

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #2

**Ivy Life**

It was wonderful to see so many parents attending the YR new parents coffee morning yesterday. We hope you enjoyed chatting to members of staff and other parents. Many thanks to the FOILS team for serving refreshments and cakes.



The children in Reception had their first taste of our delicious school dinners last week - chips were a popular choice! It was lovely to see them all enjoying their food, whether it was a hot school dinner or their own packed lunch, there were smiles all round.



Children and staff said a good luck farewell to Miss Barrass (Reception teacher) in assembly this week as she starts her maternity leave. I am sure you will all join us in sending best wishes to her and her partner, Richard. We are really looking forward to meeting her baby daughter very soon. Don't worry – Bertie will still be coming into school on a regular basis while Mrs Barrass is on maternity leave!

After School Clubs started this week and will continue until week ending Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – **please note however that there will be no clubs during week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> November as parent evenings will be held during that week.**

**Flu vaccinations**



Emails and text messages were sent to all parents this week regarding the nasal flu vaccination programme. All pupils are covered under the programme this year and you must give on-line consent for your child to be administered this vaccination.



In order to provide electronic consent for your child's Flu vaccination, please access the consent portal via by right clicking on the following link: <https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/wilts>. The nurses from the Virgin Care Health Team will be visiting Ivy Lane School on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**, however, on-line consent must be given at least 7-14 days prior to that visit.

**House Captains**

We are proud to reveal our newly chosen Year 6 House Captains for the first terms of the academic year:

House	Captains
Biddestone	Rebecca H and Emerson B
Castle Combe	Lara F and Finley S
Kington Langley	Sophie B and Sophie A
Lacock	William B and Jamie T

**European Day of Languages**



We would like to say a very big thank you on behalf of all the children and staff, to the parents who came into school to help us celebrate the European Day of Languages on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Sharing your cultural heritage with the children is such a valuable way for the children to learn about the world around them. The home learning projects were of an incredibly high standard and are taking pride of place in classrooms. You are more than welcome to visit the classrooms to see the displays if you wish. Once again, thank you for continued support. Mrs Horan, International Learning Leader

**YR – Class Pictures in the Gazette & Herald**

The Gazette & Herald were in school this week taking photographs of our new reception children looking incredibly smart in their uniforms (even Bertie the school dog was included in the photo!). Look out for the supplement in the Gazette & Herald on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> October.

## Harvest Collection

We will be holding our annual Harvest Assembly on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October**. We would welcome donations of dry and tinned food. Please take donations directly to your child's class from week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Some of our children will be delivering the collection to the Chippenham Food Bank at The Salvation Army following the assembly.



## Y3 Visit to Bath City Farm

On Tuesday this week, Year 3 went to Bath City Farm on a school trip. First we picked some blackberries and put them in bags and then went on a bug hunt – we collected lots of bugs but at the end we had to put them back. Then we went to feed the animals – we fed the goats and the chickens. Some of the goats ate the food off our hands and some tried to get the food out of the buckets. We had lunch in the play area and afterwards we went on a nature trail. We went down a steep hill and at the bottom was another play area with a tree house. Written by Megan and Jack (Walliams).

Many thanks to all the parents who helped out on this trip – it is greatly appreciated.

## Fire Service Visit

On Thursday last week, Bristol Fire Service came to visit our school to do an assembly. They talked about how to keep safe near bonfires, sparklers and fireworks. After assembly the Year 2 and Year 5 children did a workshop. In Year 2 we did a quiz and if you got the question right you had to dress in red firemen clothes. We listened to a fire alarm go off – it was very loud!! They told us some interesting facts and gave us a free pencil. Written by Otis (Milligan).

## Reception 2020 Admissions Open Days

We will be holding Open Days for parents with children who are due to start school in September 2020. If you have a child who is due to start then, please contact the school office to book in for one of the sessions below. Please also help us to spread the word to any family or friends who you know have children due to start school next year.



