

Friday 9th November 2018

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #8



Ivy Life

Welcome back to the new term, we hope you had a lovely break enjoying the autumnal weather. The children have come back looking smart and there is a real buzz of excitement for the learning that they will be exploring until Christmas. We look forward to sharing this with you in our weekly newsletters.


A big well done to Y5 Pullman class who performed a fantastic assembly yesterday. This included individual speaking parts, poetry and a gymnastic display. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support their child and for bringing in some lovely cakes. Also, thanks to the FOILS team for providing the refreshments.

We would like to extend a very warm Ivy Lane welcome to some new members of staff who started this week. Welcome to Mrs Bull who has joined us to cover our teacher planning timetable on a temporary basis while Mrs Smith is on maternity leave, and welcome also to Mrs Soreau, Mrs Mills and Mrs McCracken who have joined us as lunchtime supervisors.

Baby News at ILS

We are thrilled to announce that two of our members of staff are expecting the pitter-patter of tiny feet in early Spring next year. Mr Prosser (Y6 Lewis) and his wife Harriet, are expecting a baby girl and Mrs Stenning (Y1 Donaldson) and her husband Tom, are also expecting a baby. Congratulations from everyone here at Ivy Lane.

School Photos

 You will be receiving your child's school photos this week. You may order packages by returning the proof card to school or via Fraser Portraits website www.fraserportraits.com. You will need to quote the Proof Card ID number when ordering on-line. If you are returning your order to school, please make cheques payable to Fraser Portraits Ltd. Place the cheque in the envelope after writing the name of your child, school name and contact number on the reverse. If paying by cash, you must enclose the exact money as no change can be given by the school. **Please ensure that all orders are returned to the school office by Wednesday 21st November alternatively, as mentioned above, orders can be placed on-line also by Wednesday 21st November for free delivery to the school.**

Y3 Gymnastics

Just a gentle reminder that Year 3 will start their afternoon gymnastic sessions at The Olympiad next week with Griffiths' 1st session on Wednesday and Walliams on Friday. Please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school all week as they will be changing before walking to The Olympiad. We need parent helpers on both Wednesday and Friday afternoons, so if you can spare a couple of hours on either or both of these days we would very much like to hear from you. Please contact the school office or speak to the class teacher at the end of the day.

Y5 Byars Class Assembly and FOILS Cake Sale

Y5 Byars Class will be performing their special assembly for parents and family on **Thursday 15th November at 2pm** in Ivy Hall. Please could parents of Byars 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.

Y2 Home Learning Project – Safari Shoebox



Thank you so much for all the effort from children and parents in Year 2 on the Safari projects. We were so thrilled with the boxes and the children loved showing their friends what they had made. The children proudly took part in a parade to view one another's masterpieces! Well done to Ava, Charlotte, Mitchell and Daniel who were the chosen winners, and Christopher and Megan for the creative edge. Thanks to Miss Barrass as Bertie was our guest judge and thoroughly enjoyed sniffing out the competition and when he wagged his tail, we knew he loved what he saw! A great effort Year 2, well done.

YR Reminders

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". Please pay the voluntary contribution for this trip via your SchoolMoney account and give consent for your child to take part by **Monday, 12th November**. Many thanks.



On Wednesday 21st November, YR parents are invited into school to dine with their child. Many thanks to all the parents who have already paid and made their meals choices. Parents have until **Friday, 16th November** to pay for a school meal and make their meal choice – unfortunately we will be unable to accept any orders after this date as our kitchen staff will be placing their food orders.

Y4 Trip to The Red Lodge and The Matthew

We have been learning about the Tudors and we have had an excellent day in Bristol to learn more about the topic. We visited a Tudor boat called The Matthew and we went to the Red Lodge Museum to learn a bit more about Tudor houses and gardens. Olivia, one of the Year 4 pupils, has said, "It was amazing, cool and fun! The best thing was going on the poop deck and under deck whilst on the Matthew. We learnt about where the sailors ate and slept. We also walked over a Tudor well and I felt quite scared when we did."

We have also learned about how painters did some paintings and changed them a bit to make others. Thanks to all the parents who have helped us so that we could go to Bristol and have lots of fun!

Written by Andre in Hughes class



Y6 Lewis First Aid Day

On Friday 19th October, Lewis class had their First Aid day and the lady who trained us was from St John's Ambulance. We were trained in basic First Aid including: choking, bleeding and the recovery position. Everyone enjoyed learning very important lifesaving skills and we now hope that many children would consider joining the Chippenham St John Ambulance cadets, which is open to all ages.

Written by Alice (Y6) who is currently a St Johns Ambulance cadet herself.



Y6 Bikeability Course



On Thursday this week some of our Year 6 children participated in the first part of the Bikeability Course. This part of the course included bike safety checks, hand signals, looking around them and being aware of their surroundings and general bike skills. They were all very well behaved and did really well. The second and final part of the course will take place on Thursday 15th November and Wednesday 5th December. Once the course has been completed, the children will be presented with certificates.



Weekly School Council Update

On Monday 15th October, the Ivy Lane Councillors were awarded their badges. Everyone was ecstatic and we all love them.

Written by Bradley (Y6 Lewis)

A kind donation



We would like to say a big thank you to Belle and Nyah (Yr 3 Griffiths) who recently made a very kind donation to our school library. These girls baked cookies and made bracelets to sell to their friends and family, raising £4 which they wanted to go towards stocking our school library.

Belle and Nyah really enjoyed visiting The Works with Mrs Fahey where they were able to purchase a book each with their funds. They then helped to get these books onto our library system so that they are ready for other children to come and borrow. Here they are with their book choices. Well done girls and thank you for being so kind and generous.

Birthday Books

A big thank you this week to Zoe P, Rufus S, Laurie G, Millie G & Theodor N for donating wonderful books to the school library in celebration of their birthdays.

Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Freddie W & Tommy W (Carle) Poppy S & Riyad A (Rosen) Conn D (Donaldson) Jeremy S (Hargreaves) Theo R (Milligan)	Elwood M (Dahl) Amelia E (Griffiths) Zoe P (Walliams) Daniel B (Morpurgo) Elissa M (Hughes)	Maya G (Byars) Jamie T (Pullman) Khahelia C (Rowling)
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Celebrating Achievement

Well done to Chloe, Poppy & Jake G for achieving a purple stripe ranking in martial arts, to Grace P & Grace for gaining swimming certificates & Amelia M for a Level 4 award in gymnastics.

Weekly class changes

The following classes have a change of teacher next week. These are:

Tuesday 13 th November 2018	Y4 Morpurgo	Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Schonfeld
Wednesday 14 th November 2018	Y4 Morpurgo	Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Schonfeld

Vacancies at Ivy Lane School

We currently have two vacancies at Ivy Lane School:

Year 1 Class Teacher (Maternity Cover) – commencement date 25th February 2019

Teacher Assistant (Part time) – commencement date 8th January 2019

Please look on our school website www.ivylane.wilts.sch.uk for further information and applications forms.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Danielle Schonfeld
Assistant Headteacher



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