

IVY LIFE

Like many of you, we have really enjoyed the Christmas performances this week. Watching the children in Carle & Rosen perform on stage under the lights (the first time for many) is always special. We were entertained with no less than 12 Christmas songs by Year 1 children and Gabriel's Nativity was performed brilliantly by Year 2 – the acting, singing and dancing was fabulous. Well done to all the children and staff for their hard work in their Christmas performances and thank you to all of our families for their continued support.



Next week the children have more fun and festive activities planned with YR going to the Pantomime, Y4 and Y5 children visiting Sheldon School to watch their KS3 Christmas Production, Christmas lunches taking place, KS2 Cinema Experience and KS1 Christmas parties, Y4 class celebration and also our School Choir will be showcasing their Christmas performance to parents. See School Diary opposite for dates.

For the final bit of Christmas cheer of the term, children can wear their Christmas jumpers or festive accessories on the last day of term – just for fun!

This will be the last newsletter of 2019 so the staff at Ivy Lane School would like to wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas, and a very Happy New year. We look forward to seeing you all on the first day of Term 3 on **Monday 6th January 2020** when it will be business as usual with the completion of Ivy Hall. One final thank you to our kitchen staff who have worked tirelessly over the past 7 months.

STAFFING

As mentioned in a letter sent to parents in November, we will be saying a very sad farewell to two of our wonderful Ivy Lane staff members on Friday 20th December. Mrs Burchett (Deputy Head/Donaldson Teacher) and Mrs Phillips (SENCo) will be sorely missed by all the staff and children here at Ivy Lane and we are sure you will join us in wishing them both all the best for the future.



In other staffing news, Mrs Smith (Y3 Walliams teacher) will be going on maternity leave at the end of Term 3 and Mrs Bull will be teaching in Walliams on Mondays and Tuesdays from the beginning of Term 4.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AT IVY LANE



Ivy Lane Christmas Choir will be reforming once again next week before school to bring festive cheer. They'll be under the canopy by the scooter park from **8.25am until 8.45am on the last day of term** – please feel free to join in with their unique cover versions of festive classics.

Key Stage 2 have their Cinema Experience with treats on the morning of **Tuesday 17th December**.

Wednesday 18th December is non-uniform for Reception and Key Stage 1 as they have their parties and a special visitor bearing gifts in the morning. YR/KS1 children can wear their party clothes to school.

School Diary

Term 2

- 15/12/19** – Choir singing at Sheldon Road Methodist Church at 2.45pm
- 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 (party clothes)
- 19/12/19** – Y4 Class Celebration 2pm
- 20/12/19** – Last day of term – Christmas jumpers can be worn again

Term 3

- 06/01/20** – First day of Term
- 07/01/20** – Y4 Sheldon Drama Workshop
- 14/01/20** – Y4 Sheldon Drama Workshop
- 16/01/20** – School Census and Lucky Plate Day
- 22/01/20** – Y5 Young Voices at O2 in London
- 23/01/20** – Y3 Sheldon Art Workshop
- 29/01/20** – YR Dine with Parents
- 31/01/20** – Parent Forum in Ivy Hall at 8.50am
- w/b 03/02/20** – Well Being Week
- 03/02/20** – Dance Festival at Neeld Hall
- 06/02/20** – Y3 Sheldon Art Workshop
- 06/02/20** – FOILS Valentine Discos
- 11/02/20** – Safe Internet Day
- 13/02/20** – Open Classrooms 3-5pm
- 14/02/20** – Last day of term

Term 4

- 24/02/20** – TD Day School Closed
- 13/03/20** – Sports Relief
- 20/03/20** – FOILS Quiz Night
- 25/03/20** – Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
- 26/03/20** – Parents Evening 3.15-5pm
- 03/04/20** – Last day of term

IVY LANE CHOIR

On **Sunday 15th December** at 3pm there will be Community Carols at Sheldon Road Methodist Church. The Allsorts Choirs and our very own Ivy Lane School Choir will be performing a selection of Christmas songs and carols. Please join them for an informal afternoon of singing carols. Refreshments will be available.



On **Tuesday 17th December** the Choir Carol Concert will take place at 6pm in the Old Hall and will be a wonderful way to celebrate the festive season. We look forward to welcoming family and friends to support the children.

