

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #26

### Ivy Life

We are finally at the end of a very busy year which has seen many changes. Since my arrival to Ivy Lane in January, I have spent time building relationships with the children, staff and parents (aware that I still have many names and faces to learn.) I am privileged to be part of such a unique and special place – our children are a credit to the school. Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome and I am very much looking forward to September. Over the last few weeks, I have spent time liaising with insurers and builders, making arrangements for the start of renovations of Ivy Hall, delivery of temporary classrooms and the all important kitchen pod, so we can start serving those delicious lunches again in September. Thank you for your patience and continued support.

We have finished the school year with lots of fantastic events over the last couple of weeks: Year 4 visited Chedworth Roman Villa for the day, Year 6 had an outdoor learning day in Mortimor Woods and their final leaver's assembly, Year 2 spent a fabulous sunny day at John Coles Park, Year 1 and Year 4 had a great time enjoying their outdoor learning days on the field, the children all enjoyed their end of term discos last week held at the Baptiste Church. The children also had their Move-Up days last week which enabled them to spend time with their new teachers in their new classrooms.

Many thanks to all the parents who have supported the school throughout this year, especially by attending class assemblies, helping with school trips and supporting all of the charity fundraising and FOILS events that have taken place.



**A reminder that school closes at 2pm tomorrow. Please collect your child promptly unless they are attending Dragonflies Afterschool Club.**

Finally, have a great summer and let's hope for more of the sunshine! Mrs Lammin and the team will be looking forward to seeing you all on the first day of the new school year on Wednesday 4th September.

### Goodbyes and Best Wishes

This week we say goodbye to our Y6 children, who performed songs at their leaver's assembly this afternoon. They have really impressed me with their attitude towards their learning. They certainly leave us ready for secondary school and we wish them every success on their journeys.



We had a very emotional Final Assembly this morning to say goodbye and good luck to a few members of staff. Mr Frost (Y4 Morpurgo) is returning to Australia with his family after spending a year in the UK, Miss Readman (Y6 Rowling) is moving to Bangkok with her partner, Ollie, and will be working in an international school teaching Year 3 children, Mr Prosser (Y6 Lewis) will be joining Monkton Park School in September as part of their Senior Leadership Team and finally Mrs Kalbskopf (Y3 Walliams) is retiring after an amazing 38



years of teaching here at Ivy Lane. Mrs Kalbskopf was overwhelmed when staff and children sang a song dedicated to her with specially adapted lyrics – "Thank You For The Music". These members of staff have made a genuine contribution to school life and we thank them all and wish them well in their future pursuits.

We also say goodbye to a few Ivy Lane families: Opal G (Hargreaves), Julianna T (Walliams), Rio P (Byars) and Chloe C (Griffiths). We send you and your families very best wishes for the future.

### Kitchen Pod & Mobile Classrooms

When the new school year starts again in September, parents and children will notice our KS2 playground looking a little bit different. In the school holidays we are taking delivery of two mobile temporary classrooms, a mobile toilet block and a kitchen pod. The mobile classrooms will be used if works starts on the prattens over the holidays, but if this doesn't happen we will need somewhere for the children to evacuate to if we experience high winds next term.

The kitchen pod will be in place ready for us to hopefully start preparing hot school dinners from the start of the new term. We will be informing parents either on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> September whether this is the case and will be sending home menus too.

## Attendance

From January we have been closely monitoring our average whole school attendance, and since that time we have noticed a dramatic improvement. We would like to say well done to both parents and children as our currently average attendance is **96.89%**. The class with the highest attendance is Y2 Dahl with 97.6% and Y5 Byars a close second with 97.4%! We currently have 30 children who will be awarded 100% Attendance Award certificates, and 134 children who will receive Excellent Attendance Award certificates with attendance of between 98-99%. Next year, we will be monitoring and celebrating class attendance. The class with the highest % every fortnight, will receive an extra 10 mins of playtime! This will be announced in the newsletters.

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Rosen	97.24%	Dahl	97.64%	Byars	97.4%
Carle	96.27%	Walliams	96.46%	Lewis	97.23%
Hargreaves	96.65%	Morpurgo	96.98%	Rowling	97.14%
Donaldson	95.98%	Pullman	96.13%	<b>Overall</b>	<b>96.89%</b>
Milligan	97.35%	Hughes	97.25%		

## Dinner and Breakfast Club Payments/Arrears

As we are at the end of another school year, can we please remind all parents that any outstanding dinner or breakfast club payments **must be paid in full by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July**. You do not need to wait until you receive an email or text to clear your accounts as you can log onto the Parent SchoolMoney website at any time. If you need a reminder of your password please contact the school office.

Could we please request that from September, parents pay their breakfast and dinner money in advance as the SchoolMoney payment system will allow you to input larger amounts to pay. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance with this.

## Reception Request

If you have any school uniform that your child has grown out of from aged 4-6 years that you would like to donate for our spare change of clothes box, we would be very grateful to receive this. We urgently need:

Girls - pants, skirts, pinafore dresses, tights, long socks

Boys - shorts, P.E jogging bottoms, socks and PE daps

Thank you for your support.

## Unity House – Year 6 End of Year Production Collection



Naomi Webb (pictured here on the right), the manager for Unity House, would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone at Ivy Lane School for their generous donations. A collection was made last week for the homelessness charity at the end of the Year 6 production, and raised an incredible £130. Naomi says that this money will go towards buying Unity House's residents fish & chips and ice-creams when they have a day out to Weston Super Mare next month. Thank you again for your generosity.

