

Friday 28th June 2019

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you with regards staffing changes at Ivy Lane for the next academic year and also to give you information with regards the class organisation, in readiness for our 'moving up' days which will be on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th July.



Farewell...

At the end of this academic year, we will be saying a sad farewell to some valued members of our school community.



Mr Frost is returning to Australia to be closer to family. He has enjoyed his time here at Ivy Lane and I know this was a very difficult decision to make. Miss Readman has secured a teaching position at Charter International School in Bangkok, which is a fantastic opportunity for her. She will be moving in August along with her partner. Mr Prosser is moving to Monkton Park Primary School after taking a promotion to KS2 Lead which we know he will be very successful with. Finally, Mrs Kalbskopf is retiring in July after the 38 dedicated years she has given to the school. We will be spending the next few weeks ensuring she has the send-off she deserves, which will definitely involve Music of some description!

I personally would like to say thank you to the staff for their hard work and commitment in ensuring we give the children at Ivy Lane the best possible start. Good luck to you all and please keep in touch.

Introducing...

We are delighted to be welcoming four new teachers to the Ivy Lane team.

Miss Carla Burrows - Hargreaves

Hello, my name is Miss Carla Burrows. Last year I moved from Wales to England and have recently completed studying for my Primary Postgraduate Certificate in Education at Bath Spa University. As part of my Primary Postgraduate Certificate in Education, I taught in year 1 at Ramsbury Primary School, Ramsbury and year 4 at Kennet Valley C of E School, Lockeridge.



When I left school, I studied at university for four years, where I achieved a Bachelor of Arts in Business Excellence and a Master of Science in Human Resource Management. Following university, I went on to experience life in Australia. On returning to the UK, I worked in Human Resources and I started my own business. Since having my little boy, I realised that working with children is my vocation in life; this led me to return to university to study to become a primary school teacher.

Outside of work I enjoy spending time with my family, going to the gym and relaxing with a book. I am delighted to have been successful in securing a teaching position in year 1 at Ivy Lane Primary School and am looking forward to meeting the children and their families.

Miss Alice Neill - Griffiths

Hello! My name is Miss Neill. After growing up in Swindon, I moved to attend Winchester University and stayed on in Hampshire. I have spent the last two years teaching in Guildford, Surrey and being a subject lead for both Art and DT. In my spare time, I enjoy reading and going for walks in the sunshine. I am really looking forward to my new adventure at Ivy Lane.



Mr Robert Green - Pullman

I am very much looking forward to joining the team at Ivy Lane Primary School in September, having been so warmly welcomed by both staff and children at my interview. I am now in my fourth year of teaching. For the first three years, I taught at a school in London where I taught in Year 3; for the past year, I have been fulfilling long-term and short-term supply teaching placements in and around Bristol, ranging from nursery up to Year 6. During my free time, I like to partake in cycling, football, playing music and exploring this lovely part of the country in which I feel fully settled and happy.



Mr Matthew Johns - Rowling

Hello, students and parents of the upcoming Rowling Class. My name is Mr Johns and I am incredibly excited to be joining Ivy Lane in September and becoming your new teacher. A little bit about me. I was born in Chippenham and lived in Pewsham and Cepen Park North before moving away to go to university in Cardiff. I have been teaching for 3 years, spending two years at a school in Banbury before moving to my current school in Oxford. Just before training to become a teacher, I taught PE to primary school children all across Wiltshire.



As you can probably gather I am sports and PE mad and have built a huge repertoire of games and activities that I can't wait to show you. I love all sports but rugby, quidditch and winter sports in particular and hope to watch one of the American football games at Wembley next year. I am also a huge lover of children's books and was astounded to see how brilliant your library looked and must admit to being eager to explore which books we can read together.

I am looking forward to meeting you all in July for the transition days and getting ourselves set for September. See you soon, Mr Johns.

All four teachers will be here for both moving up days which is a great opportunity for the children to spend some time getting to know the children. If your child will be with one of our news teachers, you are more than welcome to pop in after school on either of these days if you wish to meet them in person.

Class Organisation 19/20

KEY STAGE 1			KEY STAGE 2		
Carle	YR	Mrs Kay & Mrs Gunner	Walliams	Y3	Mrs Smith & Mrs Horan
Rosen	YR	Miss Orchard	Griffiths	Y3	Miss Neill
Hargreaves	Y1	Miss Burrows	Hughes	Y4	Mrs Metcalfe & Mrs Fahey
Donaldson	Y1	Mrs Rafferty & Mrs Burchett	Morpurgo	Y4	Mr Faulkner
Dahl	Y2	Mrs Poolman & Mrs Reynolds	Pullman	Y5	Mr Green
Milligan	Y2	Miss Murray	Byars	Y5	Mrs Storey
			Lewis	Y6	Mr MacMahon
			Rowling	Y6	Mr Johns

For children going into Year 1, 3 and 6, parents have been sent information with regards their new class and teacher separately, due to the 'mixing up'. For the rest of the school, the arrangements are as follows:

Please see amended details below – apologies for any confusion as the Year 3 classes were originally left out of the information below:

Present Class	Going Into in September	Teacher
Y1 Hargreaves	Y2 Dahl	Mrs Poolman and Mrs Reynolds
Y1 Donaldson	Y2 Milligan	Miss Murray
Y3 Griffiths	Y4 Hughes	Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Fahey
Y3 Walliams	Y4 Morpurgo	Mr Faulkner
Y4 Hughes	Y5 Pullman	Mr Green
Y4 Morpurgo	Y5 Byars	Mrs Storey

Reports will be sent home next Friday and our Open Afternoon will be on Thursday 11th July 3.15-5pm. You will have the opportunity to look at your child's learning and speak with the class teacher. If you would like a separate meeting to discuss your child's report, then please do not hesitate to contact the school office where they can arrange this for a time suitable during the week commencing the 15th July.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Helen Lammin
Head of School