



IVY LANE SCHOOL
School Newsletter #14
Monday 24th May 2021



Dear all our fabulous families of Ivy Lane,

I hope all our families are keeping well. Our children have continued to settle into their new classrooms - I love popping in for visits! The teachers are currently working very hard writing your child's reports, which will be sent out at the beginning of July. We are hoping to arrange some form of 'Open Classrooms' at the end of the summer term, so parents/carers can look at their children's learning and have an opportunity to speak with the class teachers. Once we have more information on this, we will of course be in communication with you.

As we began to see further restrictions easing across the country, from the 17th May, the DFE guidance released to schools stated that there are no significant changes in Primary schools, so our risk assessment still remains in place. Our children are now working for the most part in table groups in each class, rather than rows. This has been a welcome change for our teachers and children, who are now learning in a more familiar classroom environment. We are hoping that moving forward, within the next few weeks, we may see further changes to the guidance.

Next term, we are going to begin assemblies to allow our school to come together as a school community more – something which we really do miss. We will be restricting to two year groups at a time, with sufficient distancing between them and a well-ventilated hall.

At the end of this term, we will say a sad farewell to Mrs Martin, TA in Milligan. Her husband has secured a promotion in the Army and the family will be relocating to Devon, along with Elsie in Year 6 and Frank in Year 4. We wish them all the best in their move.

Last week we successfully appointed Mrs Chiyo Porter as the new TA to replace Mrs Martin. She will be starting at Ivy Lane on the 17th June. She is a very experienced TA, having worked at Langley Fitzurse Primary School for the past 11 years. Prior to this, she was a Bilingual Support teacher for Swindon Borough Council for 10 years. We look forward to welcoming her to the Ivy Lane team.

Thank you once again to all our Ivy Lane families for their ongoing patience, understanding and support. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions and I, or a member of SLT will also do our best to answer them.

Have a lovely half-term break when it arrives!

Best Wishes

Mrs H Lammin
Head of School

MUFTI DAY – FRIDAY 28TH MAY

To help fundraise, FOILS are holding a Mufti Day on Friday 28th May. Children can come to school dressed in their own clothes (no uniform) and donate £1 towards FOILS. Many thanks for your support.



SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS WEBSITES

On our school website www.ivylane.wilts.sch.uk, you will find a selection of useful websites that will give you additional information regarding different areas of SEND.

The padlet will be updated regularly. You will find the information here: <https://www.ivylane.wilts.sch.uk/page/?title=SEND&pid=40>

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Can we please remind parents/carers that we are not able to administer medicine to children in school. If you have antibiotics that require 4 doses a day, please arrange for a family member to come to school to administer the medicine.

Thank you.



Bug Club's Online Reading World

As you will be aware, we began to use Bug Club's Online Reading World during term 3 when most of our pupils were learning at home.

Our investment in this excellent resource is ongoing and I would like to remind you that your children continue to have access to this fantastic source of high quality reading books.

Developing and maintaining a regular reading habit is vital to secure and develop reading skills and we take every opportunity to motivate our pupils to read. Bug Club's Online Reading World allows pupils to access books that have been allocated by their teacher. These books will match their current school book band and/or current phonic phase. Pupils can continue to login to Bug Club to choose books to read and have fun completing the quizzes too. You can record this activity in your child's reading record as part of their reading at home routine.

Login to Bug Club via www.activelearnprimary.co.uk. Our school code is aqhh

You can check back in your Seesaw messages to find your child's individual username and password. Please contact class teachers via Seesaw if you are unable to locate this information and require it to be re-sent.

We hope our pupils will continue to enjoy this excellent online resource and that it will support them wherever they are on their reading journey.

Keep reading everyone!

Mrs Fahey

WELL DONE

A huge well done and congratulations to Joshua S (Y6 Lewis) who recently won a tree sculpture competition run by Chippenham Borough Lands. Joshua received a lovely £25 book voucher. The winning design has been made into a real sculpture carved out of wood and can be found as part of a new trail at Westmead Open Space. The trail should have opened last year, but due to the covid pandemic it was delayed.

MORRISON'S IN-STORE LIBRARY - "CEDRIC THE SEED" BOOK

Morrison's have created a lovely children's book called Cedric the Seed, which follows his journey from seed to tall sunflower. In conjunction with this, and as part of Morrison's Chippenham Store incentive to encourage children to read more books, they have created their own little in-store library.

Children can visit the library area to choose a book or swap it for another one when it has been read – same as an ordinary library! They would love to see lots of our Ivy Lane children visit and are also encouraging parents/carers to make children's book donations.



MRS HORAN'S SKY DIVE

Mrs Horan would like to say a very big thank you to all of the families that have donated to Dorothy House since our last newsletter. With your help and kindness, she has managed to treble her fundraising target, which is incredible!

She is extremely grateful – thank you once again.

