

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #9



### Ivy Life

Thank you to the parents who attended the Parent Forum sessions on Wednesday morning and evening. A wide range of topics were discussed including home learning, sports day, school absence, our new behaviour ladder system and all the exciting opportunities for the children at Ivy Lane both in school and across the Pickwick Academy Trust.

It was wonderful to see the KS2 children participating in the first of a series of dance sessions organised by Miss Readman this week. The children are going to be taking part in the Chippenham Dance Festival in February.

Well done to Year 5 Byars Class who performed their class assembly in front of their parents on Thursday afternoon. Thank you to the parents who were able to come along and support their child and for the lovely cake donations. Thanks also to the FOILS team for providing refreshments and selling the cake donations.

### Car Parking – Health and Safety

For safety reasons, can we please remind parents that the staff car park is not to be used by parents at the beginning of the day, end of the day or at 4pm when after school clubs finish. There are bollards placed at the entrance to the car park each day at these times to indicate that parent parking is not allowed. We have a duty of care to ensure that all of our children are safe while walking into school and out of school via the front entrance. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

### Admission Policy 20/21 Amendments

We are proposing to make changes to our Admissions Policy for entry into Reception for 2020/21. Please find attached a copy of the proposed policy and if you have any comments regarding this policy please send an email to [admin@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk) and these will be forwarded onto the School Governors.

### Playground Craze



As we are still enjoying the autumnal weather, the children have been making good use of our playground equipment such as the skipping ropes and velcro tennis bats and balls.

From next week the children can bring in Match Attax trading cards to trade with their friends, however, children need to be very clear about what they are swapping and ensure that their cards are in labelled boxes if possible.

### Year 3 Outdoor Learning

The Year 3 children will be having an outdoor learning morning on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Children will need to wear suitable outdoor clothing which may get wet/muddy etc and suitable outdoor footwear, i.e. wellies etc. Please ensure that their uniform is brought into school in a named bag as the children will be getting changed at lunchtime.

### Y2 SATS Workshop for Parents

Year 2 will be running workshops for parents to give them an insight into the curriculum and to help support their children at home as they have end of key stage tests in May. These workshops are being held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 9am and 2.30pm. These will be held in the Year 2 classrooms. There will be an information pack for parents to take home which includes exercise papers to practise with their children.

### Influenza Programme YR-Y5

A link has been sent out to parents via email for parental consent to be given on-line for the influenza nasal vaccinations taking place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Without consent your child will not be able to have the vaccination. If you are experiencing any problems with the link or on-line consent form, please let the ladies in the office know and they will be happy to assist. [Right click here to open the link](#)

Please note that post immunisation, parents will receive an automated email sent to the email address on the consent form to notify them that their child has been vaccinated and providing them with post immunisation advice, therefore post immunisation slips will not be sent home from school this year.

## Year 6 Chippenham Rugby Taster Session



On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, Year 6 are participating in a rugby taster session being run by Chippenham Rugby Club from 2pm-3pm. Please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school on that day.

## Royal British Legion Remembrance Collection

Thank you to all the children/parents who made a donation towards to Remembrance collection last week. There are still some poppy items available for sale in the office, however, they will be collected by the RBL early next week.



We had a lovely email from Joseph O's mother (Pullman) this week praising some of our children who took part in St Andrews and St Paul's remembrance service and parade representing the Chippenham Cub Scouts and Brownies. Well done to the children who took part.

## Diwali Celebrations



KS1 were very lucky to have a visit from Viraaj's Mum this week. She taught us the story of Diwali and explained the importance of this festival to Hindu's. Year 1 spent the rest of the day celebrating Diwali with lots of traditional activities. These activities included making clay diya lamps (to light the way for Rama and Sita), drawing Rangoli patterns using chalk, making paper garlands to wear and



even making coconut burfi sweets!

## School Council Weekly Report

This week the School Council talked about a Christmas charity day. We also designed a picture of Bertie, our school dog, ready for the meeting with the lady who will be producing our mosaic art work.

Written by Sophie B (Pullman)

## Birthday Books

A big thank you this week to Oliver D, Tiffany K, Lacey B, Opal T, Tayla C, Sophie S, Evangeline LW, Matilda C and Esther O for donating wonderful books to the school library in celebration of their birthdays.

## Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Azaria F & Milena S-O (Carle) Billy P & Savannah H (Rosen) Melody C (Donaldson) Opal G (Hargreaves) Ava S (Milligan)	Chloe S (Dahl) Thomas H (Griffiths) Joshua S (Walliams) Samuel H (Morpurgo) Kian H (Hughes)	Toby H (Byars) Declan-Jack O(Rowling) Milla S (Lewis)
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And all of Pullman Class for the superb effort they put into their class assembly last week.

## Celebrating Achievement

Well done to Lacey B, Theo R, Ella F and Chloe H for gaining swimming certificates and Scarlett and Mitchell B for receiving medals in judo. The following awards have also be made; Emma F for attending Stage Coach drama school for 5 years, Bronwyn C for attending a classical ballet 'Inspire to be a Student, day, and Poppy G for being named as Student of the Month at Aspire Martial Arts. We are very proud of all your achievements.

## FOILS



The FOILS Christmas Fayre is being held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Please find attached a copy of the Christmas Fayre letter from our FOILS team with lots of information about the event and donations for the cake sale, chocolate tombola and bottle tombola.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Debbie Burchett  
Interim Head of School