

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #20



### Ivy Life

The last two weeks of Term 4 have been extremely busy with lots of exciting activities and events. Many thanks to all the parents who attended the recent Parents Evenings – we hope you enjoyed looking through your children's books and hearing about all their hard work and efforts over the last couple of terms.

The children, staff and governors have all been busy using their creative flair this week by painting butterflies for our new and fabulous art project which has been funded by Chippenham Borough Lands Charity. This will be on display mainly in the Old Hall but you will also notice some butterflies dotted around the school too. Here is a "during" photo and we look forward to sharing the completed display with you after Easter. There has been 900 butterflies painted over the past few days. This display is being created by a company called No Added Sugar and this is the highest number of butterflies used in one of their displays. The ladies from No Added Sugar have made some lovely comments about how well the children have behaved and how polite they have been. We are all very excited to see the final display. Thank you to Mrs Poolman (Y2 Dahl teacher) for all your hard work with this project.



Some of our children put on a fantastic performance in a special music assembly last Friday which was organised by our drumming instructor, Mr de Berker. Thank you to their parents who came along to support them, we hope you enjoyed it and well done to all the children who performed. Also on Friday last week, the children in YR performed some songs and presented their mums/grandmothers with handmade cards during a special Mother's Day celebration – I'm sure there were a few happy tears shed by proud mums/grandmothers!

Yesterday, in our final whole school assembly for this term, we organised a Poetry Slam and this involved each year group standing up in front of all the other children and reciting a piece of creative poetry that they had chosen themselves. It was fabulous so well done to everyone.

We said a sad goodbye to one of our teachers yesterday, Mrs Ball, who has been teaching in our Year 2 Milligan class since January. We would like to thank her for all her hard work over the past few months and wish her every success for the future. We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Murray, our new Year 2 Milligan Class teacher, who will be joining us after the Easter Holidays.

We hope you have some enjoyable family time over the Easter holidays (fingers crossed that we have some sunshine so that the children have time to enjoy the outdoors) and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of Term 5 on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

### Changes to Dinner System

We are proposing a change in how our school dinners are booked and paid for. After the May half term holiday we will be asking parents to pre-book their child's dinners and pay at the time of booking. A letter will be sent out after the Easter holidays to explain the new system and the reasons for the change. One of the main aims is to reduce the amount of food waste we are currently experiencing because the kitchen staff will be able to place more precise orders in advance.

We have quite a substantial amount of outstanding dinner money (currently over £500) and would kindly ask that if you have been sent a text/email advising you of any dinner arrears, these are paid before the children return after Easter. Many thanks.

### Lunch Menu

Please see attached a copy of the new menu which covers meals provided during Terms 5 and 6.

## YR Easter Bonnet Parade



We welcomed YR parents and family into school yesterday so that the children from Carle and Rosen could showcase their homemade Easter Bonnets. It was lovely to see all the fabulous, colourful and creative bonnets that the children took time to make at home. Thank you to all the parents for supporting your children and helping them make such wonderful bonnets. The children were very excited to show them to everyone and we are very proud of them as they were so well behaved in front of all the parents. A big well done from Miss Barrass, Mrs Kay, Mrs Gunner, Mrs Spyer and Mrs Bottomley.

## Wiltshire Air Ambulance



**Wiltshire  
Air Ambulance**

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From our muffin day yesterday, I am thrilled to announce that we raised an amazing £393.11 in support of Wiltshire Air Ambulance. Sienna S (Y5 Pullman) was extremely brave and confident to play her guitar and perform some fabulous pieces of music to parents at home time. This was her very first time performing in public and we are very proud of her (and I am sure her parents are extra proud too!!).

Parents were generous again at the end of the day and Sienna raised £36.92. This means a grand total of £430.06 has been raised by Ivy Lane School and we would like to thank all parents/carers, children and staff for donating so generously to this worthwhile charity. Without public donations Wiltshire Air Ambulance would not be able to support the public and provide the emergency service which we come to rely on.

After Easter we will be supporting Wiltshire Air Ambulance further by asking parents to bring in empty packets such as crisp packets, Tassimo & L'Or coffee pods, baby food pouches, pet food packaging and savoury food packaging. There will be a container in the reception foyer area and also in the lunch hall to enable parents, children and staff to place their donations. Please see attached sheets for further information.

