

Wednesday 26th June 2019

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #24



Ivy Life

We have had a very busy couple of weeks with lots of events and trips happening. Some of our children across both key stages enjoyed a wonderful day out at Longleat last Wednesday – thank you to the Rotary Club for organising that trip. We welcomed approximately 80 new parents into the school last week for our annual New Starters Induction Evening. Also our Year 6 children enjoyed taking part in Chippenham Games last week alongside lots of other local Chippenham Schools - thank you to Mr Prosser, Miss Readman and Mrs Fewtrell for taking the children along to this great local event. There were lots of excited Year 6 children in school this morning as we waved them and staff off on their residential trip to Hooke Court in Wales this morning, for what I am sure will be a fun and fantastic few days.



You will have all had a chance to take a look at our latest art project which is now displayed on the side of Hedera Building. The colourful discs were painted by various year groups, and I hope you will agree that it is a wonderful collection of art that is a permanent fixture so it can be enjoyed for many years to come. Thank you to Mrs Poolman for organising such a fabulous project.



The weather is due to improve again this week and the forecast is for some hot and sunny days. Please ensure your child is hot weather ready each day with sun cream applied, a water bottle and hat! Sandals (with heel straps are acceptable in the hot weather but not flip-flop or croc style footwear please).

We are thrilled to announce that Mr Faulkner and his wife Annabel had a baby girl at the weekend – a sister to Arthur. She was a healthy 6lb 4oz and they have named her Elfrieda (Elfie for short). I am sure you will join us by congratulating them all and wishing them all the very best for the future.



There will be a separate newsletter sent home to parents later this week with details of staff arrangements for the next academic year.

For information and to give parents plenty of notice, please be aware that on the last day of term, Thursday 25th July, the school day will finish at 2pm.

Muffi Day – Friday 28th June



We are having a Muffi Day on Friday 28th June in aid of the chocolate and bottle tombola for the FOILS Summer Fayre being held on Saturday 6th July. This is a non-uniform day so children can wear their own clothes for the day and send in a chocolate or bottle donation. Your child/children should take their donations straight to their classrooms on Friday morning. Thank you, in anticipation, from FOILS for your donations.

Open Afternoon

We are not holding Parents Evenings in July this year, however, there is an Open Afternoon taking place on **Thursday 11th July between 3.15pm-5.00pm**. Parents/Carers are invited to come along to have a look at books and displays, and this will also be an opportunity have a chat with the class teacher.

Y6 End of Year Production

Y6's end of year production, **The Lion King**, will take place on **Tuesday 9th July 6pm** in Station Hill Baptist Church. Y6 Parents and grandparents are all very welcome (please do not arrive before 5.50pm). There will be no tickets but we will be taking a collection for Unity House, a charity which is supported by the Baptist Church and assists local homeless people. We are collecting for this charity as a good-will gesture for the church to thank them for allowing us to use their venue. Without their support the Year 6 production may not have taken place so any spare change will be very welcome. We look forward to seeing lots of parents and family members coming along to support the children. Our pupils will be watching the dress rehearsal.



Calendar for 2019/20

Please find attached next year's Term and Holiday Dates calendar. Please note that there are two TD Days at the start of the school year, therefore, school will be closed to children on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September.

Y1 Hargreaves Library Session

Information for Year 1 Hargreaves parents – your child's library slot is moving to Thursday afternoons so please make sure they have their library books in school ready to be handed in during the morning.

Menu Change

On Friday 28th June the lunch choice will be Sausage Rolls or Veggie Rolls and on Friday 5th July it will be Cheese and Tomato Pizza.

Sports Day Window 2018

This year's Sports Day is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 3rd July** (weather permitting of course).

There are changes to the Sports Day schedule this year – please see below:

KS2 Sports: The event will run from 9am – 11.45am (there will be a 15 minute break for the children). Visitors are welcome to arrive at school from 8.50am.

KS1 Sports: The event will run from 1.00pm – 2.30pm. Visitors are welcome to arrive at school from 12.55pm.



Please note that parents who are attending both KS2 and KS1 events will need to leave the school premises between 12 – 1pm as this will be the lunchtime break.

If time permits, there will be the usual parent races at the end of each session.

If we have to cancel, parents will be notified via text message by 8.15am on the day!

