



## **IVY LIFE**

The weeks towards Christmas seem to be zooming by and the sound of singing is echoing all around Ivy Lane as the YR and KS1 children prepare for their performances in the next fortnight. The choir have also been practising their Christmas songs too ready to perform and have had a series of invitations to sing in the local community.

The teachers enjoyed the parents' evening meetings and sharing the learning that your child has completed so far. We would like to thank you for supporting your child by coming along.

We hope parents will like the new layout of the newsletter – as you can see we have added a School Diary section which will be on each newsletter and updated regularly, so everyone is kept up to date with events and important dates in our school calendar.

We would like to extend a very warm Ivy Lane welcome to some new members of staff who have joined us over the last couple of weeks. Welcome to Mrs Griffiss who has joined us as a Teaching Assistant working in Year 2, and welcome also to Miss Wilson and Miss James who have joined us as lunchtime supervisors.

After school clubs will finish at the end of next week. Different clubs will be offered to children which will start again towards the end of January. Information will be sent out regarding Term 3 and 4 clubs in due course.

## **MUFTI DAY FOR XMAS FAYRE**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December will be a Mufti Day in support of FOILS Christmas Fayre. The FOILS team are kindly asking for donations of **Chocolate, Bottles or £1 voluntary donation** to be brought in next Friday morning. Many thanks for your continued support.



## **CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES**



Christmas is approaching & preparations for our school performances are under way. Children can post their Christmas cards in the Christmas post box from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure envelopes have the **first name and initial of surname** of the child they are sending to and the **class** they are in. Year 6 will then ensure they get delivered!

Other than Christmas Jumper Day, Santa hats and tinsel can be worn from week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> December (we find they can be quite distracting if worn before!). The children will be eating their Christmas Dinner on two separate days this year (see diary dates opposite) due to the situation with Ivy Hall. Letters have been emailed to parents explaining how to book. If you have not received a letter please come into the school office to pick up a paper copy. Every parent needs to book a lunch via their SchoolMoney account (even if you are entitled to free school meals) – if you have any difficulties please let the school office know. This is totally separate to paying/booking for everyday dinners, so please make sure you book your Christmas dinner by **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**.



## **School Diary**

### **Term 2**

- w/b 06/12/19** - Last week of Clubs
- 06/12/19** – Mufti Day for Xmas Fayre
- 06/12/19** – Xmas Fayre 5pm-7pm
- 06/12/19** – School Choir singing at the Xmas Fayre
- 10/12/19** – Y1 Christmas Sing-a-long at 9.30am in Old Hall
- 11/12/19** – EYFS Nativity at 9.30am in Old Hall
- 11/12/19** – Y2 Panto Trip to Wyvern Theatre
- 12/12/19** – Y2 Nativity Production at 9.30am in Old Hall
- 12/12/19** – YR Carle trip to Avon Care Home for Xmas Carols
- 12/12/19** – Y5 going to Hardenhuish for Drama Workshop
- 13/12/19** – Christmas Jumper Day
- 13/12/19** – YR Rosen trip to Priory Care Home for Xmas Carols
- 15/12/19** – Choir singing at Sheldon Road Methodist Church at 2.45p,
- 16/12/19** – YR Panto Trip to Wyvern Theatre
- 16/12/19** – Y4 & Y5 going to Sheldon School for Xmas Production
- 17/12/19** – KS2 Christmas Cinema Experience
- 17/12/19** – YR & KS1 Christmas Dinner
- 17/12/19** – Christmas Choir Performance in Old Hall at 6pm
- 18/12/19** – KS2 Christmas Dinner
- 18/12/19** – YR & KS1 Christmas Parties
- 19/12/19** – Y4 Class Celebration
- 20/12/19** – Last day of term

### **Term 3**

- 06/01/20** – First day of Term
- 16/01/20** – School Census and Lucky Plate Day
- 23/01/20** – Y5 Young Voices in London
- w/b 03/02/20** – Wellbeing Week
- 06/02/20** – FOILS Valentine Disco
- 11/02/20** – Safe Internet Day
- 13/02/20** – Open Classrooms
- 14/02/20** – Last day of term

## SCHOOL MONEY ACCOUNT PASSWORDS



SchoolMoney

A few parents have been experiencing problems recently logging onto their SchoolMoney accounts. After speaking with SchoolMoney it has come to light that anyone who is still using their original 6 digit password, is being prompted to change their password to one of their choice. If you receive this message when you attempt to login, please contact the school office and we will send you a link to reset your password.

## YEAR 1 PUPPET SHOW



The Year 1 children enjoyed a fabulous puppet show on Monday afternoon. This was funded by our wonderful FOILS team. The show has inspired the children to design and make their own puppets over the next couple of weeks.

