

Dear Parents,

Newsletter #4

### Ivy Life

We cannot believe that we are at the end first term of the school year already. What a busy term it has been with lots of activities taking place such as:

Dorset & Wilts Fire Service visit, National Deaf Society Roadshow, Y3 trip to Bath City Farm, FOILS Coffee Morning, Y2 trip to Avon Valley Farm, Y6 Bikeability, Scarecrow Trail, YR Open Mornings/Afternoons, Open Classrooms, Harvest Festival, Y5 Big Sing at Sheldon, YR trip to Roves Farm, Bonkers for Conkers, Halloween Discos, lots of outdoor learning days and we even had the builders working on Ivy Hall in to present an assembly to all the children. As you can see it has been an extremely busy term!

This week has been full of cold mornings, bright blues skies and 'Bonkers for Conkers' – it's all feeling very autumnal. It has been lovely seeing children enjoying this traditional game all week. The winners were announced in assembly this week so well done to Chloe S and Leila M-B.

Welcome to the following children and families who have joined Ivy Lane in the last few weeks: Joel (YR Carle), Cambria (Y1 Hargreaves), Coheed (YR Carle) and Harriet (Y4 Hughes).

Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support this term. We hope that you all have an enjoyable half term and we look forward to the next term with lots of exciting things planned in the run up to Christmas.

### Staff News

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Tottle, Pastoral Manager, back to school after being off work for a few weeks. Mrs Tottle is here to offer support for your children with any worries or anxieties they may be experiencing, but can also offer parents confidential support with issues they may feel are affecting their children. She is also able to signpost families to a wide variety of services including parenting groups, the school nurse, grief counselling and other voluntary agencies.

We are thrilled to announce that Mrs Smith (Y3 Walliams teacher) is expecting her second baby, a brother to George. I am sure you will join all the staff here in wishing her and her family all the very best.

Today we bid farewell to one of our MDSAs (dinner lady!), Mrs Mills, is leaving Ivy Lane to take up a role in retail. We also said a sad goodbye to Mrs Rokovucago, Catering Assistant, after working at Ivy Lane for just over two years. We wish them both lots of luck for the future. When we return in November, Miss Milani will start as Catering Assistant and I am sure you will join us in welcoming her to Ivy Lane.

We would like to say congratulations to Mrs Sarnago-Orchard, Speech & Language TA, who successfully ran the Great South Run last weekend. She is an enthusiastic and regular runner and has been taking part in lots of various races and competitions and I'm told she has reached PB's every time! So well done Mrs Sarnago-Orchard.



### Parents Evenings 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November

Parents evenings will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> (3.30pm-7pm) and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November (3.10pm-5pm). A letter will be emailed to parents after half term with all the information required. As in previous years, parents will be able to book appointments on line.

### Home-Learning Questionnaire

We are reviewing our current Home Learning format and would like to know your opinions about Home Learning for your child. Please use link below to complete an online survey. Your opinion is important to us!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/C8HRDFS>

### Flu vaccinations



Just a gentle reminder if you haven't given on-line consent for your child to receive the nasal flu vaccination you must do so by **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November**. The consent link below will close on that day. 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**.



## Tuck Shop

I would like to say thank you to the Year 5 pupils Evie C, Reece, William, Luisa, Owen, Mia, Connor and Poppy who are running the Tuck shop for Term 1 and 2 they have settled well into the role.

Mrs Monaghan

## Olympiad Swimming Pool Closure



I am sure most parents will know by now that the Olympiad Swimming Pool will be closed to schools and the general public from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November for approximately 7 weeks. This is due to the decommissioning of the flumes and other essential maintenance work. It will affect our swimming lessons and means that Y4 **WILL NOT** be swimming on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup> December. These missed lessons will be added onto the existing weeks and a letter will go out to parents explaining dates after half term.

