

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #22

### Ivy Life

This week the sun has been shining and bringing with it lots of luck for the Year 6 children while they have been taking their SATs tests. Their focus, effort and concentration has made all of the staff at Ivy Lane very proud. Well done to them for their excellent attitude! Thank you to Miss Readman, Mr Prosser and all the staff in Year 6 for their hard work and dedication in ensuring the children were prepared. They have enjoyed a fun day today to celebrate the end of a week of tests and can now look forward to the last few weeks of their primary school education.

I had the pleasure of watching the Carle Class assembly this week and was extremely proud of how well all the children performed in front of the parents who came along to support them – I'm sure there were a lot of very proud parents too! Thank you to everyone who very kindly donated some lovely cakes and thanks also to FOILS for providing the refreshments at the end of the assembly.



We will be saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Schonfeld (Assistant Head and Y4 Hughes teacher) at the end of this term as she goes off on her maternity leave. She will be extremely missed by pupils and all the staff, but we wish her and her husband Rob lots of luck with the birth of their twin daughters and we are all very excited to meet them soon.

Mrs Love (Teaching Assistant in Donaldson) will sadly be leaving us at the end of next week as she is moving onto pastures new working with children with special education needs. She will be sorely missed by everyone and we wish her all the very best for the future.

It is hard to believe that next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, is the last day of Term 5. Thank you once again to all the Ivy Lane community for their support and understanding, while we manage the challenges that have arisen from the fire in Ivy Hall. We hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday and look forward to welcoming you back for the final term of this school year on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

### Baby News at ILS

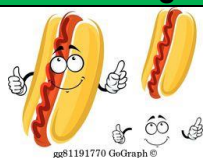
We have some more baby news to share with you – Miss Barrass and her partner, Richard, are thrilled to announce that they will be expecting the pitter patter of tiny feet early in October. We are all very excited to hear this news and I am sure you will join us by sending huge congratulations to them both.



### Safety in the playground

Can we please remind parents and children that they should not be riding their scooters, bikes or skateboards in the playground at any time during the school day. We have had quite a few incidents over the past couple of weeks where teachers have had to repeatedly remind children that it is dangerous especially at the start and finish of the day when there are lots of other children in the playground.

### Menu Change



Please be aware that the kitchen will be serving hot dogs/veggie hot dog on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and sausage rolls/veggie rolls on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June to the children in YR and KS1 (entitled to universal free school meals) and the children entitled to pupil premium free school meals in KS2.

### YR Rosen Class Assembly and FOILS Cake Sale

Rosen Class assembly will be held in our Old Hall at 2pm on Thursday 23 May. Please wait outside the pedestrian gate at the top of the car park at 1.55pm. Could children please 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.

## Year 1 Trip to SK Fruits

Y1 have been learning all about food and where it comes from, with a particular focus on fruits this term. In Maths we have been learning how to add money and calculating change from money. In order to consolidate their learning we have organised a trip to SK Fruits in Chippenham next week. The children will choose a piece of fruit to buy and then calculate how much change they will receive. They can then either eat it or take it home with them. Could you please therefore give your child 50p in an envelope with their name on, to bring into school on Monday 20th May. Thank you for your support, the Year One team.

## Photographic Permissions

Photographic permissions forms have been sent out to all parents who didn't attend the last parents evening. Can we please request that these permission forms are sent back to the school office as soon as possible. Without these parental permissions we are unable to take photos of your children to use in our lovely newsletter or any displays around the school. If you have any queries regarding these permissions, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the ladies in the school office who will be more than happy to help. Many thanks.

## Assembly



We had lots of visitors into school on Wednesday afternoon for a special assembly. There has been a huge amount of fundraising recently both by us as a school and also by lots of generous parents, extended family, members of our community and companies.

We welcomed Steve, a paramedic from Wiltshire Air Ambulance, and Sienna S (Pullman class) presented him with a cheque for £430.22 following a muffin day we held at the end of last term. Mrs Minney also joined us in assembly so that we could say a huge thank you to her and her son Elwood for setting up the crowdfunding page to help raise money for Ivy Lane following the fire during the Easter holidays. An amazing £1,533 was raised - we are very grateful to everyone who donated. Finally, we received a very generous donation from a company called ARI Fleet (dad of Imogen B – Carle class) of £800, also towards to the rebuilding of Ivy Hall. This money will hopefully be put towards some lovely art work to brighten up Ivy Hall once it is in use again. Thank you so much for all your support – it is very much appreciated.

