

Friday 8 March 2019

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #18



### Ivy Life

The first two weeks of this term have certainly been busy at Ivy Lane. We started the term with some beautiful spring weather which has seen the daffodils and bluebells growing and blossom on the trees. The mornings and evenings are lighter, which is showing us that summer is on the way!

We have welcomed Tyler Holdaway in Griffiths Class, Mrs Smith (TA) in Byers and Ms Keogh (TA) in Walliams. All are settling in brilliantly. Shrove Tuesday was celebrated in style during breakfast club this week with the children enjoying a delicious pancake for their breakfast. The toppings look delicious! The children have been working hard during assessment week and we are very proud of their approach to their work or quizzes as we like to refer them. We do not apply any pressure on these children during this time and emphasise it is their chance to show their learning and for us to find out the areas that they may need help and support with. Well done everyone.



### Parents Forum

We held a parent forum and it was well attended with 24 parents. The discussions were very productive and many aspects of school life were raised, e.g. Different faiths in assemblies, visitors into school to support topics and utilise expertise, attendance awards, reading records, breadth of book stock in classes, sports day, champion mental health and parent workshops, after school clubs led by agencies, school dinners, communication, clubs and star awards. It was lovely to see so many parents and start to build those positive relationships, which are an essential element to making our children's education as successful as possible. The next Parent Forum is due to be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 8.45am.

### Parents Evenings

You will shortly be receiving information of how to book a parents' evening appointment with your child's class teacher which are being held on Tuesday 26 and Thursday 28 March. On this occasion there will not be the option to book a longer appointment with Mrs Phillips, SENCo, but she will be available on the evenings if parents would like to talk with her.

### Comic Relief

On Friday 15 March, will we be joining in the Comic Relief fun with a Dance-a-thon challenge. This will not be a sponsored event but members of the school council have collection buckets at the beginning and end of the school day for you to make a donation. The aim is for each class to have at least one child dancing for the whole of the school day (8.50am-2.50pm) – 6 hours of dancing per class. Children will take it in turns to dance continuously (including break & lunchtime – hopefully overlapping so there is not a second gap!). That's a total of 84 hours dancing!

In order to further support Comic Relief, our School Council have asked if the children could wear muffti to school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March in exchange for a £1.00 donation. We have agreed with the proviso that at least one item of clothing must be red. This could involve wearing a pair of snazzy red trousers, a red t-shirt or top, or just red socks.

This, of course, is not compulsory and your child is welcome to wear their school uniform as usual. If they would like to wear red muffti please could they bring in £1.00 which will be collected by their class teacher on the morning.

### Girls Football Festival at Stanley Park

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February Ivy Lane's Girls Football Team participated in a football tournament, during which they played against Bybrook Valley, Langley Fitzurse, St Nicholas and Holy Trinity. Overall, we were successful, winning one match (with 2-1 to us), drawing two (with a score of 0-0 in each) and losing one (which was 2-1 to Holy Trinity). Thank you to everyone in the Girl's Football Team, including: Robyn (our Captain), Aila, Ella, Lily, Milla (in midfield), Marcie, Lydia (in defence), Chelsea (striking), Emma, Khahelia (in various roles) and Amelia (in goal). Thank you to all of the parents who drove us to Stanley Park and supported us. And lastly, thank you to Mr Harvey for training and your guidance. We all really enjoyed ourselves.

Written by Amelia and Aila



### Year 3 Visit to the Salvation Army

On Wednesday 6th March some children from Griffiths and Walliams Classes went to the Salvation Army in Foghamshire to perform two songs to some older people on the ukulele. We played 'My Dog has Fleas' and 'A Sailor Went to Sea'. It was great fun and lots of people joined in with the sailor song but we don't think they had heard My Dog has Fleas before. Afterwards we talked to the older people about school and showed them how to play the ukulele. It was great fun and we are looking forward to going back when we have learnt some new songs!  
By Thomas (Griffiths) and Keira (Walliams)



### YR Trim Trail



Carle and Rosen class are buzzing with excitement, and after being part of the decision making process the children are really looking forward to our new trim trail which will be installed in the Early Years garden in the next few weeks. It has been a busy few terms securing the funding and we would like to say an enormous thank you to FOILS for their contribution towards the safety matting to keep the children safe and make the area more accessible in all weathers. We can't wait to start climbing, balancing, swinging, stretching and so much more.

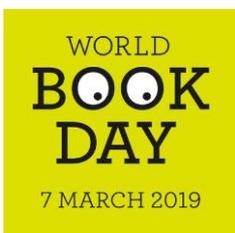
### Year 1 All About Australia

Year One have had an exciting start to their new theme 'All about Australia' with a simulated flight to Australia. We got to see some famous landmarks and even try delicious Lamingtons, a type of Australian cake. We will be making our own dot art paintings and painting stone turtles this term too. If your child could please bring in a smooth stone to paint on that would be greatly appreciated.  
Thank you, the Year One team.

