



Dear all our fabulous families of Ivy Lane,

The buzz of chatter from all our Ivy Lane children is finally back! It was so lovely welcome all our children through the gates on Monday morning and classrooms filled once again (and to remain that way!). The teachers have worked hard this week to provide a stable and structured routine, however still ensuring flexibility within the school day to allow for well-being activities, circle time activities and brain breaks. I would like to reassure you all that this will continue, recognising the importance of the ongoing support, time and space our children need to readjust.

The next few Fridays offer opportunities for some fun sessions with Super Hero dress up next week for Comic Relief and Holi activities the following week. The final day of term before Easter is also earmarked for some kind of 'Springtime Eggstravaganza'. Watch this space for further information...

Thank you to Miss Barrass and Mrs Rafferty for organising our Outdoor Learning Week. The children certainly got stuck in with their activities and creations. Thank you to all those that left their homemade hanging ornaments, which now take pride of place on the railings outside of school for everyone to see. Megan in Pullman took the time to create a beautiful plaque, carving out the design using a wood saw.



Our new build is progressing well with the deadline still in sight. The contractors are now installing the outside wooden cladding, (with the photo below hopefully giving you a flavour of the finished look). They are also working on the outside decked areas, canopy, internal walls, electric fitting, air conditioning units.....the list is endless.



Thank you once again for your ongoing support and understanding whilst we navigate back to the organisation and routine of school life, just as we had in place before Christmas. Your patience at drop-off and pick-up is appreciated. I do hope that in the not too distant future, we will be able to come together more as a school community.

Enjoy the weekend.
Best Wishes

Mrs H Lammin Head of School

MESSAGE FROM CHIPPENHAM LIBRARY

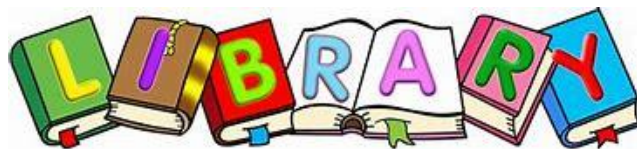
Tracy Hagar (Children and Youth Librarian) from Chippenham Library has sent us a short video which we thought would be nice to share with you all. Tracy would normally visit our school to deliver assemblies to children, however, due to the current Covid situation we are not able to do this.

"Let's work together to get our children reading for pleasure and remind families that libraries are a wonderful FREE resource", says Tracy.

To share the video with your child, please use this link.

<https://youtu.be/fl1A97342EU>

We hope that you enjoy watching the video.



DAVID ATTENBOROUGH LETTER

During lockdown, Year 2 children in school and at home wrote letters to Sir David Attenborough asking him questions about his programmes.

This week we were very excited to receive a reply! (**See next page**). Obviously he is a very busy man so he wasn't able to answer all of our questions, but we are delighted that he took the time to write to us to acknowledge that he had received the letters.



Chippenham Borough Lands are building a climbing centre for Chippenham and we are running competition until 16th March 2021 to name it.

Attached to this newsletter you will find a presentation with further information. The prize is a 6 or 12 month pass and an invitation to the opening so anyone interested in climbing would be keen to enter. Please feel free to pass this on to anyone who you think might like to know about it.

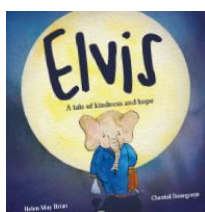
You can enter into the competition by completing this google form -
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScSGLdNTYIVm6JGTzfMiWdLbCacesU7YlwanJ9iZymKrQS-DQ/viewform>
by 11.59pm on Tuesday 26th March.



TERM CALENDAR 2021/22

We have now finalised the term calendar for 2021/22. You will find a copy of this attached, and this is also on our school website.

We still have one more TD day to be confirmed which is likely to be later in the school year.



CHILDREN'S WRITING COMPETITION

Do you have an author in the making in your family? If so, why not enter the Elvis Competition and write a 600 word story that has the theme "kindness" in it. You will find more details about this on the attached poster.

Email your entry to elvis.competition@gmail.com. Good luck!

5 Park Road, Richmond, Surrey TW19 6NS

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Dear Year Two Class Teachers

Thank you for sending me questions from your pupils.

