

Thursday 6th
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Dear Parents,

Newsletter #12



Ivy Life

Many thanks to everyone who came along to 'Open Classrooms' last night – I know the children (and teachers) enjoy sharing learning, displays and conversations. The quality of the children's learning is of such a high standard and like you, we are very proud of their efforts.

We look forward to seeing many of you again tomorrow for the popular FOILS Christmas Fayre – it's when it first feels really festive at Ivy Lane!

All the Christmas performances/nativities will be taking place next week and the children have been practising so hard over the last few weeks to perfect their parts. I'm sure you are all looking forward to seeing your children perform – we are too.

We would like to say a very special thanks to FOILS for funding some fantastic new lights which will be used for our Christmas performances. They are extremely impressive and will really enhance the productions this year – thank you very much.

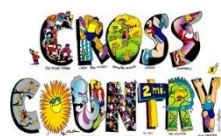
Muffi Day on Friday

This Friday will be a Muffi Day in support of FOILS Christmas Fayre.

The FOILS team are kindly asking for donations of **Chocolate, Cakes and Bottles** to be brought in this Friday morning. Many thanks for your continued support.



Y3 and Y4 Christmas Cross-Country Event



Year 3 and 4 are taking part in the annual Crazy, Crunchy, Christmas Cross-Country event tomorrow at Sheldon and Hardenhuish Schools. This is a fun way for the children to experience middle distance running and participate in a group event in a non-competitive way. Children can wear santa hats etc for the run and they will be given a lovely hot chocolate to warm them up afterwards. They can still come to school dressed in Muffi but will change into their outdoor trainers and sports kit for the run (please ensure joggers and jumpers are in the kit). If there are any parents who are free to help walk the children to this event, please let the school office know before 9.30am on Friday morning.

Festive Outdoor Learning Days

There will hopefully be lots of Festive Outdoor learning taking place over the next 2 weeks. Please ensure that your child brings in some outdoor clothes to change into on that day:

Year 2 – Wednesday 12th December – morning

Year 3 – Thursday 12th December - morning

Year 5 - Thursday 12th December – all day

Year 6 – Friday 14th December – morning

Year 1 – Monday 17th December – afternoon

Year 4 – Tuesday 18th December – all day

These dates are all subject to change depending on weather on the day. A text message will be sent to parents if any of these dates are cancelled.

Christmas Dates



Friday	7 th December	Muffi 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

Christmas Reminders

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 19th December



Thank you to the parents who have booked their child's Christmas dinner via the SchoolMoney system. If you have still not booked a dinner for Wednesday 19th December, please ensure that you log onto your SchoolMoney account and pay £2.50 (KS2 only) and **tick parental consent to book the appropriate meal choice – this must be done for YR, KS1 and KS2**. If you are experiencing any problems booking a dinner, please don't hesitate to contact the school office and the ladies will be happy to help.

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 14th December

We are supporting Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day this year on Friday 14th December. Children can come into school dressed in a Christmas jumper if they wish or wearing something festive like a santa hat, reindeer antlers or tinsel. Donations of £1 will be gratefully received for this very worthwhile charity.



Tuck

The last day that the Tuck Shop will be open is Tuesday 18th December. Mrs Monaghan would like to say thank you to all the Year 5 children who have helped out this year with the Tuck Shop.

Visit to the Post Office

Amy M, Isabella TN (Y3) Lillie L and Lawson M (Y6) visited the local post office today to post Christmas cards to a school in Spain. Both year groups have collaborated with a primary school in Zaragoza to take part in a Christmas card exchange, giving all of the children an opportunity to learn about festive traditions abroad and make comparisons with ours here in the UK. All classes should be receiving the Christmas cards from the Spanish children soon.



Community Christmas Carols



On Sunday 16th December at 3pm there will be Community Carols at Sheldon Road Methodist Church. The Allsorts Choirs and our very own Ivy Lane School Choir will be singing and we are hoping to be joined by our local MP Michelle Donelan. Please join them for an informal afternoon of singing carols. Refreshments will be available.

Birthday Books

A big thank you to all the following children and staff who have recently donated books to the school library; Declan O, Melody C, Oliver J, Zoe P, Megan R, Maya G, Tom W, Lucy H, Elwood M, Lyla M and Ms Pemberton.

Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Poppy D & Kit W (Carle) (Rosen) Riley C (Donaldson) Fred G (Hargreaves) Amy M (Milligan)	Megan T (Dahl) Beth D (Walliams) Harry G (Griffiths) Darcey B (Morpurgo) Mabel V (Hughes)	Finley (Byars) Laurence N (Pullman) Joseph R (Rowling) Jack H (Lewis)
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Celebrating Achievement

Well done to Haddy J for being awarded a medal by Xpression Street Dance and to Melody C (Donaldson) for performing in four ballet shows last weekend at Trowbridge Civic Hall.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Schonfeld
Assistant Headteacher