## Vacancies at Ivy Lane

We currently have the following vacancies at Ivy Lane:

2 x Teaching Assistants (28.75 hours per week)

1 x MDSA (7.5 hours per week)

Please have a look at our website [www.ivylane.wilts.sch.uk](http://www.ivylane.wilts.sch.uk) and click on the News and Events tab/Vacancies for further information. Completed application forms are to be returned to Pickwick Academy Trust as stated in the vacancy adverts.

## Wiltshire Parent Carer Council

Please right click to open the link below and look at the new website that has been created by Wiltshire Parent Care Council. You will find lots of interesting information which is helping to improve local services for young people and children with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

[http://wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/ASD %26 Education - Chippenham - 2019/05/17 - 1?form=1](http://wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/ASD%20Education-Chippenham-2019/05/17-1?form=1)

## Birthday Book Donations

Thank you to all the following who have recently donated books to their classes reading corners; Evan C, Haddy J, Joseph O, Joshua B & Mrs Bunker.

## Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Alex L, Aoife O, Logan P (Carle) Kaitlyn W & Amelie N (Rosen) Opal T (Donaldson) Kaiden G (Hargreaves) Grace M & Matilda C (Dahl)	Ethan T & Sienna K (Milligan) Teo N & Tyler H (Griffiths) Harry B & Oliver G (Walliams) Owen G & Layla G (Hughes) Dylan C-S & Reece S (Morpurgo)	Hollie J & Aditi M (Byars) Rio M & Alannah W (Pullman) Khahelia C (Rowling) Mayson G (Lewis)
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And to all of Hargreaves Class for an amazing class assembly.

## Celebrating Achievement

Congratulations to Declan & Hollie J for being awarded red belts for Kickboxing & Charlotte R, Lyla M-B, Grace M & Claire R gaining swimming certificates. Well done to Arlo K for reading 200 books at Chippenham Library, Sammy H for being awarded Chippenham RFC's Spirit of Rugby trophy & George B for gaining a purple and white belt in martial arts.

## FOILS



### Summer Fayre - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 12 noon – 3.00pm

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to the Summer Fayre this year. We are in the process of organising the day but there will be lots of stalls and games, bouncy castle, Raffle, tombolas, Maypole dancing, BBQ and refreshments, face painting, craft and much, much more.

Please help us with our new game - A Teddy Bear Tombola by donating any unwanted cuddly toys (loved but in great condition). There will be a teddy drop off point available after half term so get rummaging.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### FOILS Vacancy – We need you!

We are looking for a new Chair to head up FOILS from September as our current chair is stepping down after 2 years in the post. Working with the rest of the team you will be responsible for chairing meetings (only around 4 a year), organising events and allocating money raised. It is a varied and rewarding role but without someone in post we run the risk of losing FOILS altogether. This would be such a shame as we would no longer have events, such as the fayres at Ivy Lane which are great fun but also raise a lot of money for the school. With the money raised recently FOILS have funded a new stage, the cookery school experience for Year 5, disco lights, new book corner furniture for each classroom, sensory equipment, leavers hoodies for Year 6 and in the last couple of weeks have agreed funds for IPADS and an outside PA system.



If you think you would be interested or would just like some more information please email [foils@ivyane.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:foils@ivyane.wilts.sch.uk) for more information.

Many thanks  
The FOILS Team

## RunFestRun



RunFestRun, the new family running festival taking place at Bowood House and Gardens from 31<sup>st</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June, is working with The Daily Mile™ to bring free family fun and fitness to local primary school children this half term.

They are inviting pupils from selected local schools and The Daily Mile affiliated schools to come along to the festival on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May and complete The Daily Mile Challenge - a one mile run alongside other local primary school children from 4-5pm. Any child who comes to complete the run can bring family members along as guests to enjoy the top music and full programme of events on offer for the rest of the day! See attachments for further information.

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@ivyane.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:Foils@ivyane.wilts.sch.uk).