I first received such groups of letters with questions - some sent separately, some in a bundle - several years ago. I was charmed, as indeed I still am, that the children concerned should have written to me (even though they had clearly been encouraged to do so by their teacher). So I did my best to answer them all individually.

As time passed, however, the numbers of schools writing to me increased. Perhaps word had got around among primary schools that I would answer such letters. At any rate, I had to abandon giving individual answers and instead give collective ones.

Since then, the number of such packages has increased still further. Recently, I received four such bundles in one week, each containing several dozen letters, one of which asked thirty questions. Several, of course ask the same questions but even allowing for that, between them a week's batch of letters can ask me some two or three hundred separate questions. Assuming each could be answered in about a minute, that amounts to five or six hours spent on that part of my correspondence alone.

Clearly I cannot deal properly with them all if I am also to continue making programmes. May I therefore request that you thank the children for their interest and explain that although I cannot reply to every letter individually, I am delighted to know that they find my programmes interesting.

Best wishes

David Attenborough

BIRTHDAYS

We would like to wish these children and staff, who are celebrating birthdays in the next couple of weeks, a very Happy Ivy Lane Birthday.

Deveshi A (Lewis)
Amelia J (Lewis)
Millie H (Rowling)
Finn C (Byars)
Isla W (Pullman)
Toby B (Hughes)
Paddy C (Griffiths)
Lilly T (Milligan)
Lily S (Milligan)
Luke M (Milligan)
Caesar M (Donaldson)
Monet D (Rosen)

Miss Barrass
Mrs Bottomley
Mrs Harris
Mrs Rafferty



STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to these children who have impressed their class teachers over the last two weeks.

Well done to you all

Elodie C & Penelope C (Carle)
Lyla S & Oliver S (Rosen)
Poppy K & Milo M-D (Donaldson)
Rufus W & Harry L (Hargreaves)
Laurie G & Poppy S (Dahl)
Matilda H & Clara R (Milligan)
Cristina S & Rex J-S (Griffiths)
Anya K & Opal G (Walliams)
Sienna K & Evangeling LW (Hughes)
Mason S & Alfie P (Morpurgo)
Annabel S & Gil G-M (Byars)
Sophie P & David L (Pullman)
Freddie P & Josh S (Lewis)
Tom Y & Haddy J (Rowling)



BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Thank you to those who have donated books to their classes reading corners in celebration of their birthdays:

Ed B (Milligan), Rosie M (Donaldson), Kian H (Lewis)



In-School Mentor Volunteer Vacancy

Mentoring provides children with an independent listening ear. It's quality 1-1 time with a positive, interested and enthusiastic adult who only has the child's best interests at heart.

Volunteer Mentors support primary aged school children at weekly sessions during the school day, within the school setting.

Activities which work well alongside chatting with a Mentee include: crafts, colouring, junk modeling, playing board games and cooking.

No experience necessary as full training and ongoing support are provided but an easy rapport with children and a genuine desire to support are important.

Mentors need to be able to commit to weekly afternoon sessions for a minimum of 6 months. This time scale provides enough time to get to know a child and offers consistency and continuity to enable a relationship to be established.

This role is based in Chippenham.

Please contact Vicky Watt, Volunteer Coordinator for more details and how to apply on 01249 464008, vickyw@therisetrust.org

The RISE Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all volunteers and staff to share in this commitment.

These roles are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and are subject to satisfactory references, an enhanced disclosure and barring service check and training as appropriate.

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Children's Centres
Chippenham

The Rise Trust, The Oaks, Chippenham SN15 1DU
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www.therisetrust.org



Messages from our amazing class teachers this week

DONALDSON

Well Donaldson Class, for our first full week back in school is nearly over and it has been a busy one!

I am so impressed by the way you have slotted straight back into routines and approached all of your learning with such enthusiasm. It is lovely to see you all engaging with each other and learning collaboratively just as you should be.

We have been being scientists, athletes and musicians this week; learning all about omnivores, carnivores and herbivores, we have had the chance to be cricketers and rugby players as well as using the instruments to create our own 'Carnival of the Animals' composition.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Addinell

DAHL

Hello Dahl Class,

It's been a busy, happy week with you all back in school. We have loved seeing so many smiley faces in the classroom again!