There is still time to donate you would like to by following the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tracey-horan2>

BIRTHDAYS

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

Year 6: Farrah G, Evie H, Darcey B

Year 5: Scarlett C, Joshua B, Cayden F, Samuel H

Year 4: Max H

Year 3: Libbie H, Conn D

Year 2: Imogen B, Max O, Olivia B, Poppy D, Seryn T

Year 1: Oliver K, Ariella G, Lexie P, Charlie G

Reception: Clara W, Cade R, Luca S

Mrs Metcalfe, Mrs Horan



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

Louie K & Leo S (Carle)

Luca S & Toby D (Rosen)

Avery B & Lewis C (Donaldson)

Cameron M & George S (Hargreaves)

Cassius M & Dylan R (Dahl)

Billy P & James R (Milligan)

Oliver D & Melody C (Griffiths)

Dominic T & Vandita A (Walliams)

Violet B & Chloe R (Hughes)

Lacey W & Tiffany K (Morpurgo)

Amber K & Dylen W (Byars)

Isla W & Joshua F (Pullman)

Sophie C & Freddie P (Lewis)

William F & Guneet S (Rowling)

BIRTHDAY BOOKS

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

Billy P (Milligan), Huw J & Eva K (Donaldson) & Alicia T (Carle).

Messages from our amazing class teachers this week

DONALDSON

Hi Donaldson,

We can't believe we are nearly at the end of Term 5 already...where has this year gone?!

We have all settled nicely into our new build and the children are enjoying learning in the bright, airy classrooms and exploring all of the wonderful resources.

They have been working hard on fractions the last few weeks, understanding equal and unequal, parts of a whole and halves and quarters.

Our enquiry, 'What grows around me?' has allowed the children to learn all about where our fruit and vegetables come from, how to prepare them safely - some were a dab hand with the peeler! They have even been drawing some lovely detailed sketches of the vegetables. They also understand the different parts of a plant and what plants need to grow. We have been very impressed with their knowledge.

On a final note, we just wanted to say how brilliantly lots of the children are getting on with their reading and retention of their phonic knowledge. Keep up the great work, practising at home.

Mrs Addinell and Senora Merry

Milligan

We have had some visitors in Milligan class recently, our chicks finally hatched!! We were able to discuss how to care for them and looked at a life cycle of a chicken. The children thoroughly enjoyed cuddling the chicks, and some even fell asleep on the children.

Alongside the chicks, we have been using our Geography skills to locate different continents and ocean, using an atlas and various computer apps. In computing, we have been learning to touch type, insert a picture and make changes to the font. We have had a busy couple of weeks, with the children being enthusiastic and having a positive attitude.

We hope you enjoy your half term and have a much needed rest. Thank you for continuously supporting us.

Miss Murray, Mrs Martin and Miss Stevens

Hargreaves

Hi Hargreaves Class,

We are all feeling extremely happy to be in our beautiful new classroom. You have settled so quickly and are enjoying everything about our new building, particularly our incredible reading area and our outdoor space.

Over the last week or so we have continued to look at our enquiry, 'What grows near me?' We have been looking at how fruit and vegetables grow and we were lucky enough to have some sunshine, which allowed us to visit our school allotment. We have also looked at urban and rural locations, Mrs Satchell and I were amazed at how quickly you were able to identify the characteristics of each. In maths we have looked at half and a quarter of different shapes and quantities. You have all done extremely well and although some of you found finding a quarter a bit tricky, you showed amazing perseverance.

Although we are creeping towards the end of this term, your enthusiasm, positivity and efforts have not changed. It is great to see so many of you keen to extend your learning at home, completing the blended learning and spending time on Bug Club. It made Mrs Satchell and I smile on last week when so many of you came into class telling us how much you had enjoyed reading 'Shrek: Nowhere To Go!' on Bug Club.

Keep up the fantastic learning!
Miss Burrows and Mrs Satchell

DAHL

Dear Dahl class,

What a busy few weeks we have had! You have been keeping plant diaries to monitor the growth of the beans you planted, some of which are nearly 10cm tall now. We have continued to explore books by Anthony Browne, particularly 'Gorilla', and have planned and began writing your own stories about toys that come to life. In maths, you have been busy giving and following directions using the language of forwards, backwards, left and right and are even beginning to rotate objects clockwise and anti-clockwise. Enjoy your well-earned rest over half term!

Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Arithoppah and Mrs Tiller

Walliams

It has been a busy few weeks in the Walliams classroom. We have gone tortoise mad in our learning based on the book 'Esio Trot'. Inspired by a visit from Henry George, a real life tortoise, we became authors to write non-chronological reports and artists to create fabulous Modroc tortoises.

In our Enquiry lessons, we have become scientists to consider the question "Why do plants die"? This will come in very useful as we are also starting to grow plants and vegetables in our Year 3 allotment patch. Hopefully our plants will live!

