



IVY LANE SCHOOL
School Newsletter #1
Friday 10th September 2021



Dear Ivy Lane Families,

Welcome back to school and an especially warm welcome to all our new families and children in Early Years or joining us further up the school. We are all so pleased to see you here in school and ready to learn in your new settings. All our year groups have settled well and are quickly adapting to new class routines, as well as remembering to show our Ivy Lane behaviour and Ivy Lane values all around the school. We are so proud of our children for the very positive start they have made to the new school year. It is so lovely to see all the smiley faces again and the buzz around school.

It is also lovely to be able to welcome parents back onto the school site after your long absence! Thank you for helping to make pick up and drop off times a smooth and happy process by accompanying them to their lines and leaving the school site promptly, allowing us to secure the site and begin the day's learning. A reminder that if you need to speak to our admin staff, you are welcome to pop into the reception area again now. Please remain outside if someone is already in the foyer.

This newsletter has lots of new school year reminders for you after the long break. Our thanks in advance for your attention to the following;

Mobile phones on the school site

A polite reminder to all parents and carers that mobile phones must not be used at all whilst you are within the school grounds. This is an important Safeguarding issue and will be strictly enforced at all times. Thank you for your understanding and compliance.

Dogs on the school site

A polite reminder to all parents and carers that dogs are not permitted on the school site. Whilst we understand that pick up and drop off times are ideal dog walking opportunities, we would ask that if at all possible you avoid doing so. If you do need to bring a dog at these times, it must not enter the school grounds. A reminder too that around school entrances dogs must always be under close supervision by an adult and on a short lead.

PE Kit in school

All children (with the exception of Reception children for the time being) now need to bring their PE kit to school in a named PE bag and keep this on their coat peg. We require all children to have black shorts, a T shirt to match their house colour (or a plain white T shirt), a pair of trainers for outdoor PE and a pair of daps for indoor PE. For colder weather, you can also supply a pair of dark coloured joggers and a dark coloured sweatshirt. It is vital that this kit is labelled! PE lessons are underway twice a week and for health and safety reasons, as well as hygiene, all children need to wear their PE kit. We noticed some very hot and sweaty children this week who had sweatshirts and joggers but no shorts or T shirts! Thank you for your help in making sure PE kits are suitable and available every day.

Seesaw and Home Learning

Your children should all have brought home their new Seesaw code by the end of this week. Please continue to check Seesaw for Home Learning, for messages from your class teacher and to sometimes get a glimpse of what your child has been up to at school.

Home learning will begin again from Monday 13th September and will be posted on Seesaw in the same

format as before. We will continue to maintain a focus on basic skills with an emphasis on reading, spelling and maths passport targets. Please remember to fill in and sign your child's reading record before they come to school on Monday morning. Stickers for those who have achieved (or exceeded!) the 5 times per week reading at home target will continue to be issued on a Monday.

Lining up at the end of the day

We have continued to make a few tweaks and changes to the end of day arrangements for the safety and ease of all. Thank you for your patience as we have worked out what works best at the end of the day. The back entrance where Year 4 and 5 exit the building is a particular bottleneck and sometimes means children can be delayed. We will seek to address this by getting our Year 5 children to come out of the building and line up to the right or left of the double doors just before 3pm. Parents will then be able to collect Year 5 from the line and Year 4 should be able to exit the building and spot their grown-ups a little quicker.

And finally...

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together through your child's Ivy Lane journey. We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to positive partnerships that will benefit our whole school community and ensure a happy education experience for all.

Please remember if you need any further help or support, please do not hesitate to reach out via the school office.

There will be some weary children (and teachers!) at the end of the first full week back at school, so be kind to yourselves and I wish you all a relaxing weekend to recharge those batteries!

Best Wishes



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