

Friday 18th January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Newsletter #15



Ivy Life

A belated Happy New Year to you all. We have had a very busy start to the term and over the first two weeks since I joined Ivy Lane I have tried to spend as much time as possible visiting classrooms, meeting the children and staff. I have been extremely impressed with the attitudes and behaviour of all the children, alongside the hard work staff put in to ensure the children are happy and safe in school. I have already handed out a number of Headteacher awards and some of you may have heard about my "smelly stickers"! It has been a pleasure to meet parents at the gate each morning and I would like to say thank you for making me feel so welcome.

After half term we will be holding a Parent Forum at 8.45am on Wednesday 27th February in Ivy Hall and parents are warmly invited to attend. I will be interested to hear your views about what makes our school successful and if you have any ideas on areas to develop.

We would like to extend a very warm Ivy Lane welcome to Alfie H who has joined our Y1 Donaldson Class this term. We have said goodbye recently to a couple of children - Isabella M (Y3 Walliams) and Thomas S (Y5 Pullman) and we send them and their families our best wishes for the future.

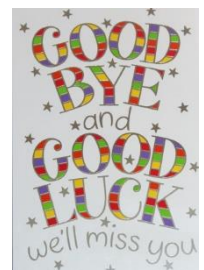
Staffing

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Burchett has been appointed as Deputy Head, which is well-deserved recognition for all the hard work and commitment in her role as Interim Head of School since September last year. We now have a stable leadership structure that will strive to work on school improvement in order to continue to move us forward in a positive direction.



A very warm welcome to our new members of staff, who have settled in and seamlessly joined the team at the beginning of this term - Mrs Ball and Mrs Rafferty (Y2 Milligan teachers) and Miss Heap (Y3 Teaching Assistant). I'm sure you will join me in welcoming them and we hope that they will all enjoy their time here at Ivy Lane School

We said goodbye to Mrs Sheppard (Teaching Assistant) at the end of the last term. Mrs Sheppard had worked at Ivy Lane School for the past 3 years in both Reception and Year 1 classes. She will be missed by the children and staff and we send her best wishes for the future. We will be saying a very sad goodbye to Mrs Gough (Y5 Teaching Assistant) as she leaves us at the end of this month. Mrs Gough has been with Ivy Lane for an amazing 13 years and has been a valuable and popular member of staff. She is moving onto pastures new and will become a Pastoral Leader at a secondary school – a role which I am sure she will thrive in. We wish her every success in her new career - she will be sorely missed.



Baby News at ILS

We are thrilled to announce that another one of our members of staff is expecting the pitter-patter of tiny feet this year. Mr Faulkner (Y3 Griffiths) and his wife Annabel, are expecting a baby in the summer and we would like to send our congratulations from everyone here at Ivy Lane.

After School Clubs

Confirmation slips of which clubs your child has been allocated have been sent home to parents this week. Clubs start on **Tuesday 22nd January** and the last session will be on **Thursday 21st March**. Children are encouraged to commit to their chosen clubs for the full 8 weeks. If there are any sessions which your child cannot attend their clubs, can you please ensure that you contact the school office so that this information can be passed onto the relevant teacher. Many thanks.

Y3 Class Assemblies and FOILS Cake Sales

Griffiths Class will be performing their special assembly for parents and family on **Thursday 24th January at 2pm** in Ivy Hall at 2pm and Walliams Class will be having theirs the following week on **Wednesday 30th January** at the same time and venue. Please could children bring in their yummy cake donations on the morning of the class assembly, which will be sold by FOILS, together with drinks, that afternoon. Can we please remind parents to avoid anything containing nuts and fresh cream and could you also be aware there is no parking available on site for class assemblies.

Healthy Snacks

Can we please remind parents that children should only bring in healthy snacks to eat during morning break times - snacks such as crisps, chocolate, biscuits etc. should not be brought into school. [Please right click here for some handy 100 calories snack ideas from the Change4life website.](#)

Also a reminder to parents that as we have children with nut allergies who attend our school (one child has severe allergies), we do have a nut-free policy in place (this includes sesame seeds). Any contact with nuts can cause allergic reactions therefore we are asking for your help in minimising the risk by:



- Avoiding giving children peanuts in school lunches.
- Avoiding giving peanut butter sandwiches, other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella and snacks/bars containing nuts
- Parents reinforcing with their children **not** to share their lunches.

Due to the health risks involved, it is important that all parents support us - thank you.

Y2 Trip to SS Great Britain



The children in Year 2 will be visiting SS Great Britain on **Wednesday 6th February** as part of their current topic. Children will need to wear their uniform on the day and will need a packed lunch as well as a water bottle (unless you have informed the office that you would like a packed lunch provided by the school kitchen). Please use the link and password which has been sent to parents via a text message to give your permission and pay the voluntary contribution by **Monday 28th January**. Many thanks.

Open Classroom and Parents' Evenings

Please come along to Open Classrooms on **Wednesday, 6th February** 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 Lammin (Head of School) and Mrs Phillips (SENCo) will also be available.

The next Parents' Evenings will be held on **Tuesday 26th March** between 3.30pm-7pm and **Thursday 28th March** between 3.10pm-5.30pm. Further information regarding booking appointments with teachers will be emailed to parents nearer the time.

Y3 Gymnastics and Swimming

The last dates for Year 3 gymnastic sessions are as follows:

Griffiths – **Wednesday 23rd January**

Walliams – **Friday 25th January**

Swimming lessons at the Olympiad will commence for Year 3 on **Wednesday 27th February** and further information regarding dates and voluntary contributions will be sent out to parents next week.

