



**IVY LANE SCHOOL**  
**School Newsletter #1**  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020**



Dear all our fabulous families of Ivy Lane,

It is wonderful to have all of our Ivy Lane children back in school. We had missed having everyone on site and it was great to welcome back so many who we had not seen in a while. There is the 'buzz' of excitement and it is wonderful to hear the sound of children's voices back in school. We are extremely proud of all our children for adapting so quickly to the changes that we have made. As we are not able to hold assemblies at this time, I am visiting classrooms to see the children and Headteacher awards have already been given out. We are also looking at ways to be able to have our classes together for 'virtual assemblies' to be held in school, and I will communicate this out to you, stating what platform we will use for this.

We are aware that as parents, there is less contact with your child's class teacher, therefore, we are continuing with our class paragraphs in our fortnightly newsletter. This will give you a snapshot of what your child has been learning over the two weeks. Information will be sent out next week regarding home-learning and the use of Seesaw, as this will change now we have all our children being taught back in school. We are currently preparing our 'blended home-learning' plan which will be put in place should a year group bubble close or we enter a local lockdown situation.

Thank you to all our parents for their patience and support during this challenging time for all schools. We do appreciate that the current drop-off and pick-up procedures present some challenges for our families. We cannot compare our school to other schools due to the locality and plan of our site. I would like to express that we have explored various scenarios of how to manage the drop-off and pick-up arrangements, in particular using some form of one-way system through school. In line with DFE guidance and the nature of our school site, we are unable to safely do so at this moment in time. I appreciate that the crowding at the school gates and tunnel is far from ideal, however, we need to ensure that once all children have entered the playground, they are easily accounted for, and line up in a safe and swift manner. This enables the class teacher/TA to take the children into their classrooms before the next year group arrive. By having parents onto site, even by operating a one-way system, would still present challenges. It would be harder for teachers to easily see who is present due to having approximately 320 parents moving through the school site. In addition to this, it would be difficult to oversee that parents/carers are not arriving at their allocated drop-off and pick-up times. Due to all these factors, for this moment in time our procedures will remain in place.

Please can I ask again that parents line up in the tunnel safely, or wait at the Bellmouth and safely distance as much as possible. If after you have collected your child(ren) and do not need to collect from the tunnel gate, please could you consider walking the extra 3-4 minutes further, under the railway bridge via the road onto Spanbourn Avenue. This would avoid further problems with adults congregating on the tunnel path at the end of the school day. As advised by the government, in potentially crowded situations where social distancing is challenging, parents can wear face coverings if they feel unsafe. We are also asking for the support of our Police Community Support Officers during these times. At the end of this newsletter you will find a Covid Information page with some helpful advice/information which will be updated if necessary every 2 weeks.

Thank you again to those parents that have taken the time to send their appreciation of the time and efforts we are putting in as a school to ensure your children have the best possible start back. The chocolates went down a treat!

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy some quality family time.

Best Wishes

**Mrs H Lammin**  
Head of School



We would like to extend a very warm Ivy Lane welcome to our new members of staff:

- Mrs Addinell – Year 1 Donaldson Teacher
- Mrs Boorman – Year 3 Griffiths Teacher
- Miss Walker – Year 4 Hughes Teacher
- Mrs Martin – Year 2 Milligan Teaching Assistant

We also welcomed lots of new children and families at the start of this new school year and we hope that you have all settled well into Ivy Lane life and enjoy your journey here:

- Freddie (Hargreaves)
- Phineas (Dahl)
- Matilda (Milligan)
- Harley (Hughes)
- Frank (Morpurgo)
- Fleur (Pullman)
- Elsie (Rowling)

### Contact Details/Medical/Allergies



Please ensure you contact the school office immediately with any change of contact details, such as telephone numbers, email addresses, home addresses or change in emergency contacts.

**If your child's dietary or medical requirements have changed can you please contact the school office as a matter of urgency.**

Many thanks.



The children certainly do look very smart and part of 'Team Ivy Lane' in their uniform. Can we thank parents for their support in ensuring all children wear the correct uniform every day and wearing PE kit on their PE days.

Could we please remind parents to ensure that all items of uniform/PE bags/lunch boxes/water bottles/spectacle cases etc. are clearly marked with your child's name. This should reduce the amount of lost property that is accumulated over a period of time.



### PE Kit Reminders

Here is a reminder of the PE days for your child(ren)'s year group(s);

Year Group	Wear PE Kit	Trainers with uniform
1	Wednesday	Friday
2	Monday	Thursday
3	Monday	Tuesday
4	Thursday	Wednesday
5	Friday	Monday
6	Tuesday	Friday

Please ensure that when your child is wearing PE kit to school, they also wear a sweatshirt and bring a coat into school too.



Can we please remind parents that as we have children with nut allergies who attend our school, we do have a nut-free policy in place. Any contact with nuts can cause allergic reactions therefore we are asking for your help in minimising the risk by:

Avoiding giving children peanuts in school lunches, avoiding giving peanut butter sandwiches, other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella and snacks/bars containing nuts and reinforcing with children not to shares their lunches.



### Stars of the Week

Well done to these children who have impressed their class teachers last week. A special certificate will be handed out to the children to bring home.

#### Well done to you all

- Lilah R-W (Donaldson)
- Freddie T (Hargreaves)
- Alex L (Dahl)
- Matilda H (Milligan)
- Riley C (Griffiths)
- Noah M (Walliams)
- Harley O (Hughes)
- Esther O (Morpurgo)
- Samuel G (Byars)
- Fleur P (Pullman)
- Tess F (Lewis)
- Millie H & Zac O (Rowling)



### Birthdays

We would like to wish these children and staff a very Happy Ivy Lane Birthday from 01/09 – 13/09

- Daniel (Rowling)
- Guneet (Rowling)
- Isabella (Pullman)
- Harry (Pullman)
- Keira (Byars)
- Amber (Byars)
- Oliver (Byars)
- Layla-Rose (Byars)
- Mason (Morpurgo)
- Arthur (Hughes)
- Opal (Walliams)
- Emmeline (Milligan)
- Evie (Carle)

- Mrs Harris
- Miss Heap
- Mrs McCracken
- Mrs Mounty
- Mrs Ralph
- Mrs Spyer



This week we sent out an email to all parents/carers inviting them to fill in an on-line consent form (see link below) if they would like their child(ren) to receive the nasal flu vaccination. All year groups are eligible for this vaccine.

The Virgin Health Care Nurses will be here at Ivy Lane on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** so please ensure that you complete the on-line consent form by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

**Some children are more at risk from Flu and for these medically vulnerable children we would like to offer early clinics to ensure they are protected at the earliest opportunity.**

**If you believe your child fits into this category please contact our Single Point of Access (SPA) on Tel: 0300 247 0082 to book into a clinic that is convenient to you.**

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2020/wilts>

If you have any queries regarding this vaccine please contact the Immunisation Team on:  
Tel: 0300 247 0082  
Email: [vcl.immunisations@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.immunisations@nhs.net)



We understand that now is an ideal opportunity to take your dogs for a walk in the morning or afternoon when dropping off or picking up your child(ren). If you do need to bring a dog with you at these times, can we kindly ask that they are kept on a very short lead and are handled at all times by an adult only.

Thank you for your co-operation.



### Revised Parking Times

Wiltshire Council have kindly agreed to temporarily extend our parking permit times.  
If you use this facility, the revised times are:  
**8.30am – 9.05am in Bath Road Car Park**  
**2.45pm – 3.30pm in Bath Road and Spanbourn Avenue Car Parks**

## Messages from our amazing class teachers this week

Hargreaves

Hi Hargreaves Superstars!

What a wonderful start we have had to Term 1. You have returned to school with positive attitudes and have settled back in to the new routines so quickly.

I have worked on an activity with all of you this week and am so proud that we have so many mathematicians, authors, engineers and artists in our class!

I have really enjoyed watching all of the fantastic conversations and learning taking place in the new continuous provision areas and can see that you are enjoying exploring all of the resources.

I feel very lucky to be your teacher and am excited for the year ahead.

Miss Burrows

DAHL

Dear Dahl Class

Wow - Dahl Class, what a super start to Year 2! We have been blown away by how easily you have settled into life back at school. We've especially enjoyed watching you all play together again after so long apart.

This week we have focussed our learning on the book "Here We Are" by Oliver Jeffers, we have written leaflets about life on Planet Earth, created some beautiful space art-work and thought about why our world is so wonderful. In maths we have been consolidating our place value skills and we are so impressed with what superb mathematicians you all are.

Thank you to all of your grown-ups; we can really see what an amazing job you have done with home-learning.

It has been delightful to get to know you all over the past week and we are so excited for what the rest of the year will bring.

Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Poolman and Mrs Tiller

DONALDSON

To the wonderful children of Donaldson Class,

Well, what a fantastic start we have had to the first term. It has been so lovely to see your wonderful smiling faces bounding through the gates each morning. You have all returned to school full of enthusiasm and with endless energy.

Senora Merry and I have worked with each of you on an activity this week and we are in awe as to how much learning you have retained and continued with during lockdown. Well done to all of you and the grown-ups who have helped! You have learned the new routines really quickly and worked hard to keep each other safe with all of the changes that have taken place in school.

We have really enjoyed watching you explore and share all of the resources in the continuous provision areas. The conversations and learning taking place has been a joy to observe, there is a wonderful buzz of excitement and enjoyment.

Senora Merry and I can't wait to take you through the next phase of your learning and are very excited for the year ahead.

Mrs Addinell

Milligan

What a fantastic start to the term!

All the children have had a positive attitude and settled in really well. I have been amazed by their resilience and how they have adapted to Year 2's routines.

This week we have been reading the book. 'Here we are by 'Oliver Jeffers. From this we have created a leaflet and discussed why Earth is such an amazing place.

This led us to create a solar system picture. As a class we learnt how to layer, tear and scrunch using tissue paper to create planets.

In Maths we have been refreshing our brains with place value. Where we used dienes to add 10 to a number.

We had the opportunity to explore around the garden looking for mini-beasts and even picked some fresh raspberries.

Well done Milligan class!  
Miss Murray

## Griffiths

Griffiths class,

I just want to say a huge well done to you all for settling back into school life so well and adjusting to the changes.

You have taken it all in your stride and been fab!

I have really enjoyed our first week together as a class and I am looking forward to the learning and activities we have planned for the coming weeks.

Thank you for coming in every day ready to learn with smiles on your faces.

Mrs Boorman

## Hughes

Hughes class have had an unforgettable first week. I have been amazed by their maturity, resilience and positive attitude towards returning to school.

Our main focus this week has been ensuring that the children feel happy, safe and comfortable being back in school and re-building those valuable friendships with their peers. I have been really pleased to see the children having so much fun as a class – it's safe to say that Splat and Fish finger have become signature Hughes Class games.

We have been working on speaking and listening skills, in order to empower the children with the emotional vocabulary they need to express their thoughts and feelings. This has often been in the form of PSHE, class discussions and stories about well-being.

In the following weeks we are going to continue to work on the basic skills in maths, writing and reading whilst also giving the children the space to adjust to being back at school.

Miss Walker

## Walliams

Well, our fabulous Year 3s, you have blown us away with your enthusiasm and fantastic Ivy Lane learning attitude. You are all raring to go!

We have had a lovely first week back getting to know each other, enjoying some fun games, wellbeing activities and outdoor time. We have been really impressed with what you have remembered since you were last in school.

