

Children's Safety – Car Park

Can we please remind you that the staff car park is not to be used by parents for picking children up at the end of the school day or at 4pm after clubs have finished. We have had a couple of concerns reported to us in the last week or so. The safety of our children is paramount and we need to be extra vigilant in the car park at these times of the day. We do have 2 visitors spaces at the front of the car park that can be used, however, if these spaces are already full please use alternative car parks in the area. Many thanks for your continued support.

School Photographs



A reminder that the school photos are being taken on Monday 22nd October so make sure that everyone looks smart with their very best smiles, hair washed, uniform on including green cardigans and sweatshirts please! The photographers have requested that girls do not wear green hair accessories, i.e. JoJo Bows as this can compromise the "green screen" process if used. We take these photos now so they can be ordered as a present for a special day later this year – grandparents love them! As well as individual photos being taken, Ivy Lane siblings will also have their photographs taken together.

Tesco Help for Bags

A massive thank you to everyone for shopping at Tesco's over the last 6 weeks. We are now in the final 2 weeks of being able to vote for 'Ivy Lane School - Early Years' by placing tokens into the Tesco's boxes in their stores. We would love to be able to receive the top award of £4000 by collecting the most tokens. If you are in town over the holidays and can pop in to do a bit of shopping and put some tokens in our 'Early Years' box it would be greatly appreciated.



Outdoor Learning Days – Y1 and Y2

The following outdoor learning days have been organised next week:

Year 2 – Tuesday 23rd October

Year 1 – Wednesday 24th October

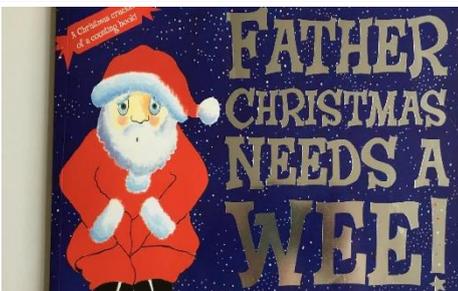
Each class will be spending all day on the school field, taking part in a range of activities to celebrate Autumn, including lots art and crafts and cooking on the campfire. They can wear casual clothing for this but we ask that it be suitable for the forecasted weather as we will be outside all day. Lunch will be in the dinner hall as normal.

Diwali Celebrations for YR and KS1



On Tuesday 6th November, YR and KS1 will be visited by Virraj's mom (Donaldson class) to share her experiences of celebrating the Hindu festival of Diwali which takes place on Wednesday 7th November. We will also be taking part in lots of creative and hands-on activities, which will be held in each class.

YR Trip to the theatre



On 17th December the YR classes will be going on a very exciting trip to Swindon Arts Centre to see a production of "Father Christmas Needs A Wee". The coach will be leaving school at 10am and will return at approximately 2pm. A letter has been sent to parents this week with more information about the trip and how to make the voluntary contribution. If you have not received any notification about this trip either by text or email, please contact the school office as soon as possible in order for us to check that your contact details are correct on our system.

Y5 Pullman Class Assembly and FOILS Cake Sale

Y5 Pullman Class will be performing their special assembly for parents and family on **Thursday 8 November at 2pm** in Ivy Hall. Please could parents of Pullman Class children bring in their yummy cake donations on the morning of the class assembly which will be sold by FOILS, together with drinks, that afternoon. Can we please remind parents to avoid anything containing nuts and fresh cream and could you also be aware there is no parking available on site for class assemblies.

Year 3 Outdoor activities

Year 3 have been busy enjoying Autumn on our school field. They have been collecting leaves, sorting them into groups and enjoyed going on an Autumn hunt. All of this is in preparation for our Autumn Day in term 2 - more information to follow after half term.



Year 6 Rowling Class – First Aid Day

Rowling Class took part in St Johns Ambulance "First Aid in a Day" training on Wednesday this week. The St Johns Ambulance instructor, Sarah, was with them all day on Wednesday and the session included lots of "hands on" first aid training. Some of the skills pupils learnt were bandaging, dealing with choking, the recovery position and the instructor explained how to call for an ambulance. We obviously hope that the Y6 children will never have to use these skills, but by taking part in this training, they will at least be a little bit more prepared. The instructor, Sarah, will be returning on Friday to deliver the same training to Lewis Class.



Birthday Books

A big thank you this week to Charlotte & Theo R, Daniel P & Olivia F for their book donations.

Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Thomas G & Alex L (Carle) Amelie N & Bailey M (Rosen) Henry G (Donaldson) Eleanor H (Hargreaves) Esther O (Milligan)	Max H (Dahl) Isla W (Griffiths) Olly H (Walliams) Jack S (Morpurgo) Freya B (Hughes)	Ashleigh T (Byars) Charlie W (Pullman) Ethan M (Lewis) Bradley H (Rowling)
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Celebrating Achievement

Well done to Mitchell B for being awarded a Blue Peter Badge for his picture of a Shelly Badge and Josh S for gaining her Yellow Belt in Martial Arts.

Flu Vaccination

We have previously advised parents that the annual flu vaccination programme for YR-Y5 pupils will be taking place here at Ivy Lane on Monday 3rd December. The School Nurses from Virgin Care have been in touch and have asked if we could give the following message to parents:

Dear parents,

We are offering community clinics for gaining flu vaccine in half term, and the reason that you are able to book your child into these clinics is if your child's school session is later in the season and you believe that they are medically vulnerable and therefore require the vaccine early.

If you would like to book into a clinic and fit into one of the above reasons please contact the team on 0333 234 1125.

You are welcome to attend any clinic (regardless of where you live)

27.10.18 - Bath 10 -12

30.10.18 - Salisbury 2 - 4

31.10.18 - Devizes 10 - 12

31.10.18 - Trowbridge 1 - 3

02.11.18 - Swindon 10 -12

02.11.18 - Chippenham 1 - 3

Thank you

Immunisation Team

The Immunisation Team will shortly be sending us a link for parents to give on-line consent for their child to receive the flu vaccination. Once we have received the link it will be passed onto parents.

Site Manager Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy here at Ivy Lane for a Site Manager. This is a permanent position and the working pattern is as follows:

28 hours per week across a split shift: 7am to 9.30am and 2.45pm-6pm Monday-Thursday (2.45pm-5.15pm Friday). **42 weeks per year** – Term time plus 3 weeks during the school holidays.

School visits are encouraged - please contact Kerry Nowosielski in the school office to arrange a visit.

An application pack is available from our website: www.ivylane.wilts.sch.uk

We would prefer applications and any communication via e-mail on admin@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk, however, please feel free to contact the school office for further information.

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.

Chippenham Library – Half Term Activities

Half-term activities at Chippenham Library

Friday 26 October from 2-4 Drama Workshop – Bringing Books to Life, run by actor, Jake Davies (8-13 year olds)

Monday 29 October from 2:30-4 Harry Potter Activities & Games (old enough to enjoy Harry Potter)

Tuesday 30 October from 2:30-3:30 Halloween Stories & Crafts

*Places are limited so booking absolutely essential

Yours sincerely,

Mrs 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.