



IVY LANE SCHOOL
School Newsletter #2
Monday 27th September 2021



Dear Ivy Lane families,

It is quite hard to believe that we are at the end of September and the October half term is *creeping* ever closer. (I hope you all managed to spot my tenuous link to Halloween!) All the children and staff are working hard and I have been lucky enough to see some super acting of the model texts the children have been learning in their Talk for Writing sessions. Our new starters children in reception are now in full time and thriving in their fantastic learning environment.

My Monday morning's are now starting off with the Headteacher's breakfast, whereby children that have earned a Headteacher's award the previous week, have the opportunity to spend some time with me, have a biscuit and share a story. It is a lovely way to start the week. Now that we are able to come together more as a school community and adjust back to some sense of normality, we are reflecting on our behaviour policy to ensure we have a fair and consistent approach across the school.



We are saying a sad farewell to new members of staff. Mrs Poolman, has made the very difficult decision to leave Ivy Lane and therefore will not be returning once her maternity leave ends. A combination of wanting to make the most of the time with her daughters and the ambition to set up as a private counsellor, has meant it is time for a career change. She has been a huge part of the team at Ivy Lane for over 7 years and we wish her all the very best of luck.

Mrs Sarah Griffin has also decided to take a different direction and has left her role as Admin Assistant, after working at Ivy Lane for 11 years and also wish her luck for the future. We have appointed Camille Whittell, who has vast admin experience within marketing and will be starting on the 11th October. I would like to thank Mrs Nowosielski for all her hard work while we have had limited staffing in the office. Also a big thank you to Mrs Adams for helping in the office during this time.

As the nights are drawing in and autumnal weather is upon us, can I please remind all children to bring a coat.

If there is anything you need to discuss or raise, then please do not hesitate to make contact with the school, either via your class teacher or the school office.

Best Wishes

Mrs H Lammin
Head of School

MUFTI DAY – FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER



Springboard

Primary school pupils from all over Chippenham will be dressing in mufti on **Friday 1st October** to show support for their local children's charity Springboard. Donations of up to a £1 would be gratefully received.

"This is an amazing example of partnership working within the Chippenham community," said Springboard Manager Jane Boulton. "Over the years, Springboard has worked with most of the surrounding Chippenham Primaries, to transition pupils with special needs into their local mainstream schools so it is fantastic that the schools have collaborated to help us reach our annual fundraising goal." Springboard provides support for pre-school children with special needs and their families in North Wiltshire. Every year the charity needs to raise an additional £130,000 over and above the funding received from the local authority in order to keep helping families that need them. Springboard is a charity which supports pre-school children with special needs and their families in North Wiltshire. Their aim is to maximise ability and minimise disability, this is done by offering specialist provision which includes a high ratio of trained and experienced staff working with small groups of children. Staff are trained to deal with any specific medical and developmental needs the children might have.

HELLO YELLOW AWARENESS

On **Friday 8th October 2021** we would like our children to come into school dressed in something yellow (e.g. a t-shirt, pair of socks, hair band etc.) along with their school uniform to raise the awareness of Mental Health. The children will be taking part in a range of wellbeing activities throughout the day.

If you would like to donate to the Young Minds charity, please click on the link to the donate page.
<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/donate/>



FOILS UPDATE



It was fantastic to see the New Starters at the Coffee Morning last week and have lots of new volunteers sign up to get involved with FOILS. Thank you as always to our volunteers and to the kitchen staff for providing fabulous cakes.

FOILS have been meeting with the school to organise our calendar of events. As things return to normal, we are excited to start fundraising again and also use these funds to provide events for the children of Ivy Lane.

This week we will restart our popular monthly cake sales. This year we are starting with Year 6 parents. The cake sale will be on **FRIDAY 1st OCTOBER** under the canopy at pick up. Could Y6 parents please bring cakes in on the morning of the 1st. Cash and card payments taken on the day.

We have also booked a pantomime for Year 2. They are off to see Jack and the Beanstalk at the Wyvern in Swindon in December. We hope they have a wonderful time.

This event and all the others you'll see over the next few months are funded through the cake sales, discos and our legendary Christmas and Summer Fayres throughout the year. We thank you for supporting us.

If you would like more information on getting involved with FOILS, please email us at foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk

SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS 2022

Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2022? **You MUST apply for a secondary school place by 12 midnight on 31st October 2021.** Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk or complete an application form available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

Will your child be four years old before September 2022? **You MUST apply for a primary school place by 12 midnight on 15th January 2022.** Apply online at www.wiltshire.gov.uk or complete an application form available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

Contact Wiltshire Council Customer Services on 01225 713010 if you have any queries.