Walliams class have adapted really quickly to our new class and school routines and we are very proud of you. You are all top bananas! A big thank you to all our parents too for the hard work and preparation that has gone on at home ready for the return to school.

We are looking forward to lots of fun learning times ahead.

Mrs Bull and Mrs Horan

## morpurgo

What a fantastic start to Year 4!

I have been so impressed with the fantastic, calm, mature and positive attitude with which all the children in Morpurgo Class have approached, not just their learning but life at Ivy Lane.

This week as well as focussing on mindfulness and well-being we have begun to revisit mathematical strategies and think about how we can improve as writers. More importantly though we have had fun and are massively glad to be back in school, staying safe but enjoying the company and friendship of others.

Keep it up Marvellous Morpurgo Class! I am really proud of all of you!

Mr Faulkner

## PULLMAN

Pullman class have started the year back really well. The children have had a lot of time to talk with their class mates and catch up. This has generated some top speaking and listening skills and we all agree it is good to be back together!

Attitudes to learning have been super, well done to the class for being so focused. Due to this top behaviour and some great practice at home, we have had some achievements from children on their spelling and maths passports this week. Well done to them for this!

Finally Ms Metcalfe and Mrs Schonfeld have been really impressed with some incredible art learning which has gone on display. The abstract self-portraits are spectacular! We hope to post a photo on seesaw soon!

Mrs Schonfeld and Mrs Metcalfe

## BYARS

Wow Byars, I can't believe that we have finished our first whole week already! You have all been superstars this week as we have got used our new classroom routines (especially the hand washing conga!) and you have been wonderful role models when moving around the school. Our class is not just full of enthusiastic and fun Ivy Lane children, we have some incredible cartographers, budding artists and competent computer technicians! So keep on smiling, keep up the enthusiasm and we shall have a good year.

You should all be very proud of how you have settled into Year 5; I know that we are going to have fun this year whilst learning together in Byars Class!

Mrs Storey

## Lewis

During the first few days of our new Year 6 children being in Lewis class, they have really impressed me. They have all really enjoyed being back together as a class, as well as beginning to settle into the new school environment.

We have considered what it means to be a Year 6, with the added responsibility and new expectations, which Lewis class have grasped with open (and very clean) hands!

The presentation in their new books has really stood out, as well as the energy and enthusiasm being apparent at all times.

So well done Lewis class – a superb start!

Mr MacMahon

## ROWLING

Hello parents and students of Y6 Rowling!

I am yet to be properly introduced to the parents and look forward to meeting you all in due course.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the pride that I and Mrs Pratt have been full of this week. Your children have amazed us beyond belief, with everything that has been going on we weren't sure what to expect - but they have been incredible.

We have worked really hard on our class expectations and getting into routines, not just as a Year 6 student but also as a learner; something that we haven't done in over 5 months.

They are just brilliant and I am looking forward to seeing how well they progress and grow. We talked a lot about making choices and being kind (following the mantra set out in the book Wonder) and it has been fabulous to see them doing just that.

Keep it up!  
Mr Johns

## COVID-19 Parent Information

The latest information for parents from the Government with regards the full opening of schools, can be found online here:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak)

The Department for Education has a helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email:

DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

## Check if you or your child has coronavirus symptoms

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

### Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot **for more than an hour**, or **3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours** (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Please ensure you follow this guidance and inform the school that you are getting a test, and we also need to be informed of the outcome of the result.

If the test is positive, then we will work directly with Public Health England and the Local Authority to locate contacts of the confirmed case. (Please see our Parent Handbook for full opening, which has details of this.)

## WILTSHIRE NEEDS YOU TO PLAY YOUR PART

Help control the spread of COVID-19

### When you go out:



Wash Hands



Cover Face



Make space

You must book a COVID-19 test if you experience any of these symptoms:



High Temperature



Cough



Change or loss of smell or taste

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild:



Self-Isolate



Get Tested



Keep others safe

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