Y4 Swimming

The last swimming session for Year 4 will be on **Wednesday 30th January**.

Y5 Taster Session at Hardenhuish

On the 10th of January 2019 Year 5 went to Hardenhuish. We did all sorts of fun lessons like Science, Drama, DT, P.E and we went to the library which was fun as they had so many books! The best part of the day though was definitely lunch - great Macaroni Cheese! We are looking forward to our next Secondary school visit later in the school year. Written by Sophie B and Morgan W (Pullman Class).

We received a lovely Certificate of Excellence from Hardenhuish which will be displayed in the school.

Board Games Request



Mrs Horan is running the Board Games club this term and would like to put out a plea to all parents for donations of unwanted board games which are age appropriate for Y2 and Y3 children. Please bring your games into the school office before next Thursday. Thank you in advance.

Acts of Kindness



Amber K in Walliams class is having her hair cut off on 16th February to make wigs for the Little Princess Trust. Little Princess trust give away free, real hair wigs to children that have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other illnesses.

Amber is also fundraising to help provide further wigs. She has a Justgiving page if anyone would like to donate. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Amber-KILMISTER>.



Zoe P, also in Walliams class, did a 24 hour sponsored silence on Sunday 6th January and has raised an amazing amount of over £200 for Doorways Homeless charity based in Wiltshire. She chose to do it after seeing so many homeless people on a recent visit to Liverpool and wanting to do something to help. Zoe's parents are very proud of her as she was totally committed to not talking, she wrote everything down on a white board and her brother made a real effort to make sure he didn't start any arguments!

Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies:

Year 2 Class Teacher (from Term 5)

2 x Teaching Assistants (part-time)

Further Information regarding these vacancies can be found on our school website from next week and will also be advertised in the Wiltshire Vacancies Bulletin on Tuesday 22nd February.

Birthday Books

A big thank you to all the following children and staff who have recently donated birthday books to the school library; Scarlett B, Keeleigh L, Beth D, Kian H, Emilie H-B, Mitchell B, Gil G-M, Amelia E, Chelsea K, Sam H, Viraaj K, Julianna T, Henry O, Grace B, Beth D, Emma K, Harry B, Layla G, Bronwyn C, Mrs Trim, Miss Readman and Mrs Monaghan. We hope that you all had wonderful birthdays.

Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

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| Cassius M, Logan P, Seren M & Grace M (Carle) Olivia B, Rufus S, Olivia H & Masa M (Rosen) Alfie H & Cristina S (Donaldson) Adway M (Hargreaves) Tiffany K & Max O (Milligan) | Frankie G & Megan L (Dahl) Nyah S & Harmony E(Griffiths) Annabel S & Gil G-M (Walliams) Olivia F, Oliver H & Jack S (Morpurgo) Amelia J & Mya T (Hughes) | Isaac de B (Byars) Ruby B (Pullman) Declan G & Marcie G-M (Rowling) Robyn O & Lillie L(Lewis) |
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And to Byars & Pullman classes for demonstrating Ivy Lane values on their Y5 taster day visit to Hardenhuish School. Also to all of Hargreaves class for showing a really positive attitude to their story writing this week.

Celebrating Achievement

Well done to Sophie C, George C, Grace A and Reeva C for gymnastics awards and to Claire R, Emma F and Aria M for achieving swimming certificates. Also Max H has been awarded a Blue Peter badge for sending in a model of Shelley hibernating to the programme.

Weekly Teacher Changes

| Date | Class | Replacement Teacher |
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| Monday 21 st January - pm | Y1 Hargreaves | Mrs Smith (supply) |
| Wednesday 23 rd January - am | YR Rosen | Mrs Vowles (supply) |
| Wednesday 23 rd January – am | Y6 Lewis | Mrs Parry (supply) |

Diary Dates

| Date | Event |
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| Tuesday 22 nd January | Y1 Walk to Chippenham Town |
| Tuesday 22 nd January | After Clubs start today |
| Wednesday 23 rd January | Y3 Griffiths last gymnastic session at the Olympiad |
| Thursday 24 th January | Y3 Griffiths Class Assembly and FOILS Cake Sale - 2pm |
| Friday 25 th January | Y3 Walliams last gymnastic session at the Olympiad |
| Wednesday 30 th January | Y3 Walliams Class Assembly and FOILS Cake Sale - 2pm |
| Wednesday 30 th January | Y4 last swimming lesson |
| Tuesday 5 th February | Dance Festival at Neeld Hall (Dance Club members only) |
| Wednesday 6 th February | Y2 Trip to SS Great Britain |
| Wednesday 6 th February | Open Classrooms - 3.30pm-5pm |
| Thursday 7 th February | Y2 Milligan Class Assembly and FOILS Cake Sale – 2pm |
| Thursday 14 th February | Y2 Dahl Class Assembly and FOILS Cake Sale – 2pm |
| Thursday 14 th February | FOILS Valentine Discos |
| 18 th -22 nd February | HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Monday 25 th February | TD DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Wednesday 27 th February | Parent Forum – 8.45am in Ivy Hall |
| Wednesday 27 th February | Y3 first swimming lesson at the Olympiad |
| Thursday 14 th March | Y4 Hughes Class Assembly and FOILS Cake Sale – 2pm |
| Thursday 21 st March | Y1 Donaldson Class Assembly and FOILS Cake Sale – 2pm |
| Tuesday 26 th March | Parents' Evening 1 – 3.30pm-7pm |
| Thursday 28 th March | Parents' Evening 2 – 3.10pm-5.30pm |
| Thursday 28 th March | Y4 Morpurgo Class Assembly and FOILS Cake Sale – 2pm |

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Helen Lammin
Head of School



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.