

Friday 15th February 2019

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #17



Ivy Life

I cannot believe that we are at the end Term 3 already. It has been another busy term with lots of events and activities including trips to the library and SS Great Britain in Bristol, Class Assemblies, Open Classrooms and outdoor learning to name just a few. It was lovely to see so many children enjoying themselves at the Valentines Disco last night and it was my first at Ivy Lane.

Well done to Year 2 Milligan children who performed their class assembly to parents yesterday. Thank you to all the parents who came along and supported their children and for donating some lovely cakes for the cake sale. Thanks to the FOILS team for supplying refreshments at the end of the assembly and for all their support during this last term.



We are saying goodbye to Mrs Stenning (Year 1 Donaldson teacher) today as she goes on maternity leave. Everyone here at Ivy Lane wishes her good luck for the birth of her baby daughter in March, and we hope she has a good rest over the next few weeks. We will all miss seeing her in school and look forward to meeting her new arrival soon.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term at Ivy Lane and I am slowly getting to learn all the children's names. I hope you all enjoy the half term holidays and a well-earned rest for the children (and staff). Thank you to everyone for all their hard work and to the parents for their continued support. Just a quick reminder that school is closed for a TD Day on Monday 25th February so we look forward to seeing everyone back in school bright and shiny on **Tuesday 26th February**.

Staffing News

Following interviews which took place this week, we are thrilled to announce that we have appointed a new Year 2 teacher, Miss Murray, who will be joining Milligan class on a permanent basis in Term 5 after Easter. Miss Murray is currently on maternity leave after relocating from Basingstoke where she taught in a large infant school for 5 years. She will be popping in to meet the children on a regular basis between now and then.

We have also appointed two new Teaching Assistants, Mrs Adams (going into Y5) and Ms Keogh (going into Y3 and Y1).

We look forward to welcoming them all to our team here at Ivy Lane School.

More Baby News at ILS.....

We are very excited to announce that Mrs Schonfeld (Assistant Headteacher and Y4 Hughes Teacher) and her husband Rob are expecting the pitter patter of tiny feet in the Summer – in fact they are expecting twins!! We would like to send our congratulations from everyone here at Ivy Lane. Parents will be informed next term when we have finalised arrangements for covering Year 4 Hughes.



Congratulations Letter from Wiltshire County Council

We are extremely proud to inform you that we have received a letter from Helean Hughes, Director of Education and Skills of Wiltshire County Council congratulating us on the KS2 performance achieved by our pupils in 2018, placing us as one of the highest performing schools in the County for the last academic year.

I would personally like to say a huge well done and thank you to our staff for all their dedication and hard work, and of course to the children for working so well and achieving great results.

Safeguarding

For safeguarding reasons could we please request that parents/carers kindly refrain from using their mobile phones whilst on the school grounds.

Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.

World Book Bay

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We will be holding a special assembly on Thursday 7th March to celebrate World Book Day. The children will find out about the 2019 World Book Day books that are on offer to them at a cost of just £1 – or free with the World Book Day tokens that we will issue to each child that day. The tokens are valid until Sunday 31st March 2019. We suggest you spend yours early to be able to choose from the full range of titles. This is a great opportunity for your child to choose a brand new book to keep at no cost. Tokens can also be used to get £1 off other book titles that are not in the World Book Day selection.

Dressing up for World Book Bay – Reception Classes Only

On Thursday 7th March Reception will be celebrating World Book Day with a dressing up day. All children in Reception are welcome to come to school dressed up as their favourite character from a book for the day. There are plenty of simple homemade ideas on the internet and if you'd like any support with this please speak to a member of the Early Years Team.



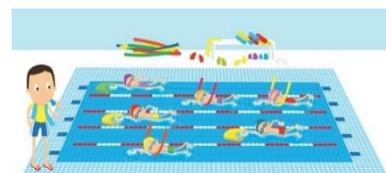
Year 1 Bedtime Stories

To celebrate World Book Day we will be running our popular 'Bedtime Stories' session for **Y1 children** on Thursday 7th March from 5.00pm to 6.00pm. The children can be dropped off at school wearing their PJs (and can bring their favourite bedtime toy along too if they wish) and enjoy stories, hot chocolate & cookies in especially created rooms.

Year 3 Swimming Lessons

Year 3 classes will be starting swimming lessons on Wednesday 27th February. Letters have been emailed to parents with a breakdown of dates and voluntary contributions payable for these lessons. Please ensure that you log onto your SchoolMoney account to give permission for your child to participate and to pay the voluntary contribution. Children will need to bring their swimming costume and a towel in a named bag. Goggles are not permitted unless the child provides a letter of permission from their parents.

Finally, we are always on the lookout for parent helpers to assist us with walking the children to and back from the swimming pool. If you are able to spare some time to help please contact the school office or your child's class teacher.



Year 2 SS Great Britain



On Wednesday 6th February Year 2 went to visit the fantastic SS Great Britain in Bristol. Whilst we were there we took part in a workshop where we learnt about what Victorians did when they were on the ship, it was very interesting and we learnt lots. We were also able to dress up in beautiful Victorian clothes and we had a go at using an ink pen. The highlight of the day was our fascinating tour around the ship, we enjoyed exploring the cabins and seeing what conditions on the boats were like for the passengers. We all enjoyed walking past the talking toilet which was smelly! All in all it was a brilliant day out and we all



thoroughly enjoyed ourselves as well as learning lots about Brunel and his wonderful ship. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who gave up their time to help out on the day.