We had a great opportunity to learn how to throw the hammer in our athletics sessions. It involves a different technique to throwing a ball and was surprisingly challenging. We all did a great job of listening to advice to improve our throw and to keep others and ourselves safe. Thank you for your hard work and enthusiasm Walliams Class - we are so proud of you all.

Mrs Bull, Mrs Horan and Mrs Monaghan

Griffiths

Hi Griffiths class,

Wow – what a fun fortnight we have had! We had a visit from the lovely Henry George the tortoise which was brilliant (thank you Ms Keogh) and then made our own tortoises out of newspaper and ModRoc! They are looking fab!

We have started our new enquiry 'how do plants die?' and particularly enjoyed learning about the Rose of Jericho plant last week. It was fascinating to watch the video of this coming back to life!

We also all had a chance to visit the chicks that hatched in Milligan class, which was great!

Thank you for a brilliant few week Griffiths ☺

Mrs Boorman
Mrs Hayes and Ms Keogh

Hughes

I cannot believe that we are nearly at the end of ANOTHER term!

This term has seen great progress in our writing! We wrote leaflets about Ivy Lane School, with the purpose of persuading parents to send their children to our lovely school. We talked about mouth-watering meals, delightful doggo, cheerful children and terrific teachers! The children have worked really hard on their presentation and spellings. The children have been particularly motivated by achieving their pen licenses and worked really hard in their handwriting sessions led by the lovely Miss Heap.

We have also seen fantastic progress with our passports. Thank you for all of the hard work you have completed at home - this really has set the children up to succeed within class.

In our enquiry, we have flowed from 'where does our water come from?' to 'what should we flush down the toilet?'. This week the children have become eco-warriors hell-bent on reducing pollution caused by humans. The children were extremely moved by the positive and negative impact that humans have on our environment and keen to share their thoughts. We talked about the 'switch the stick' campaign which started in Bristol and how the children are a generation that can make a difference! I was so proud of their maturity and empathy within the first session.

Thank you for being so wonderful! I feel rather emotional as my last term with Hughes is fastly approaching.

Miss Walker

morpurgo

Well done Morpurgo Class, this week we have been scientists exploring the importance of rivers and how they are formed, Mathematicians investigating fractions, Authors writing leaflets to persuade parents to send their children to Ivy Lane!

As usual, you have all approached these challenges with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. Well done!

Despite the weather, spirits are high in Morpurgo Class. As you know I am busy writing your reports, a task I greatly enjoy each year, and it has been lovely to think back on the year we have had together.

PS. I believe the going rate for writing you an excellent report is a KitKat Chunky. Just so you know!!

Have a great half term.
Mr F ☺

PULLMAN

Pullman class have continued to work their socks off on their learning over the past few weeks. They have been particularly engaged with our preparations for writing a newspaper report about the new building. We thoroughly enjoyed having a tour of the building and our socially distanced interviews with some of the children in Reception.

There are many budding entrepreneurs who dazzled us with great designs for refugees and we look forward to seeing them in future years helping others with their engineering skills.

Well done Pullman Class!

Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Schonfeld

Lewis

Lewis class have been really busy over the last couple of weeks. Settling into the Year 6 block like we have never been away, completing some independent writing and considering our end of year 6 assessments has taken much of our time.

In addition, we have started to take time to consider the transition to secondary schools, with meetings being held to discuss the children both with them and with their secondary schools.

We have also received some transition learning for September, which we will complete during Term 6.

So – a very busy time.

Mr MacMahon

BYARS

We have now been back in our classroom for a few weeks and have settled back into our 'normal' routines brilliantly.

We have been working hard on our geometry in maths over the last couple of weeks - recapping our angle knowledge and learning how to use a protractor! Everyone has really impressed me with their focus during these lessons.

Our next enquiry is called 'Who is trading with Whom' and we are looking forward to learning all about trade by playing trading games and learning some local history.

Last Monday, we had a visit from a Sheldon art teacher, with whom we created some incredible animal art, and we have another lesson with her this week to finish them off. All in all, it has been a very busy couple of weeks.

Well done Byars!
Mrs Storey

ROWLING

This term has been a bit of a crazy one but in a good way!

I came back (complete with bags under my eyes) following the birth of my baby boy – Max, and we moved back to our year 6 block which is so much more comfortable. Fond memories of the Year 6 "caravans" although we are all happier they have gone!

We have been working hard on narratives in writing and using our own ideas to publish independent stories and persuasive leaflets.

In maths, we have been going over some of the tricky concepts from earlier in the year as well as brushing up on our arithmetic skills.

We have also been finalising our ideas in our sketchbooks for our artwork all about sustainability and where our food comes from - we will produce an art gallery online for parents/carers to see.

Mr Johns



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@ivyane.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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