

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #10

Ivy Life

It has been an action packed week here at school! Preparations are now under way for our Christmas performances, many classes have been filled with some lovely singing and acting. We have also had a lot of children learning outside of Ivy Lane, there is certainly a lot to read about this week!

As part of our after school clubs, Running Club went to Queen's Crescent School on Tuesday and completed a Colour Run. They were given glow sticks, a t-shirt and paint. As they ran they became very colourful indeed! Pictures and a report from them will follow soon. Science Club also attended a Science Fayre at Hardenhuish this week. They did us very proud coming second in the competition. A very big well done to them!

We welcomed 67 parents to school on Wednesday for the YR Dine with Your Child lunch. It was fabulous to see so many parents enjoying a school lunch with their child and we have received many compliments on how tasty our school dinners are – so well done to our school cooks. It was also lovely to see so many YR taking part in the Maths Stay and Play Workshop. Thank-you to all of the parents for your continued support and visiting us so many times this week.

The children in Year 1 have had a very exciting visit to the Chippenham Fire Station yesterday and I'm sure there will be some lovely photos on the newsletter next week – thank you to our parent volunteers who helped with this trip.

We would like to extend a warm Ivy Lane welcome to a Max and Isabella who started in Y2 Dahl and Milligan, and also to Alfie who started in Y1 Hargreaves this week.

Open Classrooms

Please come along to Open Classrooms on Wednesday, 5th December from 3-5pm. Teachers will be available for you to meet with and children's books will be on display for you to look at and discuss. Mrs Philips (SENCo) and Mrs Burchett will also be available during the afternoon.

Christmas Dates



Friday	7 th December	Mufti Day & Evening Christmas Fayre – 5pm-7pm
Tuesday	11 th December	Y2 Nativity, 2.15pm in Ivy Hall
Tuesday	11 th December	Y3 Christmas Performance, 5.00pm in the Old Hall
Tuesday	11 th December	Y4 Christmas Performance, 6.30pm in the Old Hall
Wednesday	12 th December	YR Nativity, 9.30am in Ivy Hall
Wednesday	12 th December	Y1 Nativity, 2.15pm in Ivy Hall
Monday	17 th December	YR Trip to Father Christmas Needs A Wee Panto
Wednesday	19 th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday	20 th December (am)	KS1 (Y1, Y2) Christmas Parties
Thursday	20 th December (am)	KS2 (Y3-Y6) Christmas Cinema Experience
Friday	21 st December	Christmas Assembly

Influenza Programme YR-Y5 – Reminder for Consent

Please remember to use the link provided to give consent for your child to have the nasal flu vaccination on Monday 3rd December. Consents need to **submitted by Monday 26th November**. 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](#)

Early Years Questionnaire for YR Parents

Could we please ask our YR parents to kindly complete our Early Years Questionnaire – we would be very grateful if you could complete and submit this by Friday 11th January 2019. Right click on the link below to open the questionnaire which is also on our website under the Parents' Information tab.

[Right click here to open the link.](#)

School Closure Procedure

If the school has to take the decision to close due to adverse weather, there will be several ways that parents will be informed. The school closure will be announced on the following radio stations: Heart FM, BBC Radio Wiltshire and Spire FM. A text message will be sent to parents by 7.30am on the morning of closure and parents are also asked to check the website regularly as an alert will be placed on the Home page which will link into regular updates. Please note that if there is no alert on our website then school will be open as normal.



Year 2 Town Walk

On Friday 30th November, Year 2 will be going on a walk around the centre of Chippenham to discover a link between Chippenham and the Great Fire of London. We will also be spotting other buildings of historical interest as well as completing one of our 50 experiences to do before we leave Ivy Lane. We will be starting our walk at 9am and returning by 10.30. We do need parent volunteers to accompany us and if you're able to help out please can you let a member of the Year 2 team know. Many thanks Miss Gibbens, Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Poolman.

Royal British Legion Pop Appeal

Our local RBL Organiser, Mr Clarke, visited the office this week to inform us that through the generosity of everyone here at ILS, we raised an amazing **£385.11** for this year's British Legion Poppy Appeal. He told us that once again Ivy Lane School had raised the most amount of money out of all the schools in Chippenham. Mr Clarke would like us to pass on thanks from the RBL for all your donations.

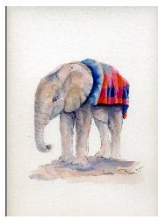


Year 6 Chippenham Rugby Taster Session



The Year 6 rugby taster session booked for Friday 23rd November with Chippenham Rugby Club has now been rescheduled to take place on Friday 30th November. Please make sure that your child's PE kit is in school on that day.

ILS Fostered Elephant Update



You will remember that last year our Year 3 pupils took part in a fundraising event for Kids Tusk Force UK. Following the fabulous fundraising day and the generous donations from parents, we raised enough money to enable us to foster our chosen elephants Tsavo (boy) and Tamiyoi (girl) for many years to come.

Please find attached the October update from the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, which we would like to share with parents and the children.



School Council Weekly Report

This week the School Councillors welcomed the artists from "No Added Sugar" into school and we talked to them about the KS1 and KS2 mosaic art project.

Birthday Books

A big thank you this week to Jasmine G & Charlotte P for donating wonderful books to the school library in celebration of their birthdays.

Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Eden S & Inara M (Carle) Daisy M & Edward B (Rosen) George B (Donaldson) Beatrice B (Hargreaves) Jack M (Milligan)	Annabelle B (Dahl) Dylen W (Walliams) Daniel B (Morpurgo) (Hughes)	Jacob M (Byars) Jan W (Pullman) Alfie V (Rowling) Lydia B (Lewis)
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And all of Griffiths Class for their mature and positive attitude during assessment week.

Weekly class changes

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

Wednesday 28 th November 2018	Y6 Lewis	Mrs Brewer
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Please remember to come and buy your Grotto tickets, which are on sale before and after school under the canopy in the playground by the back gate. Tickets are £3.50 each.

Mentor Me Volunteer Vacancy

The Rise Trust are in search of In-School Mentor Volunteers – please see the attached information. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Vicky Watt, Volunteer Coordinator, on 01249 445288.

Yours sincerely,

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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.