## YR Trip to Roves Farm



Carle and Rosen class had a 'farmtastic' time at Roves Farm yesterday! We started off with a very bumpy tractor ride around the farm spotting lots of animals. We learnt that sheep don't have top teeth, cows have 4 stomachs, a daddy pig is called a boar and goats chew anything even children's coats!! Rosie said 'I liked stroking the guinea pigs the best. They were all soft.' Blake told us he 'liked the piglets and the tractor ride the



best'. Well done Carle and Rosen children for fabulous Ivy Lane behaviour on our first trip out. Many thanks to all the parents who helped out on this trip – it is very much appreciated and without parental help we would not be able to organise trips for our children.

## Big Sing

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 20 children from Year 5 were invited to Sheldon School for the Big Sing. First we walked to Sheldon in pairs. We came into the assembly hall and sat down on blue chairs. We started singing with everyone else by warming up our voices. We practised four songs. For the concert at the end of the day, we started off with "When you wish upon a star" then sang "Megara". The third song was "Make You Feel My Love" and we finished with "Thank You for the Music". We thought it was really cool and we asked some of our friends about what they thought:

"It was really fun", Andre.

"It was really exciting", Sophie.

"It was awesome", Freddie. P.

"It was funny", Mya.

"It was amazing", Poppy.

Written by: Elissa M and Connor M



## Scarecrow Trail – Traditional Tales

Thank you to everyone who made such a huge effort to make the scarecrows so fantastic. A lot of time, effort and creativity went into them, which made the event such a success. Despite the weather the children had a fantastic time on the trail and did very well guessing the characters and books. Thank you to all the parents who supported the event and we hope you had as much fun doing the Scarecrow Trail with your children as we did. We are making our way through all the forms currently and all the correct entries will be put into the raffle. One winner will be chosen at random to receive a prize. This will be announced after half term. Thank you for your support. See photos below of a selection of the fabulous scarecrows made by children and staff.



## Harvest Festival



On Friday 18th October 2019, 12 children were chosen to take the Harvest Festival food donations to the Salvation Army. We sorted the harvest food into baked beans, pasta, noodles, cereals, fish and meat and then coffee and tea. Once that was done, we were very lucky as we were treated to donuts and juice. The Salvation Army said "We were



really helpful and had really good manners." This was a great opportunity to represent the school as well as helping the Salvation Army to donate food to those who may need it.

Written by Morgan W & Sophie B - Y6 Lewis Class

## Birthday Book Donations

Thank you to those who have donated books to their classes reading corners; Laurie G, George B, Teo N

## Celebrating Achievement

Well done to all these amazing children who have recently brought in certificates, medals and trophies ; Libbie H, Cassius M, Gabby T, Clara R, Sophie P,

Congratulations to all those Year 6 children who have recently achieved Level 1 & 2 in Bikeability. Happy cycling!

## Star Awards

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

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| Iris O, Callum P, (Carle)<br>Sophie M, Sophia G, (Rosen)<br>Clara R (Donaldson)<br>Cameron R (Hargreaves)<br>Fred G (Dahl) | Max N (Milligan)<br>Hugo R (Griffiths)<br>Declan J (Walliams)<br>Harmony E (Hughes)<br>Sammy H (Morpurgo) | Tom Y (Byars)<br>Mila C (Pullman)<br>Toby H (Lewis)<br>Lucca P (Rowling) |
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## FOILS

FOILS are introducing a Friday cake sale, one Friday a month with each year group taking it in turns to provide the cakes. We would like to start this after half term with Reception. If Reception parents could bring in a cake donation (baked or bought) to their child's class on the morning of **Friday 8th November**, they will be available to buy under the canopy at pick up. FOILS have recently invested in a card reader and are now able to accept chip and pin and contactless payments. This will be available at the cake sales.



## Wiltshire Primary and Secondary School Application Deadlines

The deadline for applications for children starting Secondary Year 7 in September 2020 is **midnight 31st October 2019**, and the deadline for applications for children starting in Reception in September 2020 is **midnight on 15th 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). See leaflet attached for information on help available for completing the Reception Applications.

## GDPR – Use of Photos and Videos during school events

Please be aware that you may take photographs and videos during School events such as Sports Day and Seasonal Productions, however they must be for your own personal use and not shared on social media.



To volunteer for FOILS or pass on any suggestions for fund raising ideas/events – please e-mail our FOILS team on: [Foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:Foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk).