



## Ivy Life

The weeks towards Christmas seem to be zooming by and the sound of singing is echoing all around Ivy Lane as the children prepare for their performances in the next fortnight. The choir have had a series of invitations to sing in the local community and have had to restrict the number of public appearances they can make.

### Reception and Year 1 Prattens

Although we are very proud of our current Ivy Lane environment, we are also aware that the Pratten buildings are tired and in need of updating. Our preliminary designs for a new build are still in discussions, but the likely result of what we are aiming to achieve is pictured below. We hope you agree that this is an exciting opportunity for Ivy Lane to enhance the learning environment for our school.

To help make this build happen, we have had a number of surveys to put together a bid for funding from the Department for Education (DfE). These surveys have also been necessary to support our application for planning permission, which we are taking to the Planning Committee in Chippenham in December.



We are very excited about the building plans and will be happy to share these with parents once we have the final versions available. We should hear by April next year if we have planning permission and DfE funding to move forward. The building work would start in the summer of 2019.

After school clubs have now finished for this term. Different clubs will be offered to children which will start again in January and we are hoping to send this information out to parents before Christmas.

## Tesco



A massive 'thank-you' to everyone who did their shopping in Tesco's throughout September and October. Thanks to your amazing support we have managed to secure the top funding of £4000 and are now finalising our outdoor physical development structure for the reception garden. We are all very excited and the children are being involved in choosing the type of structure we could have. The groundwork for supporting the structure is also an additional cost so if anyone works for a company that offers 'matched funding' or will contribute to fundraising for community projects and would be willing to help support our project, please would you let the office, Mrs Kay or Miss Barras know. Thank you once again for your fabulous support. We look forward to sharing photos of the children learning and having lots of fun on the new equipment soon.

## Christmas Jumper Day for Save The Children



On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December thousands of people up and down the UK will start their day by pulling on a Christmas jumper for a great cause – to help create a brighter future for children. We have decided to support the Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day this year. Children can come to school dressed in a Christmas jumper

if they wish or something Christmassy like a santa hat, tinsel or reindeer antlers and pay a voluntary contribution of £1 towards this very worth charity.

## Christmas Festivities



Christmas is approaching & preparations for our school performances are under way. Children can post their Christmas cards in the Christmas post box from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure envelopes have the **first name and initial of surname** of the child they are sending to and the **class** they are in. Year 6 will then ensure they get delivered!

Other than Christmas Jumper Day, Santa hats and tinsel can be worn from the week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> December (we find they can be quite distracting if worn before!). The children will be eating their Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December (letters have been sent home/emailed to parents explaining how to book).

If you have not received a letter please come into the school office to pick up a paper copy. Every parent needs to book a lunch via their SchoolMoney account (even if you are entitled to free school meals) – if you have any difficulties please let the school office know. This is totally separate to paying/booking for everyday dinners, so please make sure you book your Christmas dinner by **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**.



## Nativity Tickets

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all working hard towards put on show stopping performances for parents in the week beginning the 10th December.



Each year group will be sending out nativity tickets in the next week. Every child will be allocated two tickets, if you don't need two tickets then please hand any spare tickets back to the class teachers to distribute again on a first come first serve basis. We would love to allow lots of extended family members but unfortunately the hall just isn't big enough! We can't wait for you all to see our nativity showcases!

## School Council Weekly Update

On Monday 26th November we talked about which charities we would like to raise money for at our KS1 school nativities. The School Councillors are going to ask their classes and feedback at our next meeting with the most popular ones. We will then vote to choose 3 charities for the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performances. We also discussed Muffin Day on 7th December and the 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day on 14th December. We decided to ask for chocolate donations on the 7th for Muffin and £1 donation on the 14th for Christmas Jumper Day to keep it manageable for all.

## Extreme Reading Challenge Winners

During the half term holiday in October, children were set a challenge to take an "extreme reading" photo which would be put forward to be judge in a school competition. We were overwhelmed by the amount of fantastic and creative photos that were submitted – it was extremely difficult for the judges to choose the winners. They did however come to a decision and we would like to congratulate the following children who submitted the overall whole school winning entries:

- Isla (Lewis) and Violet (Milligan) B for reading at the top of the tallest building in the world in Dubai called The Burj Khalifa (they read their books on the 125<sup>th</sup> floor!).
- Harry (Griffiths) and Laurie (Rosen) G for reading their books in a café with the one and only Harry Hill!
- Scarlett B (Morpurgo) for skilfully climbing up onto the wooden beams in one of the rooms in her house and carefully balancing whilst reading her book.