SPARE UNIFORM DONATIONS

Our Reception classes would like to put out a plea to parents/carers for donations of girls underwear and any uniform that your children may have outgrown – sizes anywhere up to aged 6 would be gratefully received.



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

It was 'The European Day of Languages' on Sunday 26th September. Ivy Lane has held the International School Award accredited by the British Council for a number of years and we celebrate and recognise this day each year. It is an opportunity to learn about many different cultures and languages.

In each class this week our pupils took part in various activities. If you would like to do some activities with your child at home, please use the link below where you will find a range of ideas. [Click here for ideas](#)

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER



The school photographer has been in school today taking sibling and individual photos. Photo proofs will be sent home once we have received them from Fraser Portraits.

POLITE REQUEST FROM OUR NEIGHBOURS



We have received a polite request from Chippenham Auction Rooms, located in The Old Laundry next to the school, asking us to remind parents/carers that their carpark is private. It seems that their carpark is being used for morning drop offs and afternoon collections. This has led to their customers having to double park as the spaces have been used up.

As you are aware, we do offer free parking permits (for 2 local carparks) for drop off and collection times. If you need a permit please contact the school office as this is something we can easily provide.

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

Leo F, Albert B, Jasper C (Donaldson)
Fergus, Nina S, Ella-Rose D (Hargreaves)
Charlie G, Eve W, Lilah R-W (Dahl)
Julian P, Cerys J (Milligan)
Olivia H, Poppy S (Griffiths)
Seryn T, Ruby M, Edward B (Walliams)
Ella F, Ollie S, Dylan H (Hughes)
Otis dB, Lara D, Amelia K, Alfie H (Morpurgo)
Chloe S (Byars)
Charlotte S, Frankie G, Oliver S (Pullman)
George C, Gurshan L, Fleur P (Lewis)



BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Thank you to those who have donated books to their classes reading corners in celebration of their birthdays: Lara D (Morpurgo), Casper T (Dahl), Arthur W (Pullman), Jennifer D (Hargreaves) and Mrs Pratt (Rowling)

Messages from our amazing class teachers this week

DONALDSON

Dear Donaldson Class,

What a super busy start we have had to Term 1! The children have all settled really well into the new routines in Year 1 and their growing independence continues to amaze me. Well done and keep it up.

We are well into our story writing based on The Three Little Pigs and the children have learnt the story and actions with enthusiasm. Maybe they could share the story with you at home?

In maths, they are all doing very well with their number work, finding one more and one less of a given number and this week we have started to use the language and symbols for greater than, less than and equal to.

Our enquiry, 'What is my hat made of,' has got off to a great start and we have enjoyed trying on different hats for different purposes. The children have had fun on a material hunt, sorting the materials found by name and by property, using descriptive words.

All in all a great start to Year 1, well done superstars!

Mrs Addinell and Mrs Woolcott

Hargreaves

Hi Hargreaves Class,

Everyone has settled into the new routines of year one particularly well and Mrs Satchell and I are delighted that we are welcomed each morning with 29 smiling faces.

Although only a few weeks into term 1, we have been busy with our learning. In writing we have been practising the story of The Three Little Pigs. I will be recording us performing this, so keep a look out on Seesaw. This week we have been innovating this story, changing the characters, adding adjectives and writing our own stories. We have such amazing authors in Hargreaves Class.

Last week we started our enquiry; 'What is my hat made of?'. The children are enjoying this enquiry and particularly enjoyed the session where we were exploring various joining methods. We are looking forward to the next couple of weeks, where we will be making our own hats!

It has been wonderful to hear from the children that so much learning has been taking place at home too. If you have any questions about the blended learning document, please let me know.

Miss Burrows and Mrs Satchell

Milligan

The children have amazingly settled into Year 2 and it has been great getting to know them.

We have been looking at retelling the story of Pirate Tom with lots of actions to help us remember. We have focused on using adjectives and conjunctions to add detail to our story telling.

In Maths we have been learning about place value and using different resources to represent these numbers. During our Enquiry we have been finding out about different jobs and how they can help others.

Later on in the term we will be creating our own Morphs. Well done for being super stars.

Miss Murray and Mrs Tiller

DAHL

Hi Dahl Class,

We have had a busy start to Term 1. We have been very impressed with how you have all adapted to our Year 2 routines.

In English, we are well underway with our first Talk 4 Writing unit and next week we will be writing our own pirate stories.

In Maths, we have been focussing on the place value of 2 digit numbers and you have shown us what superb mathematicians you all are.

Our current Enquiry is called "How Can we Help?" and it has given us lots of opportunities to practise our skills as artists.

Well done on such a great start to life in Dahl Class!

Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Arithoppah and Mrs Porter

Walliams

Hi Walliams Class,

Walliams have made a tremendous start to life in Key Stage 2. They have impressed us with their 'give it a go' attitude, their kindness and their willingness to take on learning challenges.

We have been busy planning our own defeat a monster story after learning the story of 'The Cobbler of Krakow and Smok the Dragon Wawel'. Maybe they can tell you all about it? Well done Walliams - we think you are brilliant!

Mrs Bull, Mrs Horan, Miss Stevens and Miss Waller

Hughes

Hello Hughes Class, parents and carers,

What an incredible start of the year we have had. I cannot believe it is the end of week 4 already! We have packed so much into the last 4 weeks and I am really impressed with your attitude upon starting year 4.

We have got stuck into our talk for writing story and it won't be long before your writing your own amazing adventure stories! The children have learnt the whole story through actions and words - even reminding when I forget! We are now enjoying lots of drama activities based on our writing. You have brought the characters to life through your hilarious impressions!

I cannot wait to read your own take of the stories in the coming weeks.

Keep on being amazing!

Miss Walker

Griffiths

Griffiths class, what a fantastic start to Year 3 you have had!

It has been so lovely getting to know you all over the last few weeks and seeing all your fantastic learning.

We have had lots of fun in our first enquiry of the year 'How can you feel the force?'. You have all been super Scientists, learning about forces and friction via a carousel of PE activities and also testing the speed of toy cars on different surfaces. You have also been investigating magnetic and non-magnetic materials.

You have been brilliant Authors for our writing focus on 'The cobbler of Krakow and Smok the Dragon Wawel' story. As a class you have had brilliant ideas for mapping the story and coming up with actions to tell the story (see if you can remember the actions to tell the story to someone at home 😊)

Also you have amazed us with your place value knowledge in maths – you have all shown us what excellent mathematicians you are.

Thank you for a great start to the year!
Mrs Boorman and Mrs Monaghan

morpurgo

Wow! What an amazing start to the year Morpurgo Class! You should be so proud of yourselves! You have approached every challenge with enthusiasm, humour, and resilience.

We have already discovered a lot about the differences between sound and noise and begun to really investigate how sound is made and how it travels through different materials.

We are enjoying our new 'Talk for Writing' approach to writing and are having lots of fun learning a story before writing our own adventure stories.

Well done Morpurgo Class, let's keep on being awesome!

Mr F :)

PULLMAN

Pullman class have made an excellent start to this year, approaching all our new learning with enthusiasm and super effort. A massive well done to them for this, they are all superstars!

As a class, we have particularly been enjoying learning a myth about Perseus and Medusa as well as acting out lots of sections of the story to help us think deeply about the characters.

Our enquiry, 'What does Earth look like from the Solar System?' Is also good fun. We have spent lots of time exploring facts about space and thinking about how the solar system moves and what this looks like. We are certainly becoming a fountain of knowledge about the subject and are still looking forward to learning more in the coming weeks.

Mrs Schonfeld and Mrs Metcalfe

ROWLING

Well done for another fantastic week Rowling!

In the last couple of weeks, we have enjoyed being scientists and leaning about how our circulatory system works and even made some gory blood! Hopefully now you have a better understanding of how your body works and some ways to keep it healthy. We will be following this up with an investigation into why we need to exercise and the effect that it has on our hearts.

In our writing lessons, we have been finishing our suspenseful narratives and I have been very impressed with the vocabulary choices and enthusiasm that everyone has shown during our class writing time. I am looking forward to another week of exciting learning net week.

Keep up your wonderful enthusiasm and smiles!

Mrs Storey

BYARS

We are back and up and running in 5 Byars. It has been an immensely busy last few weeks for us all and we have achieved some amazing things.

In maths, we have been looking at numbers up to 1 million (that's a lot of zeros) and how to round, which we think we are pretty awesome at.

We have been looking at the grizzly defeating a monster story of Medusa and Perseus and this week started to write our own version. We are reading Macbeth and Gargantis and were thrilled to be given a signed copy of Thomas Taylors' latest book Shadowghast (which isn't even on the shelves yet) after we sent him a tweet.

In PE, we are looking at two invasion games - tag rugby and netball - and have really got to grips with Livin on a Prayer in our music lesson!

Keep reading widely and often and don't forget reading records on a Monday please.

Mr Johns

Lewis

Lewis class have had an inspired last few weeks.

Every child in class has made a huge effort with their learning – all impressing me with their effort and enthusiasm towards their learning. In particular, class have continued to learn our class narrative and have performed it with real gusto!

Maths has included increasingly difficult Arithmetic and written methods – well done to all for working hard on this! Also our Enquiry has allowed some well-presented learning on the heart and how to keep it healthy.

So – well done Lewis. You are doing brilliantly!

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-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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