In maths we have been recapping addition, and next week will move onto subtraction. In English we have been looking at the book Meerkat Mail, and we were excited to discover that Sunny the Meerkat has visited Ivy Lane this week!

Our new enquiry is called "How are schools the same"? We have been looking at other classrooms in the school and around the world to see if we can spot any similarities.

Well done for all coming into school this week with such a positive attitude towards learning.

Have a lovely, restful weekend,

Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Arithoppah and Mrs Tiller

Hargreaves

Hi Hargreaves Class,

From the smiles on all of your faces this week, I can confidently say; you have all enjoyed being back at school!

It has been a joy to see you running around with your friends again, enjoying our class stories and engaging in your learning.

This week we have been mathematicians, using a ruler to measure; authors, writing stories about lost toys; and scientists, learning about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We have also been musicians, philosophers, athletes and artists. We have had a busy week!

You have all settled back in to the routines of school so well and Mrs Satchell and I are extremely proud of you. You are all little inspirations!

Thank you to those of you who have brought in an outdoor ornament. As you can see, they are making the school gates look beautiful.

Keep being amazing, keep being you!
Miss Burrows

Milligan

What an amazing week, we have had! It's been great to have you all back in class, there's a buzz around school, with lots of happy, smiley children. Everyone has come back with an enthusiastic attitude.

This week in computing we have been learning about different types of technology. This has led to logging onto computers and using Sketchpad to draw pictures and familiarise ourselves with typing labels.

In our new enquiry, we have been looking at different classrooms around the world and locating countries using an atlas. We have been thinking about how are schools the same? Which has led to us discussing similarities and differences.

We are really proud of you, adjusting so quickly to new routines and working alongside others.

Well done for being amazing Milligan class!

Miss Murray, Mrs Martin and Miss Stevens.

Walliams

What a pleasure and a delight it has been to welcome our lovely Walliams Class back to school. The children have absolutely surpassed themselves with their brilliant Ivy Lane learning attitude and behaviour. It is a credit to you, our Ivy Lane families, that the children have come back to school so ready to learn. A big thank you once again for all your support.

We have had a lovely week writing about monsters in English and we have had fun with multiplication in Maths. In our 'What is underneath our feet?' enquiry lessons, we have been soil detectives and we have been astounded to learn about the important role soils plays on planet Earth. Next week, we start our new enquiry 'How can we find out about people from the past?'

Spring has most definitely sprung in the Walliams classroom and we have celebrated this with some beautiful daffodil art.

We look forward to more fun times ahead.

Mrs Bull, Mrs Horan and Mrs Monaghan

morpurgo

Wow! Morpurgo Class, I could not be more proud of you!

Each and every one of you has come back to school with unrivalled enthusiasm, excitement, and inquisitiveness.

We have crammed so much learning into the first week with all of you here; from amazing arithmetic to fabulous food tasting (watch out for those wasabi peas!) and some eggy experiments.

I have been so impressed by your positive attitude and the way in which you are approaching every aspect of Ivy Lane life. You are amazing!

Have a fabulous weekend and get some rest ready for another week of exciting learning!

Mr F :)

Griffiths

Hello Griffiths class!

First of all I just want to say another huge well done to you all for taking everything in your stride as always, and settling back into school life so well. I am so sad to not be with you back in class, but it has been lovely to see you every day for our zoom story.

This week you have finished being geographers and have answered our enquiry question of 'what is underneath our feet?'. Next week we are starting our new enquiry – 'How can we find out about people in the past?' which is very exciting. I'm sure you will all be top historians!

Well done for a fab week of learning back in school 😊

Mrs Boorman,
Mrs Fahey and Mrs Pearson

Hughes

Hello Hughes class, parents and carers!

Thank you for being so wonderful when returning to school. I was blown away by your positivity and determination with getting stuck back into learning at school.

This week we have talked a lot about well-being, we have had a lot of open conversations about returning to school nerves and even made our own worry jars! Thank you for being honest and willing to share how you are feeling with your peers as it turned out we all felt a bit nervous (even us teachers!)

We have also got stuck into our 'why are more people becoming vegetarian?' Enquiry. We have looked at foods around the world by creating a world food map and we did blind food testing! We had so much fun trying different foods from around the world and talking about the flavours!