Congratulations also to the following children who were judged winners of each year group:

Reception – Christopher W (Carle)

Year 4 – Evie H (Morpurgo)

Year 1 – Melody C (Donaldson)

Year 5 – Jake B (Byars)

Year 2 – Daniel S (Milligan)

Year 6 – Jordon T (Rowling)

Year 3 – Layla B (Hughes)

The lucky winners will receive their prizes during Celebration Assembly on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

## Science Club Fayre



On Tuesday 20th November, our Science Club went to Sheldon School to compete in an exciting Science fair. Amazingly, we won second place against 11 teams. 3rd place was St Peters and By Brooke came first. We had so much fun carrying out our experiments and making our display. We found out a lot about natural dyes and the many different colours you can make using just fruit and vegetables! The judges were impressed with the multi-coloured socks that we had dyed!

Written by Clare R (Byars)



## YR Trip to Library



Rosen and Carle classes had a lovely time on Tuesday morning visiting Chippenham library. We listened eagerly and joined in with Tracy telling some super stories. Some of them were hilarious and had everyone laughing! Macie said "Ten Fat Sausages Sizzling in a Pan was my favourite because 1 went pop and another went bang!" Tom said "Little Rabbit Foo Foo was my favourite because he keeps bopping everyone!". Thank you to all of the parent helpers who accompanied us.



## Y1 Trip to the Fire Station



On Thursday 22nd Year 1 visited Chippenham Fire Station. This is what Max in Donaldson Class wrote about it: First we met Paul and Henry's mum dressed up as a firefighter. Next we climbed inside the tall fire engine and funny fire fighter Paul showed us the tools inside it. Then Paul showed us where the water in the hose comes from. The water shot out of the fire hydrant! Finally we had a turn to spray the hose and then we asked Paul our questions.

An enormous thank you to Paul at Chippenham Fire Station for an extremely enjoyable and valuable morning, and to all our parent helpers who accompanied us!



## Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Evie C & Macie L (Carle) James R & Pippa C (Rosen) Iris L(Hargreaves) Grace G (Milligan)	George S (Dahl) Beth D (Walliams) Josh B (Griffiths) Theo H (Morpurgo) Oscar P (Hughes)	Tiffany (Byars) Chelsea S (Pullman) Brooke G (Rowling) Ciara M (Lewis)
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And all of Donaldson Class for their superb behaviour on their visit to the Fire Station.

## Celebrating Achievement

Well done to George B, George S and Opal T for gaining certificates in swimming, Millie H for getting a medal for the colour run and Freya B for being awarded the Fitzgraham Musical Theatre cup.

## FOILS



### Christmas Fayre – 7<sup>th</sup> December 5-7pm

We hope you are all looking forward to coming to the Christmas Fayre. We have lots going on this year – Santa's Grotto, tombolas, games, craft, refreshments and new for this year – **A Magic Show!** (see attached poster). As always it is a muffin day, please bring in your **chocolate, bottle or cake donations** to school on the morning of the fayre (no fresh cream or nuts in the cakes please). There is a box near the office should you want to drop off any chocolate, bottle or raffle donations beforehand. All donations are very much appreciated.

If you are able to volunteer – help run a stall, set up from 3pm or tidy up for 7pm please email: [foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk). Even if it is only for an hour, all help is gratefully received.

### Grotto tickets

Tickets are still available to buy before and after school under the canopy, £3.50 each.

### Raffle tickets

Please support FOILS by buying and selling raffle tickets. We have some **amazing** prizes this year (see attached poster). Please return completed tickets with money (in a sealed envelope) to the post box near the office. Please post any unwanted tickets too, more tickets are available from the office.

### Uniform

If you would like to donate any pre-loved uniform, please put it in a bag and leave it by the donation box near the office from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, washed and ready to be put on the uniform stall Friday evening. Any monies raised goes straight back into the school.

Thank you all for your support  
See you at the Fayre!  
The FOILS Team

## Christmas Dates



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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Debbie Burchett  
Interim Head of School