Tuesday 8th October 9am-10.15am  
Thursday 10th October 1.30pm-2.45pm  
Tuesday 5th November 9am-10.15am  
Thursday 7th November 1.30pm-2.45pm

## Attendance

The classes with the highest attendance over the last 2 weeks are **Griffiths & Walliams with 98.85%**. Well done. The class with the highest % every fortnight will be announced in our Friday Celebration Assembly. A certificate will be placed on their classroom door and they will receive an extra 10 minutes of playtime! (Not every day.....just once over the course of the next week).

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Rosen	97.12%	Dahl	97.71%	Hughes	96.92%
Carle	97.32%	Griffiths	98.95%	Byars	95.59%
Hargreaves	98.00%	Walliams	98.95%	Lewis	95.86%
Donaldson	93.67%	Morpurgo	97.46%	Rowling	98.38%
Milligan	97.72%	Pullman	98.11%	<b>Overall</b>	<b>97.28%</b>

## FoodBox from St Peter's Church

Every Tuesday there will be boxes of "just out of date" food donations from St Peter's Church delivered to school. St Peter's Church receive these donations from lots of local supermarkets and as they are receiving large amounts on a weekly basis, they are sharing these among some local Chippenham Schools. You will find these boxes in our Chatterbox room which is opposite the school office. There will be lots of baked goods, some fruit, veg etc. Please feel free to come along and take what you want.

## Birthday Book Donations

Thank you to Cora D and Casper T who have donated books to their classes reading corners.

## Celebrating Achievement

Well done to all these amazing children who have recently brought in certificates, medals and trophies that they have been awarded; Layla G, Theo H, Annabel S, Mila C, Emma F, Claire R, James H and Phoebe E.

## Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Avery B & Eve W (Carle) George S & Sylvie C (Rosen) Macie L & Lily S (Donaldson) Ivy W & Lucas A (Hargreaves) Jay R & Tom W (Dahl) Alfie H & Cody F (Milligan)	Esther O & Henry O (Griffiths) Poppy T & Charlotte R (Walliams) Josh B & Kaitlyn T (Hughes) Riley S & Ellie K (Morpurgo)	William F & Oskar S (Byars) Freddie P & Mya T (Pullman) Lara F & Daniel H (Lewis) Maya G & Ashleigh T (Rowling)
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## Wiltshire Primary and Secondary School Application Deadlines

The deadline for applications for children starting Secondary Year 7 in September 2020 is **midnight 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019**, and the deadline for applications for children starting in Reception in September 2020 is **midnight on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020**. Please apply online at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk). All applications submitted after the deadline dates will be treated as late and will be processed accordingly. For more information please log on to [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk).

## Diary Dates

<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>
Y2 Trip to Avon Valley Farm
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>
School Census Day – Lucky Tray Day
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Scarecrow Trail
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>
YR 2020 Admissions Open Days
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Open Classrooms 3.15pm – 5pm
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>
Harvest Festival
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>
Halloween Disco Y1/2/3 : 4.15pm-5.15pm, Y4/5/6 : 5.30pm-6.30pm
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>
School Photos and last day of Term 1
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>
Parents Evenings

## FOILS

Our YR new starters coffee morning was a great success. It was lovely to see both old and new Ivy Lane parents chatting and laughing together. We also welcomed new parents of children further up the school. During the coffee morning, I chatted to the parents about what we do in FOILS and the level of commitment required if you join. We are always looking for new volunteers. We understand that everyone does this in their own time and so say to give as much time as you want or are able to. If you can spare even an hour, it is much appreciated. Our first meeting of the year is **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm** and will be upstairs at Rivo Lounge. We will be discussing calendar dates for this academic year, ideas and planning for the Christmas Fayre will begin. All are welcome, there is no obligation to commit to anything. We can be contacted on [foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk) if you have any questions.  
Rachel and Steven Hodson (joint FOILS Chair)



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