Key Dates for Summer 2018

Sports Day	Wednesday 3 rd July KS2: 9am – 11.45am KS2: 1.00pm – 2.30pm	ALL	Field
Summer Fayre	Saturday 6 th July 12 noon - 3pm	ALL	School and Field
Y6 Production	Tuesday 9 th July 6pm	Y6 & families	Station Hill Baptist Church
Open Afternoon	Thursday 11 th July 3.15pm – 5pm	ALL	Classrooms
Move Up Day	Wednesday 17 th July and Thursday 18 th July	ALL	Classrooms & Secondary Schools
End of Term Discos	Thursday 18 th July	ALL	Station Hill Baptist Church
Y6 Leavers Assembly	Wednesday 24 th July 2pm	Y6 & Y6 families	Old Hall
End of School Year	Thursday 25 th July FINISH AT 2PM	ALL	

Trips

The following trips will be taking place during July:

Friday 5th July : Y1 We The Curious Trip

Friday 5th July : Y6 Good Citizen Programme

Monday 15th July : Y4 Chedworth Roman Villa Trip

If you have not already done so, could you please log onto your SchoolMoney account to pay the voluntary contribution for these trips and give permission for your child to take part. Unfortunately these trips will be at risk of being cancelled if we do not receive sufficient parental contributions. Thank you to the parents who have already paid and given permission.



YR Dinosaur Workshop



Carle and Rosen class were very excited to be able to take part in a dinosaur workshop by Chippenham Museum who talked to us about what Chippenham would have been like during the time of the dinosaurs. We enjoyed using clay to make our own ammonite and drew some very impressive sketches of the dinosaur models that were bought in by the museum. A big 'thank-you' to Elaine from Chippenham museum who inspired the children in our learning about dinosaurs.

Music Concert

It was to a packed hall of parents, family and friends that many of our children performed last Tuesday evening. The choir were on great form and sang their hearts out, with songs which included Viva la Vida by Coldplay, a Moana Mashup and 'You raise me up'. Mrs Kalbskopf was extremely proud of their achievements, particularly when singing in parts. We also had a selection of instrumentalists who were brave enough to play by themselves or in a group. The contrast of acoustic guitars, group drumming, flute, piano and saxophone playing made the evening very memorable and showed the talents of many of our children. Thanks to Mr de Berker, Mrs Williams and Mr Walsh, our music teachers, for their hard work during the year. Thanks also to the generosity of the audience who donated £75.00 which we will use to purchase more musical instruments for the school.

YR Trip to John Coles Park

We are planning a trip to John Coles Park with our reception children on **Monday 1st July**. We would like to invite any dads that may like to join us for this trip (belated Father's Day treat!). We will be walking to the park and hope to spend the whole day there (weather permitting). The children will have an opportunity to play in the park, share the huff and puff equipment, spend time enjoying the company of their friends and play a game of rounders. If any dads have sporting skills they would like to share and teach the children then that would be fabulous too. Please let your child's class teacher know if you would like to join us. As we intended to spend the day at the park, would you please be able to provide your child with a packed lunch/water bottle for this day. If you need the kitchen to provide a packed lunch please let your child's class teacher or the office staff know as soon as possible.

Y5 Big Pit Trip



On Tuesday 18th June, Year 5 visited The Big Pit in South Wales. First we went on a coal mining experience and watched a video of what it was like and in the next room we looked at machines they used (which were really loud!). Next we went to have some delicious lunch and then waited to go underground. With our helmets on and a torch we went down in the left and a man called Steve showed us around the mines underground. The Big Pit was so much fun and really interesting. Thank you to Mrs Storey, Mr MacMahon, Mrs Pratt and Mrs Adams for taking us on this trip. Written by: Hollie J (Byars)

Birthday Book Donations

Thank you to the following who have recently donated books to their classes reading corners; Lawrence, Phoebe and Thomas.

Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Kit W & Megan C (Carle) Olivia H & Edan S (Rosen) Paddy C (Donaldson) Elodie M & Jeremy S (Hargreaves) Arthur W & Mitch B (Dahl)	Violet B & Ava S (Milligan) Amber K & Samie H (Walliams) Kian H & Andre S (Hughes) Luisa S Darcey B (Morpurgo)	Claire R (Byars) Emilie H-B (Pullman) Amelia M & Declan G (Rowling) Ella S & Reuben M (Lewis)
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And to Byars and Pullman classes for their energy, enthusiasm and brilliant representation of Ivy Lane School on their trip to The Big Pit.

Celebrating Achievement

Congratulations to Evan C, Violet B, Oliver S, Max O, Isabella T-N, Milena S-O and Claire R for gaining swimming awards, Libby H and Olivia T for fun run medals, Teodor N, Rocco C, Fred G, Gil G-M, Elwood M and Jamie T for football trophies and medals and to Sophie for a gymnastics award. Emma K has kindly donated hair to the Little Princess Charity who make wigs for children and young people affected by hair loss – her new hair style looks wonderful!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Helen Lammin
Head of School