FOILS CHRISTMAS FAYRE



The Christmas Fayre last Friday was a great success. The hall was bustling and the stalls were busy. Santa entertained groups of children in his magical grotto with stories, jokes, reindeer food and presents, assisted by his rather marvellous elves.

Events like the Christmas Fayre are only able to run thanks to the help of many. Threading baubles, numbering tombola prizes, donating bottles, chocolate and cakes, manning stalls, moving tables and sweeping floors. Every single contribution makes a difference. So thank you all.

We are pleased to tell you that the Fayre raised just over £1,300 which is a fantastic achievement and will go a long way in helping us deliver our programme of class activities and funding key school equipment.

TUCK SHOP

Can we please advise parents and children that there will be no Tuck available next week and that the Tuck Shop will re-open on Monday 13th January. Mrs Monaghan would like to thank the Year 5 children for their hard work and help since September.

YEAR 2 PANTOMIME TRIP



On Wednesday 11th December Year 2 went to see Sleeping Beauty at the Wyvern Theatre in Swindon. The show was fantastic, we loved the singing, dancing and all of the jokes! We even got to have a complimentary ice-cream during the interval. "My favourite part was when the princess and the prince defeated the scary dragon" said Eleanor, Dahl Class. "I liked it when some of the characters made up their own version of the 12 Days of Christmas, my favourite line was 5 toilet rolls" said Enzo, Milligan Class.

We would like to say a big thank you to FOILS for funding the trip and the parent helpers. We all had a fabulous day out watching a magical pantomime.

PICKWICK ACADEMY TRUST NEWS



We are delighted to welcome Ludwell Primary School into Pickwick Academy Trust family of schools following its conversion to an academy on 1st November 2019. We are looking forward to working with the children, parents, staff and governors to establish strong links with everyone connected with the school and the local community.

School Diary

Term 5

20/04/20 – First day of term
23/04/20 – Y5 Hardenhuish Primary Liaison Day
06/05/20 – Y5 Sheldon Taster Day
w/b 11/05/20 – Y6 SATS week
13/05/20 – Y5 Sheldon Taster Day
15/05/20 – Y6 end of SATS BBQ
21/05/20 – School Census – Lucky Plate Day
22/05/20 – Last day of Term 5

Term 6

01/06/20 – First day of term
15-18/06/20 – Y6 PGL Residential
19/06/20 – TD Day School Closed
24/06/20 – Y6 Chippenham Games
25/06/20 – Music Concert 6pm
01/07/20 – Sports Day (weather permitting)
08/07/20 – Reserve Sports Day
11/07/20 – FOILS Summer Fayre
14/07/20 – Y6 End of year production
16/07/20 – FOILS end of year discos for YR-Y5
16/07/20 – Y6 end of year disco (parents organising)
22/07/20 – Last day of term – **FINISHING AT 2PM**

ATTENDANCE

The class with the highest attendance over the last 2 weeks is **Morpurgo Class with 98.96%**. 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	90.96%	Dahl	94.64%	Hughes	95.86%
Carle	92.12%	Griffiths	94.17%	Byars	92.12%
Hargreaves	96.33%	Walliams	96.32%	Lewis	95.71%
Donaldson	94.48%	Morpurgo	98.96%	Rowling	94.04%
Milligan	97.67%	Pullman	94.40%	Overall %	94.93%

BIRTHDAY BOOK DONATIONS

Thank you to those who have donated books to their classes reading corners; Lyla M-B, Hugo R, Oscar S, Iris O'B and Mrs Adams.

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to all these amazing children who have recently brought in certificates, medals and trophies; Emma K, Thomas G, Reeva C, Lara D and Emma F, Arthur W, Connie B, Charlotte R, Nyah S and George S.

STAR AWARDS

The following children have impressed the staff recently:

Grace E, Gabriella, Lewis (Carle) Aston W, Frank N, Cerys J, Erin H (Rosen) Alex G, Rosie A (Donaldson) Ronan B, Riyad A (Hargreaves) Eleanor H, Poppy K (Dahl)	Amelia K, Bryce B (Milligan) Max O, Stephan K (Griffiths) Sienna K, Charlotte S (Walliams) Sophie P, Noah B (Hughes) Evan C, Rio P (Morpurgo)	Evie C, Haddy J (Byars) Freya B, Kian H (Pullman) Morgan W, Saket T (Lewis) Sophie S, Jacob M (Rowling)
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and a very well done to all of YR, Y1 and Y2 children for their amazing Christmas Performances this week.

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.