Dance Festival



On the evening of Tuesday 5th February, Ivy Lane's Dance Club participated, along with a variety of local schools in The Wiltshire Dance Festival in at the Neeld Hall. We had lots of fun practicing afterschool in the weeks leading up to performance and particularly enjoyed watching the other school's performances. And to top it all off, your dance went brilliantly! At the end of the show we all danced on the stage together to Come Alive (from The Greatest Showman). Thank you to Miss Readman and Naomi (The Dance Teacher) for organising this event. Our dancers were: Tayla, Chelsea, Robyn, Lydia, Lilian, Will, Harry, Haddy, Emma, Alannah, Scarlett, Oskar, Lara, Ashleigh, Beth, Mila, Mya, Freya, Kaitlyn, Andre and Megan.

Written by Chelsea and Robyn.

Year 5 Cookery School



On Wednesday 6th February, Year 5 took part in a healthy eating workshop. We were put into groups and put our aprons on. We were split into 4 groups to do 4 activities. First we made pick & mix with dried healthy fruit and chocolate drops, then dunkables where you put some bread in a pan and dipped it in jam or honey before eating it – it tasted delish! Then we made humus and ate it with bread sticks, cucumber, carrots and peppers. Finally we made stackables and we had a challenge to fulfil. We added cheese, butter, mayo or soft cheese,



cucumber, carrot, sweetcorn and then put it between 2 crackers and then ate it relishingly. Overall a great morning for Year 5! Written by Maya and Rebecca (Y5 Byars)

Afterschool Netball Match



On Thursday 7th February, Ivy Lane's netball players played Queen's Crescent in a friendly competition consisting of 8 matches. Split into two groups – Year 5 and Year 6 – and swapped between matches. Overall it was a close match with Queen's Crescent winning one more match than Ivy Lane but both teams were happy with their performance. The event was organised by Miss Readman and Miss Spooner (from Queen's Crescent) and the players were grateful for the opportunity to play another team and are equally as keen to put into practice all they have learned. Special well done to all the Ivy Lane netball players that took part: Aditi, Amelia, Emily, Khahelia, Lily, Marcie, Morgan, Sophie S, Sophie A, and Tayla.

Written by Tayla, Ethan and Isla.

YR Visit to the Library

We have really enjoyed our 'Take One Author' theme this term and spent lots of time exploring books in school so it seemed fitting to end our term on a trip to Chippenham Library. Tracey at the library got us all involved in reading stories, we tried to sing along to a story and even gave an American accent a try! She also read some of our favourites such as 'The Witches Kitchen'. After such fabulous story telling we explored the library books independently and managed a very blustery and wet walk back to school. Thank you to all our wonderful parent helpers on the day: Milena's Grandmother, Sam's Mum, Billy's Dad, Eden's Mum, Olivia's Mum, Laurie's Mum and Milena's Mum.



School Council Update

This term we have been discussing fundraising activities for Comic Relief, our new exciting piece of outdoor art and most recently the School Council's role in the upcoming interview process for Y2 teachers. They have approached all of these with a sensible and mature attitude and are a credit to the school.

Childcare Sufficiency Audit



Wiltshire County Council are about to embark on updating their annual [Childcare Sufficiency audit](#) and are keen to learn what parents and carers of children aged 0-14 (0-19 for SEND children) think about childcare options in Wiltshire. They would like to ask our parents to kindly complete their [survey](#). (Please right click on the survey link to open the page). The more responses they receive, the clearer the picture they'll obtain. This survey will run until the Friday 15 March 2019. The full report will be published in May. Thank you in advance for taking part in this survey.

Birthday Books and Library Donations

A big thank you to Chelsea S, James R, Cristina S, Ella G, Macie L, Sienna C, Darcey B, Chidraksh L & Edward B for donating books to their classes reading corner.

Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

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| Cameron R, Imojen B, Sam J & Max O (Carle) Ronan B, Kaitlyn W, Thomas G & Wahaj A (Rosen) Otis de B (Donaldson) Libbie H & Noah M (Hargreaves) Jack M, Lily A & Sienna K (Milligan) | Charlotte R & Chloe R (Dahl) Grace A, Grace P & Josh B (Griffiths) Julianna T, Keira Morse & Finn C (Walliams) Samuel H, Leonard H & Matilda S (Morpurgo) Fenton M & Mia M (Hughes) | Gurjot L & Joshua G (Byars) Daniel P, Isla W & William B (Pullman) Lawson M & Jordan T (Rowling) Tayla C & Shay (Lewis) |
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And to all of Dahl and Milligan Classes for a super class assemblies.

Celebrating Achievement

Well done to Zoe P, Thomas G, Brodie E, Owen G, Aria M and Thomas H for all being awarded certificates for swimming and Max O and Beatrice B for their gymnastics awards. Congratulations go to Claire R for passing her Grade 2 Tap exam with a merit and Grade 2 Modern Theatre exam with a distinction and to Alice K for gaining St John Ambulance 'Badgers' certificates.

Weekly class changes

| Date | Class | Replacement Teacher |
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| Thursday 28 th February (am) | Y5 Pullman | Mrs Collett |
| Thursday 28 th February (pm) | Y5 Byars | Mrs Collett |
| Friday 1 st March | YR Rosen | Mrs Collett |

Diary Dates

| Date | Event |
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| 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.