Thank you for being so wonderful. I am truly lucky to have such brilliant children as my first class in Ivy Lane!

Miss Walker

PULLMAN

It has been lovely to have all of Pullman class back together this week. All children have enjoyed learning with all their friends again. There has been lots of smiling and a buzz of learning in the classroom.

We have continued to persevere with fractions and the children are showing themselves to be really confident mathematicians in this area.

We have also thrown ourselves into our History enquiry about the Mayans. Learning about their beliefs from art and historical artefacts. They are creating their own versions of Mayan artwork superbly well and the children can feel really proud of themselves.

Well done Year 5!

Mrs Schonfeld and Mrs Metcalfe

BYARS

I am amazed by how fantastic you guys have been settling back into school life this week.

Every one of you has come in enthusiastic and ready to learn and we have had a great time catching up on each other's news!

We have had fun this week with our enquiry question 'how can you show what you believe?' focussing on the Mayans and the Inuit people. We have learnt about their beliefs and look at how these are represented by their art. We have even had a go at creating salt dough tiles in the style of the Mayan artists.

Well done for being so brilliant during this first week back and keep it up!

Mrs Storey

ROWLING

You are all back and Mrs Pratt and I couldn't be happier.

We have, once again, been completely blown away by how quickly you have settled and got back into the swing of things; remembering routines and timetables from term 2 as well as expectations from class teachers and other staff.

We have made our way (gently) back to some learning looking at Charles Darwin and animal adaptations in our enquiry, started our new class text: Holes and begun writing a character description that uses Roads End from the literacy shed as inspiration. The writing skills have been sensational and we have been working hard on being as descriptive as we can.

In maths we have started ratio and proportion so if you could ask us what we know at home and support us with further learning that would help greatly.

We are so pleased to have everyone back and will begin to start the transition to year 6 soon. Reading records back on Monday and homework uploaded to seesaw by Sunday night please.

Mr Johns

Lewis

Since our last newsletter the children of Year 6 have obviously finally returned to school.

With much excitement, and a few nerves, this has gone beyond our expectations. It has become clear how engaged the children have been at home during the latest lockdown – with the children completing some great learning already this week.

Also it has become very clear how much the children have missed the day to day friendships and routines that is an essential part of school life.

Every single member of Lewis have returned with a superb attitude towards their learning and a great enthusiasm to be back!

Well done to every member of our class.

Mr MacMahon

Has your child tested positive for COVID-19?



If **YES** you need to inform the school as soon as possible

The school will need the following information to carry out a risk assessment of who may be a close contact:

- Date of onset of COVID-19 symptoms**
(including what symptoms they had)
- Date of the test**
- Date of the result**
(and evidence of the result/ID number)
- Date your child was last in school**
- How do they get to school?**
E.g. walk, cycle, car, public transport, school transport, taxi
- If by car** – do you car share with anyone else?
- If walking** – do they walk in with anyone else?
- If public transport/school transport**
– do they know who they sat near?

Please provide any additional information you may have as to pupils or staff your child may have been in contact with during this period.

Please note: The infectious period is 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms (or date of the test if tested when asymptomatic).

COVID REPORTING EMAIL

In order to keep a track of suspected Covid cases that may occur out of school hours, we have a dedicated Covid reporting email address for parents/carers:

CovidReporting@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk.

This email address is to be used by parent/carers during **evenings, weekends, school holidays** to inform school if children or family members are being tested for Covid or if there are positive results received.

It is essential and extremely important that positive cases are reported if the results are received during the evenings, weekends or school holidays. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

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

The Department for Education has a helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parent 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)

Lateral Flow Testing households with primary school, secondary school and college age children. See web links below for further information.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

<https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

The Wiltshire WELLBEING HUB

For vulnerable people in need of support

0300 003 4576

wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

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Wiltshire Council

Wiltshire's Wellbeing Hub providing support to those who need it

The Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub is available to anyone who is struggling during this difficult time – and will now be available on Saturdays. The hub can help and provide support to those who perhaps don't have a network around them, and also signpost them to where additional help is available in their local area. Hundreds of community groups, run by volunteers, are still set up across the county, providing invaluable assistance to those who need it.

[Click here to find out more about Wiltshire's Wellbeing Hub](#)

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