

Dear Parents/Carers,

Newsletter #13

### Ivy Life

It has been a super busy week this week with lots of Christmas Productions taking place. We are so proud of all the children who took part in their productions - they were all amazing and have worked so hard to put on the best performance they could. Look out for photos on next week's newsletter! Thank you to all the parents/carers who came along and supported their children and for donating money to our chosen charities this year. We have raised a fantastic amount of £387 to be split between the RSPCA, Cancer Research and Save The Children.

It was wonderful to see so many parents and extended family members enjoying the annual FOILS Christmas Fayre last Friday. It was a fun packed evening which included a raffle, magic show, Santa's Grotto, singing by Y5 and Y6 and lots more. We are waiting to hear from the FOILS team regarding the total amount raised and we will hopefully let parents know next week.

We are looking forward to seeing children in Christmas jumpers and all things Christmassy tomorrow to raise money for Save The Children.

### Christmas Celebrations Next Week

# It's Christmas time!



## Let the festivities begin!

Next week we have a week full of Christmas celebrations. It will all start with YR going to see the Father Christmas Needs A Wee production in Swindon Arts Centre on Monday.

Our Christmas lunch is taking place on Wednesday – the children always look forward to being served their lunch by all the staff and will be enjoying Christmas music, a lovely lunch and Christmas crackers.

There will be parties in the morning on Thursday for KS1 and a Cinema experience for KS2. We end our week of festivities with a Christmas assembly on Friday morning.

### Year 6 Football Festival



On Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> December, Ivy Lane Football Team went to Stanley Park to compete in the local football festival. This festival gives all children the chance to play in a team and develop a love of football. Our first game was against St Mary's, it was 1-0 with two minutes left to go. Isaac scored an equalizer to settle the game as 1-1. Our next match was against Rowde Academy. It was 1-0, we had a chance but they were just too good and the game ended 2-0. Our last game was the closest yet, we were playing well but they scored



twice. We had one last attack and Daniel ran up the wing and put it away to make it 2-1. We came 4<sup>th</sup> in the group but we tried our best and had great fun. Firstly thank you to Luca for stepping in for Jamie at the last minute and well done to everyone as we had an amazing time. Thank you to Mrs Tottle and Mr Prosser for transporting us to the game. Thanks to Mr Prosser for making this happen. Written by John L and Daniel P – Year 5 Pullman Class.

### Year 3 Festive Outdoor Learning

Year 3 made the most of the beautiful December sunshine and spent the morning outside on the school field today. They built dens for Santa's Elves and we even had an Elf spa creation! The children also collected twigs and leaves to make their very own Christmas tree decoration. The morning came to a lovely end with hot chocolate and biscuits around the campfire. Well done Year 3 you were all brilliant!



## Year 2 Festive Outdoor Learning

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their busy outdoor learning morning! They listened to and read lots of Christmas stories in the tree house, decorated a Santa pinecone, made a Christmas tree using twine and twigs and sang campfire songs. The best bit of the day was their 'Christmas fruit experience' where the children baked chocolate bananas, cinnamon apples and decorated them with raisins, sugar and sultanas. Yum!



## Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Ruby M & Lilly T (Rosen) Chidraksh L (Donaldson) Alfie W (Hargreaves) Max O (Milligan) Elijah M (Dahl)	Jake G (Walliams) Nyah S (Griffiths) Keeleigh L (Morpurgo) Joseph E (Hughes)	Charlie W (Byars) Max C (Pullman) Tamzin F (Rowling) Kenzi S (Lewis)
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## Celebrating Achievement

Well done to Claire R who has been awarded a medal for completing all seven stages with Swim England and to Harry O for being invested as a Beaver Scout with the 1<sup>st</sup> Lacock Beaver Colony.

## FOILS



Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Fayre last week. It was really busy, we hope you all enjoyed yourselves. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, we couldn't put on these events without you (we especially need help setting up and tidying up so if you can spare even just half an hour in the future it would be very much appreciated).

Thanks again and Merry Christmas from the FOILS team.

Yours sincerely,

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