## Football Tournament



We finally made it to the Sheldon School football tournament after it being postponed. We started off against Charter and won 1-0 after Jordan scoring, although the score line does not reflect our domination in the match. Straight after we played Kings Lodge, we just held on to keep it at a goalless draw after them rattling the crossbar.

Next we played Saint Pauls with Rio, Brad, Jordan and Shay all scoring cracking goals. After a sixteen minute rest we played St Marys and won 1-0 again with Rio scoring the winner. Then we played Redlands who held us to a draw.

Monkton Park stopped our unbeaten run by scoring a jammy goal. Soon after, we played Queens Crescent who also scored a goal but straight after Jordan scored an absolute belter top corner assisted by Rio. Finally we played out a 0-0 draw with St Peters with nothing much happening. After the games we were presented with a joint third ovation. We were sadly placed fourth due to goal difference. There was only one point between us and the winners St Pauls who we beat 4-0!

A special thank you Mr Prosser for putting this amazing team together and to Mr MacMahon for accompanying us on the day.

The team were: Luca C Lucca P Joe Fred Alfie Shay Rio P Ewan.

## Netball Tournament

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Ivy Lane's Netball Team participated in an inter-school tournament. The match was a high five tournament held at Sheldon School. We played 7 matches. We won 3, lost 2 and drew 2. Overall, we came 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 8 teams and we are very happy with our performance. The team players were: Marcie, Khahelia, Lily, Ella, Aditi, Sophie and Morgan.

Written by Khahelia and Marcie.

A special thank you to Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Tiller for accompanying the children on the day.



## Setting Expectation Meeting

Have you got a child starting school in September and would like to know more about how best to prepare them for starting school? Please come along to one of the "Setting Expectation" meetings which are taking place across Chippenham. You will be able to meet teachers and nursery practitioners to discuss ways in which you can prepare your child for school. Sessions will last no more than 45 minutes and will be held at:

Ivy Lane School on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm [www.ivylane.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.ivylane.wilts.sch.uk)

Snow Drops Nursery on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 6pm [www.snowdrop-cottage.com](http://www.snowdrop-cottage.com)

Queens Crescent School on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 3.15pm [admin@queenscrescent.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@queenscrescent.wilts.sch.uk)

Each venue providers need to know numbers of parents attending the meetings so please could you email using the addresses above to inform them of your intention to attend.

## Drumming Lessons

If any children from Year 1 up to Year 6 would like to try a free trial lessons on either African drumming or Drum Kit then please contact Joe de Berker on 07957714645 [contact@instinctsounds.co.uk](mailto:contact@instinctsounds.co.uk).

## Birthday Book Donations

A big thank you to Mr Faulkner (Y3 teacher) for donating books for Griffiths Class reading corner.

## Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Evie C (Carle) (Rosen) Sam W (Donaldson) Kieran S (Hargreaves) Lacey B (Dahl)	Dakota J (Milligan) Amelia E (Griffiths) Samuel G (Walliams) Elodie G (Hughes) Evie C (Morpurgo)	Lucca P (Byars) Dylan K (Pullman) Josie-Rose L (Rowling) Chelsea K (Lewis)
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And to Morpurgo Class for their breath taking and amazing class assembly.

## Celebrating Achievement

Well done to James H, Arthur W, Maisy O'D, Mia M for being awarded swimming certificates, Lottie-Rose S for gaining a Level 8 gymnastics award, Sophie C for gaining Level 4 gymnastic award, Mia C-M for reading 400 books at Chippenham library and Connor R for receiving a medal from the South West trampolining completion.

## Weekly class changes

Date	Class	Replacement Teacher
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Y5 Pullman	Mrs Cheeseman

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Start of Term 5
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Tag Rugby Festival
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Y5 Byars Sheldon Taster Day
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	YR Visit to Pizza Express
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y1 Donaldson Class Assembly and FOILS Cake Sale
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y3 Anglo-Saxon Town Walk
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 Chippenham Folk Festival
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	YR Weston-Super-Mare Trip

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Helen Lammin  
Head of School