## PAT Writing Competition

All four schools in the PAT were invited to take part in a 'PAT Writing Competition' recently. We had an unprecedented number of entrants (over 200)! The story had to involve Pat the dog (our MAT mascot) but other than that the children were free to write as creatively as possible. All of the entries were fantastic but in the end the two winners were Mia CM (Y1 Hargreaves) and Scarlett B (Y3 Walliams). As part of their prize they had the opportunity to take part in a writing workshop with a local publisher at the Pound Arts Centre in Corsham. Winners from Aloeric, Queens Crescent and Corsham Primary Schools also attended. Well done to all the children who entered, we look forward to reading more of your creative writing next academic year. For parents of children in Year 3-6, please see attached an advert for a workshop taking place during the summer holidays.

## Year 4 Visit to Chedworth Roman Villa



On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July Year 4 visited Chedworth Roman Villa. We had a really fun time. "I liked everything, especially the medicine making" Andre S said. "The tour was great" said Freya. We took part in lots of activities like medicine making, archaeologist sorting and tours. When we had to leave none of us wanted to! Thank you to our teachers for taking us to Chedworth.

Written by: Andre and Freya (Hughes)

## YR Water Play



Carle and Rosen class have had a fabulous end to reception enjoying a fun water play day. They took part in many different activities including paddling pool play, a water slide, water guns, washing the baby dolls, making herb soup, exploring pouring water down water wheels and drain pipes, and role playing Octonaut stories. We found lots of shade and cool breeze in our garden, kept ourselves cooler by getting very wet and had a great end to our year on a hot, sunny day. Well done reception for being such superstars!



## Year 2 Visit to John Coles Park



Year 2 went to John Coles Park today for a fun day in the sun! We enjoyed using the splash pad, the playground, blowing bubbles, colouring and lots of parachute games. It was a lovely way to finish the year. When asked what was the favourite part of the day, Eli replied "of course the splash pad!" What better way to cool off than walking through lots of sprinklers. Well done to year 2 for showcasing Ivy Lane behaviour at all times and making us proud! Many thanks also to all the parent helpers who gave up their time to help out with this trip.



## House Sports Day

On Monday 22nd July 2019, Ivy Lane School held their annual KS2 House Sports event. First of all, we played Netball. Lacock, Castle Combe, Biddestone and Kington Langley all played each other in a netball tournament. Pupils of each class were picked to play netball (or football) for their House. Years 5 and 6 played first. Lacock and Kington Langley were battling for first place, but Kington Langley came out on top. Each game was exceptional and exciting to watch (and especially the Year 6 mascots)! In the afternoon it was time for house football. The first game for Year 3 and 4 was Lacock v Kington Langley. The score was 1-1 with a late equaliser from Kington Langley. All the games were brilliant and fantastic to watch. Then there was Staff v House Team but we don't want to talk about that!! Overall, we had a great game and had great fun. Written by John, Charlie and Daniel (Y5 Pullman).

## Birthday Book Donations

Thank you to the following who have donated books to their classes reading corners; Annabel S, Megan C, Poppy D, Daniel S, Charlotte S, Christopher H, Thomas H, Azaria F, Chanelle A, Alice Z, Seryn T, Chole C, Anya K Alfie C, Frankie P, Niamh O, Megan L, Adway M & Mrs Tiller .

## Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Olivia B(Rosen) Mason S & Lacey B (Dahl) George C, Elliot L, Daniel S & Oliver S (Milligan) Tessa C & Beth D (Walliams)	Amelia E, Sophie P & Sammy H (Griffiths) Elodie G (Hughes) Charlie W (Morpurgo)	Emerson B & Jake Battley (Byars) Daniel P & Morgan W(Pullman) Thomas Davis (Rowling) Alice Knight (Lewis)
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## Celebrating Achievement

Well done to all these amazing children who have recently brought in certificates, medals and trophies that they have been awarded; Finn C, Rocco C, Otis D, Maxwell O, Grace M, Henry G, Jasmine G, Mia, Josh B, George B, Teo N, Milena S-O, Layla G, Frankie G, Elwood M, Elijah M, Evan C, Niamh O, Emmiline H, Tom G, Ollie G, Opal T, Sammy H, Alejandro S and Dominic T.



Thank you to everyone who came to the Summer Fayre, gave up their time to run a stall and help set up and tidy up. It was a fantastic day. We raised a fantastic £2,500 this year. Huge thanks to all the staff, volunteers and parents to making it such a lovely day for all those who attended.

Thanks also go to Station Hill Baptist Church who kindly gave us use of their building for the end of term discos. The children had a great time, thank you to Eddie Deery for his fantastic DJ skills once again!

As we approach the end of another year we would just like to say a massive thank you for all your support, it is very much appreciated.

A fond farewell to Mandy and Sylv who are leaving FOILS this year, they have given up so much time for us over the years - thank you! Our treasurer Amy is stepping down after many years in the role too, thanks for all your hard work, Emily will be taking over in September.

We wish you all a great summer break and look forward to seeing you in September when we will have Rachel and Steven Hodson taking on the chair role.

Have a great Summer!

The FOILS Team



Yours sincerely,

Mrs Helen Lammin  
Head of School