### YR World Book Dressing Up Day

Carle & Rosen classes celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as a character from their favourite book. Amongst the costume collection were pirates, princesses, an evil pea, Gruffalos, a smart giant & Where's Wally! Thank you to all parents/carers for providing such super costumes & props for your children to wear-it was most exciting as we had the opportunity to show the whole of Ivy Lane in our World Book Day assembly. The atmosphere was buzzing as books were being shared & characters discussed. An entry has been made in the children's 50 experiences books to remember the fabulous fun day had by all. What a wide range of literature & authors celebrated.

### World Book Day



There were lots of events to celebrate World Book Day at school on Thursday. Pupils from Carle and Rosen classes and their teachers and teaching assistants looked fantastic in their book character dress up outfits. They were the star attraction in our whole school World Book Day assembly where we also found out about why reading is so important and proved that our school pupils really do know their stuff in our quiz entitled 'How well do you know your book characters?'

Year 1 pupils came back to school just before bedtime on World Book Day. Already in their pyjamas, all they needed was a bedtime story or two and a hot chocolate. They settled down in our cosy book corners in the main school building and really enjoyed an extra special story time that day. The cuddly toys looked like they enjoyed it too. Special thanks to all the Ivy Lane staff who also wore their pyjamas and stayed at school to read the stories. Thanks also to FOILS for providing and serving the hot chocolate and cookies.

All of our pupils have been given their World Book Day book token. This can be exchanged for any of the special World Book Day titles that are available in book shops at **no extra cost**. Alternatively, the token is worth £1 if you wish to use it as part payment for a different book. They are valid until the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.



#### Y4 Drama Masterclass

The children in Year 4 had an amazing drama experience with Mrs Slater, a drama teacher from Sheldon School. She gave everyone an action packed lesson and it was evident from the focus and engagement of all the children that they thoroughly enjoyed it. Mrs Slater brought a bag of 'lost property' and supported children as they began to imagine who might have lost such an item and under what circumstances. The children got into character, created freeze frames and eventually worked in larger groups to build a story around the lost property item. Thank you for visiting us Mrs Slater! Here's what some of the children said afterwards.

"I loved all of it but my favourite bit was when we did poses for when the person lost something. I was a pirate and I lost a boot!" Tess

"It was fantastic, fun and incredibly awesome! I loved it when we did freeze frames for when the farmer lost his hat." Andre

"It made me want to become an actor!" Joe

"I liked it when she said we had to make a circle not a scwirle!"

#### Hughes Class Assembly on 14 March 2019

Hughes Class will be performing their special assembly for parents and family on Thursday 14 March at 2pm in Ivy Hall. 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.

#### Donaldson Class Assembly – change of date

Donaldson Class assembly and FOILS cake sale will now be taking place on Thursday 2 May at 2pm in Ivy Hall.

#### FOILS Quiz Night - Friday 22 March 2019

A letter was emailed home earlier this week with all the information about the annual FOILS Quiz Night. All forms and food orders need to be returned to the school office in a named envelope with the correct money by Friday 15 March.

#### Birthday Book Donations

A big thank you to Olivia and Elliot L, Megan T, Clara R and Chloe S for donating books to their classes reading corner.

#### Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Daisy M, Niamh O, Connie B & Lucas A (Carle) Ronan B & Masa M (Rosen) Max N (Donaldson) Yazmin M & Jay R (Hargreaves) Daniel D & Rocco C (Dahl)	Ava S & Millie G (Milligan) Joshua F (Griffiths) Sammy H & Scarlett C (Walliams) Poppy G & Freddie S (Hughes) Oskar S & William F (Morpurgo)	Rio & Ashleigh T (Byars) Chloe H & Lara F (Pullman) Aila LW & Callum E (Rowling) Freddie W & Ella S (Lewis)
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#### Celebrating Achievement

Well done to Ava S for passing her pre-bronze ballet exam with a commended grade, Conn D becoming a member of The 100 Club at the library, Theo H for being a Snow Star at the Swiss Snow School, Samuel H for gaining his Level 8 at gymnastics, Chloe C and Max O for swimming certificates, Emma F for coming 1<sup>st</sup> in a kayak race and Emma K for becoming a Brownie and achieving her 10m swimming certificate. What amazingly talented children we have at Ivy Lane!

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Hughes Class Assembly and FOILS Cake Sale – 2pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 1 – 3.30pm-7pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening 2 – 3.10pm-5.30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk).