



Dear all our fabulous families of Ivy Lane,

I always begin my letter to you all with a comment about how busy school life is and how quickly the term is flying by. This week is certainly no less! We have battled the elements, with several downpours – thank you for your patience whilst waiting at the gates during drop-off and pick-up. We do try and move the children through school as quickly as we can. The staff are all working extremely hard to continue to keep our children safe in their year group bubbles and providing a rich curriculum.

The videographers who visited a few weeks ago to film for our virtual tour, were very complimentary about the school. This is something we always pride ourselves in hearing. We are looking forward to viewing the first 'cut' and once it is ready for uploading onto our website, we will inform you.

At this time of year, we would normally welcome our parents into school for our Open Classrooms event. Due to the current restrictions in place, we are not able to do this, so we will be having 'Virtual Open Classrooms.' Over the course of this week, teachers will be sharing photographs on Seesaw, to give a snapshot of your child's learning and pieces the children are proud of.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for supporting the 'Young Minds' Charity and celebrating #hellyellow on Friday. The children looked super in their splashes of yellow. Thank you to Mrs Poolman for organising the day and providing some delicious 'yellow themed' treats in our staffroom!



The children (and staff) are now feeling tired, and I am sure would be ready for their half-term holiday now - this is completely understandable due to the adjustment of being back in school, managing all the changes we have had to make. We will get the children outside as much as we can and have regular 'brain breaks.' I do hope that when the much-needed holiday arrives, we are all able to enjoy this as much as we can.

Thank you to all our Ivy Lane families for their continued support. Take care and stay safe.

Best Wishes



Mrs H Lammin
Head of School

#HELLOYELLOW

Today saw the children across the school supporting the 'Young Minds' Charity and celebrating #helloyellow.

They looked great in their splash of yellow and enjoyed taking part in various well-being activities throughout the day such as listening to music, creating a well-being superhero character, yoga, making mental health bunting, class circle times and much more.

There is still plenty of time to support this amazing charity by going on the website and donating! <https://youngminds.org.uk/donate>.



HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS

Due to the building work that will be taking place over the new few months, please remember that we have added an extra day onto our October half term this year. The children's last day for Term 1 will be **Tuesday 20th October**.

The first day of Term 2 is **Tuesday 3rd November**.

We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved half term break.

POST LOCKDOWN QUESTIONNAIRE

This week another questionnaire has been sent to parents/carers. This questionnaire focuses on post lockdown experiences.

Thank you if you have already completed this questionnaire, however, if you haven't managed to do this yet, please click on the link below by **Tuesday 20th October**.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfidtq_vGZBLZANj-DPL7zruSMd6A_rii1zJGrzHIHpxX_UhA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Mrs Burton
SENCO



SCHOOL PHOTOS



The school photographer will be here on **Wednesday 14th October** to take individual photos only. Please ensure that your child is wearing their green sweatshirt or cardigan on that day – thank you.

If your child's year group is due to have PE on that day, **please do not send them into school wearing their PE kit**, but ensure they are wearing trainers.

COATS & LOST PROPERTY

Can we please remind parents/carers that children **MUST** have in a waterproof coat in school every day now that the weather is turning colder and wetter. Wellies must be kept in school all the time.

We have already accumulated a large amount of sweatshirts and cardigans in our lost property boxes. All uniform needs to be **labelled clearly with your child's full name** otherwise it will not be returned to them if misplaced.

Star of
the week!

STAR 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

Max B & Grace E (Donaldson)
Xander M & Chloe P (Hargreaves)
Pippa C & Poppy D (Dahl)
Eden S & Beatrice B (Milligan)
Ella F & Rex J-S (Griffiths)
Beatrice B & Ollie S (Walliams)
Megan L & Elwood M (Hughes)
Daniel D & Henry O (Morpurgo)
Amy M & Sammy H (Byars)
Joshua B & Lexi B (Pullman)
Connor M & Josh S (Lewis)
Charlie W (Rowling)

APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE

Please ensure that you have applied for a secondary school place for your Year 6 child by **Saturday 31st October.**

Wiltshire County Council encourage parents/carers to apply on-line. Please click on the link below to apply for a Year 7 place.

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-online>



KIDS TUSK FORCE UK

Here at Ivy Lane we pride ourselves on our commitment to delivering an International curriculum where we encourage all of our pupils to view themselves as global citizens, and develop their understanding of the important role they play in both their local but wider community. Many of you will be aware that the current Year 6 pupils held an incredible fundraising event three years ago, where they raised hundreds of pounds in support of the charity 'Kids Tusk Force UK' which is part of the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust. Their amazing efforts meant that Ivy Lane was able to foster two orphaned elephants (Tamiyoi and Emoli) in Kenya's Tsavo National Park Kenya for 7 years! We were so proud of all the pupils and families involved - in fact we still are!

As part of our involvement in the fostering programme, we receive regular updates on the welfare and progress of our elephants, so you may find the following update interesting.