## HAPPY CHRISTMAS READING FOR EVERYONE

It is the time of year to flood to our library with books that only make an appearance at Christmas. Our display shelves and central table are now filled with an array of Christmas stories for all year groups to enjoy. Library borrowing will continue for the next two weeks (no books will be issued in the final week of term) to allow everyone a chance to bring home a festive book choice. Happy Christmas reading!

## THANK YOU FOILS

As we review our school reading books, particularly those linked to the phonics phases we teach in EYFS and KS1, we would like to say a huge thank you to FOILS for their generous donation which has allowed us to increase our supply of quality, phonics based reading books and replace those books that were looking very worn. Thank you FOILS! A huge thank you to FOILS also for funding the following exciting things at Ivy Lane School: Y1 Puppet Show, Y2 Pantomime, YR Pantomime and Y5 Young Voices children's coach.

## YEAR 4 CHIPPENHAM MUSEUM LINK



Year 4 had a visit from Elaine Davis who works at Chippenham Museum. She taught us about the Romans and bought some replica armour from Roman times. Elaine even let somebody try on the armour and they said it was very heavy. She told us about how last year pieces of Roman pottery was found near Chippenham and we found it very interesting. It was lots of fun listening to her and we learnt so much more about the Romans. Written by Megan R and Isabella TN

## YEAR 4 VISIT FROM DENTAL NURSE



A dental health promoter called Sue came to visit Year 4 this week. I learnt a lot of things about teeth that I didn't know before, I also learnt that one pack of raisins has a teaspoonful of sugar, that popcorn is actually healthy, as long as you don't have it with salt or sugar, and that your saliva has chemicals that can get rid of germs. As a result of her visit, I now brush my teeth for a bit longer each time. Written by George C

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION REMEMBRANCE COLLECTION



Thank you to all the children/parents who made a donation towards to Remembrance collection. We raised an amazing £385.30 – the highest amount for a school in Chippenham!

## ATTENDANCE

The classes with the highest attendance over the last 2 weeks are **Walliams Class with 98.25%**. 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 over the course of the week.

| Class      | Attendance % | Class     | Attendance | Class          | Attendance % |
|------------|--------------|-----------|------------|----------------|--------------|
| Rosen      | 92.14        | Dahl      | 94.17      | Hughes         | 97.46        |
| Carle      | 90.16        | Griffiths | 97.23      | Byars          | 96.77        |
| Hargreaves | 97.02        | Walliams  | 98.25      | Lewis          | 95.42        |
| Donaldson  | 93.32        | Morpurgo  | 96.20      | Rowling        | 94.95        |
| Milligan   | 97.78        | Pullman   | 95.59      | <b>Overall</b> | <b>95.52</b> |

### **BIRTHDAY BOOK DONATIONS**

Thank you to those who have donated books to their classes reading corners; Tom W, Aoife O, Maya G, Oliver J, Zoe P, Lewis C, Melody C & Ms Pemberton.

### **CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT**

Well done to all these amazing children who have recently brought in certificates, medals and trophies; Mitchell B, Edward B, Kaitlyn G, Reeve C & Samuel H.

### **STAR AWARDS**

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

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| Huw J, Rosie M, Caleb C & Blake S (Carle)<br>Arrietty C, Milo W, Henry M & Xander M (Rosen)<br>Amelie N & Masa M (Donaldson)<br>Lola K & Billy O (Hargreaves)<br>Adway M & Yazmin M (Dahl) | Enzo H & George B (Milligan)<br>Lacey B & Alfie P (Griffiths)<br>Isabella & Jack M (Walliams)<br>Thomas H & Lexi B (Hughes)<br>Kiera M & Beth D (Morpurgo) | Sam Harris & Darcey B (Byars)<br>Freya B & Mya T (Pullman)<br>Sophie B & Emilie H-B (Lewis)<br>Ewan M & Jan W (Rowling) |
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### **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.

### **PICKWICK LEARNING ALLIANCE**



### **School Direct PGCE Initial Teacher Training**

At our school we recognise that part of our role is in training the teachers of the future and so are very proud to say that we work with Pickwick Learning Teaching School Alliance to provide a school-centred training route into teaching. We have several fee-paying places for our School Direct PGCE Primary Programme.

If you would like to train to become a teacher and would like to do so through Pickwick Learning, please see our [website](#) or go to [www.gov.uk/guidance/find-postgraduate-teacher-training-courses-in-england](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/find-postgraduate-teacher-training-courses-in-england) to [find postgraduate teacher training](#). Search for and select Pickwick Learning to find out all about our School Direct programme.

To be eligible you will need a degree and English, Maths and Science GCSEs. If you would like to apply you will need to register with UCAS and have this information to hand: our training provider code **(23Z)**, training programme code **(369B)** and campus code '-' or 'S' if you are Bristol based

For more information on Initial Teacher Training (ITT) please visit the Pickwick Learning website [www.pltfa.co.uk/school-direct-itt](http://www.pltfa.co.uk/school-direct-itt), come along to one of our Pickwick Introduction Meet and Greet sessions or contact:

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