We hope you enjoy reading about the Ivy Lane elephants, and to all the new families who have just joined Ivy Lane - we hope you enjoy getting to know them!

For more information please click on this link:
http://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/asp/orphans_history.asp

Tracey Horan
International Learning & Languages Leader

BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish these children and staff, who are celebrating birthdays in October, a very Happy Ivy Lane Birthday

Olivia F (Rowling)	Owen G (Lewis)
Leonard H (Rowling)	Zac O (Rowling)
Joshua S (Lewis)	Riley S (Pullman)
Tessa C (Byars)	Samir H (Byars)
Teo N (Pullman)	Jasmine G (Morpurgo)
Theo R (Morpurgo)	Charlotte R (Hughes)
Millie G (Morpurgo)	Esther O (Morpurgo)
Lacey B (Morpurgo)	Chloe R (Hughes)
Evangeline LW (Hughes)	Cody F (Griffiths)
Iris Ladd (Walliams)	Riley C (Griffiths)
Dylan P (Walliams)	Opal T (Griffiths)
Savannah H (Milligan)	Laurence G (Dahl)
Rufus S (Dahl)	Billy O'S (Dahl)
Ronan B (Dahl)	Poppy S (Dahl)
Caleb S (Donaldson)	Isla M (Hargreaves)
Harry L (Hargreaves)	Amelia T (Hargreaves)
Isabella B (Rosen)	Jasper C (Rosen)
Orlaith B (Carle)	Curtis T (Carle)
Isobel C (Carle)	Gabriela BC (Rosen)
Connor B (Rosen)	

Mrs Griffin
Mrs A Sarnago-Orchard

Messages from our amazing class teachers this week

Hargreaves

Hi Hargreaves Class,
We have had another wonderful week!

In English we have been focusing on writing instructions. I was really impressed with all of the bossy verbs and instructions that you were able to identify. It has been a really fun week practising our instructions with actions on how to catch the Big Bad Wolf and it has been lovely to see you all enjoying this. I definitely think that our instructions will help us to catch the Big Bad Wolf!

For our enquiry, we have continued to look at materials and different hats. Mrs Satchell and I were really impressed with your hat designs and are very excited to see the end product.

Lots of you have moved up our class behaviour ladder this week, with many of you reaching 'You're a Star' and 'Head Teacher's Award'. This is amazing! Keep up the great learning.

Miss Burrows

DAHL

Wow Dahl Class what a busy few weeks we have had!

Our writing has been focussed on two beautiful books, Augustus and his Smile and Beegu. Your writing skills are rapidly improving and you have already made super progress since the start of September.

In Maths we have moved onto addition and subtraction and we are currently practising our fluency with recalling number facts as this will help us when we start to add and subtract bigger numbers.

As part of our enquiry learning we have been thinking about how we can help others. We loved finding out about our grown-up's jobs and how they help people. During the final few weeks of term we will be making an animation about random acts of kindness.

Well done Dahl Class on almost completing term 1 of Year 2!

Mrs Reynolds. Mrs Poolman and Mrs Tiller

DONALDSON

Hey Donaldson Class,

We have had a fantastic few weeks, as authors, beginning to look at instructions. The children have looked at how to trap the naughty Gingerbread Man and have had great fun acting this out. We have now begun to adapt these instructions to trap the Big Bad Wolf, they have come up with some very creative ideas and actions to retell these instructions.

The children have been Scientists and worked hard to sort materials, into hoops, based on their properties and will now use this knowledge to help them design hats for different purposes. We look forward to the results in our 'Hat Catwalk' show.

They continue to have fun exploring the new challenges in the learning areas and I have been impressed with their developing independence.

Have a great weekend!
Mrs Addinell and Senora Merry.

Milligan

What a great week we have had! This week, our parents/carers informed us of their jobs. The children enjoyed learning and understanding the wide range of jobs that people do and how they help the community.

We have really enjoyed reading the book Beegu and discussing the character's feelings. We have used adjectives and conjunctions to describe different characters when we created a friend for Beegu.

In Maths, we have been learning about partitioning numbers and finding the inverse operation. In RE and in PSHE we have been identifying acts of kindness and how we can apply these in school and at home.

We are starting to make our plasticine models ready for our stop-go-animation, which we will finish by the end of the term. We will keep you posted!
Well done keep up the hard work.

Miss Murray

Griffiths

Griffiths class have continued to be absolute super stars over the last week. Everyone has been showing lots of kindness and determination, as well as always having a positive attitude towards learning.

We have started our enquiry journey, becoming scientists to investigate our enquiry question: 'How can you feel the force?' We've had great fun investigating friction outside with various materials and toy cars, and also exploring magnets and magnetic materials.

We have enjoyed looking at 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers and writing list poems about our own favourite places. During our discussion about where we are and what is around us, we zoomed all the way from space to our classroom on google Earth!

Griffiths have also been super mathematicians this week and have all worked really hard on their column addition skills. Well done Griffiths for another excellent week!

Mrs Boorman

Walliams

It has been a busy few weeks in Year 3 and Walliams class have done some absolutely brilliant learning. We have used the wonderful book 'Here We Are' to think about our place on Earth and write poems about our favourite place using descriptive language. In maths, the children have really impressed us with the way they have tackled column addition to add larger numbers together.

We have had lots of fun starting our new enquiry topic 'How can you feel the force?' We have explored different forces around us including magnetism, which we will now be focusing on.

This week we have also been thinking about good manners and the children took part in a thoughtful discussion about this and its impact on others.

A big thank you to parents and carers for your continued support with reading at home five times a week and home learning. It is really helping your child to settle back into the routines of school life.

Mrs Bull and Mrs Horan

Hughes

This week I have seen great progress in Hughes Class. In writing we have started our new book 'The Iron Man', which has really got the children's imagination going. We have written character descriptions, drawn pictures and even created missing posters about the elusive and mysterious Iron Giant. I have seen vast improvements in their writing this week and was blown away by some of the powerful adjectives used in their work. We will be continuing to look at The Iron Man next week, which I'm sure the children will love! In maths, we have just moved on from column addition and subtraction to geometry. Hughes class have taken the new challenge in their stride and have made me very proud.

In other news, Bookie (our class plant) has been loyally tended to by Hughes. Bookie has managed to survive 3 weeks so far and the children have even created defenders to ensure he/she is protected over the weekend.

Mrs Walker

morpurgo

Hi Morpuglians!

What a fantastic week of learning we have had! We have seen some amazing writing, heard some amazing reading, been Gaudi style artists and even listened to some classic reggae. You have all approached every aspect of life at Ivy Lane with enthusiasm, determination, and humour and should be justifiably proud of yourselves. I have especially enjoyed our rugby sessions as part of PE and think we have some budding Martin Johnsons and Emily Scarratts!

Well done Morpurgo Class, I can't wait to see what next week brings!

Mr F

PULLMAN

Pullman class have continued to enjoy exploring our enquiry about space and our solar system. They have been developing a good understanding of how the planets move by re-enacting how planets orbit the sun. They made excellent planets of varying sizes and they all were excellent at spinning too!

The class have also been experiencing what it would be like to be an astronaut and writing emotion packed diaries. On top of this they have also been extending their geographical understanding by describing where countries are on the planet using longitude, latitude and the equator and hemispheres. They have been very busy and due to their fabulous attitude are succeeding well.

In our other subjects, we have also been learning to make websites. Watch this space, we are hoping to publish some soon. Well done Pullman class!

Mrs Schonfeld and Mrs Metcalfe

Lewis

Lewis class have had an excellent fortnight since our last newsletter update.

We have completed some great writing, with our play scripts this week being well-written but also full of humour and many of our Year 6 writing skills.

We have continued to read and enjoy our class book 'Flood lands' and today completed a very competitive quiz with our current student of the week being the Quiz master! Well done Layla G! We have also immersed ourselves into our new Enquiry, with lots of learning taking place on 'How to save lives.'

We are now planning to continue this superb effort through to the holidays, which is not too far in the distance now. It will be well-deserved when it arrives.

Mr MacMahon

BYARS

Well done for another fantastic week Byars!

This week, I have had so much fun exploring our planet in our geography lessons. What a beautiful planet we live on! Hopefully now you have a better understanding of where some different countries and landmarks are and could tell someone how to find them using latitude and longitude references. I especially enjoyed exploring the world using Google maps; we visited the Pyramids, the Sydney Opera House and the Great Wall of China!

In our writing lessons, we have been imagining that we are astronauts going on a mission to the Moon. We have found out how they prepare, what take off is like and have thought about how it would feel to be stood on the Moon. Next week, we will be using this to write astronaut diaries. I have been very impressed with all of your enthusiasm and the fantastic vocabulary that you have been using to describe how you would feel at each part of the mission.

Next week, we shall be learning why the Sun appears to move across the sky and starting to think about why the Moon appears to change shape! I look forward to another exciting week ahead.

Keep up your wonderful enthusiasm and smiles!

Mrs Storey

ROWLING

Well done this week Rowling.

What another great week of learning. We started a new way of doing maths and there was loads of enthusiasm and challenge going on, I was very impressed.

The writing was finished this week and their play scripts looked brilliant, complete with stage directions and scene setting.


We learnt all about the heart, which was both challenging and interesting but would be worth researching further at home.









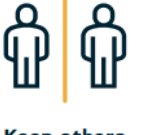
Well done, see you all next week.

Mr Johns

WILTSHIRE NEEDS YOU TO PLAY YOUR PART

Help control the spread of COVID-19



When you go out:	You must book a COVID-19 test if you experience any of these symptoms:	If you have COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild:
 Wash Hands	 High Temperature	 Self-Isolate
 Cover Face	 Cough	 Get Tested
 Make space	 Change or loss of smell or taste	 Keep others safe

#WiltshireTogether

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.)