



IVY LANE SCHOOL
School Newsletter #13
MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2022



Dear Parents/Carers of Ivy Lane,

Welcome back to school and an especially warm welcome to all our new families and children in Early Years (Nursery and Reception) 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. We are so proud of our children for the very positive start they have made to the new school year, looking smart and certainly ready to learn. Our new staff have also settled well, with Mr Butterfield, our Assistant Deputy Head in Hughes, Miss Green in Reception and Mr Prince in Morpurgo Class.

Friday last week was certainly a strange day for us all. It began with a slightly adapted celebration assembly to acknowledge the sad news about Queen Elizabeth. The focus was very much on recognising her long service, linking back to our happy celebrations of the Platinum Jubilee. We were able to share a card we received from the Queen at Balmoral over the summer acknowledging our cards that were sent, which was a special moment for everyone. This then followed onto our usual Star Awards and recognition of a great start to the new school year.

Thank you once again for all your understanding with our impromptu school closure due a lack of water as a result of a burst water pipe locally. It certainly was not the outcome of our first full week we were expecting! Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to work together through your child's Ivy Lane journey. We are very excited about the year ahead, looking forward to positive partnerships that will benefit our whole school community and ensure a happy education experience for all.

If you would like advice about supporting a child, or children following the recent sad events, then please do get in touch with Mrs Adams, our Pastoral Manager, who will be able to offer signposts of support. A reminder that we welcome any general queries or concerns, so please do not hesitate to reach out via the school office.

Mrs H Lammin Head of School

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
12/09	Y4 Swimming lessons start
20/09 3pm-4.30pm	Open afternoon for Reception 2023 admissions
26/09	Teacher & Sports coach led clubs begin
28/09	School Photographer in school
29/09	New YR (Reception) parent's coffee morning – Ivy Hall
3/10	Harvest Festival Day
4/10 3pm-4.30pm	Open afternoon for Reception 2023 admissions
6/10	Lucky Plate Day for School Census
11/10 3pm-4.30pm	Open afternoon for Reception 2023 admissions
17/10 3pm-4.30pm	Open afternoon for Reception 2023 admissions
18/10 3pm-5pm	Open Classrooms – YR – Y6
19/10	Last day of Term 1
20/10 – 30/10	Half Term – school closed
31/10	TD Day – school closed
8/11 3pm-4.30pm	Open afternoon for Reception 2023 admissions
18/11	School flu nasal vaccinations YR – Y6 (more info to follow)
w/c 21/11	No Teacher & Sports coach led clubs due to Parents evenings
22/11 3.30pm-7pm	Parents Evening
24/11 3.20pm-5.30pm	Parents Evening
13/12	Nursery, Reception & KS1 Christmas Dinner. KS2 Party Packed Lunch
15/12	KS2 Christmas Dinner. Nursery, Reception & KS1 Party Packed Lunch
16/12	Last day of Term 2
17/12-2/01/2023	Christmas Holiday



FOILS COFFEE MORNING

FOILS will be holding an EYFS Coffee Morning on **Thursday 29th September** at morning drop off. This will be held in the Ivy Hall and will be an opportunity for our new parents to meet other parents who have children in the EYFS. Come along for an informal catch up, meet some new faces, alongside a tea or coffee and some delicious cake.



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2023

We would like to give you prior warning of the school closing at **1.30pm on Tuesday 25th July 2023**.

This will mean that there will be no Afterschool provision on that day.

MOBILE PHONES

Please remember that mobile phones should not be used by parents/carers whilst on the school grounds.

This is for safeguarding purposes, so please adhere to this rule to avoid a member of staff approaching you to request that the phone is switched off or put away in a bag/pocket. Thank you for your understanding and compliance.



LOST PROPERTY & LABELLING

Please can we ask parents/carers to label **all uniform, coats, PE kits, lunch boxes and water bottles**. There is always a large amount of items that end up in the lost property area which is never claimed.

Lost property will still be located by the back door of the main school building. Anything named will be returned to its rightful owner, however, if it is unnamed it will be kept for 2 weeks and then disposed of accordingly. This is due to being unable to keep on top of the huge amount of lost property that builds up.

Many thanks for your understanding.

SNACKS Y3-6

Can we please remind parents/carers that children in Y3 to Y6 will need to bring in a **healthy** snack from home for their mid-morning break.

Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school. We have several children within the school with severe nut allergies, therefore please ensure all snacks are nut free.



THRIVE PLEA

If you have any shimmery, shiny, sequined material lying around at home not being used, please donate this for our thrive rooms within school to help create a cosy sensory room.

Any of cuts of a metre or more would be greatly appreciated.

EARRINGS

Children who wear stud earrings in school will be asked to remove these for PE (we will provide the children with little envelopes for safe keeping).

If your child cannot remove their earrings, please provide them with some Microporous tape to cover their ears during PE.

RISING STARS SPORTS CLUBS

Rising Stars clubs are designed to engage young people aged 8-16 years with SEND into sport and physical activity. The emphasis is on engagement and having fun rather than being competitive with games developed to be inclusive for all.

The clubs deliver a variety of sports and games including ball skills, relay races, throwing games as well as sport specific sessions such as football, tennis and athletics.

Clubs take place in the following venues during term time:

- **Salisbury:** Wednesdays 5-6pm at Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre
- **Trowbridge:** Wednesdays 4.15-5pm at Trowbridge Sports Centre
- **Chippenham:** Thursdays 5-6pm at Sheldon School

For further information please contact Rob Paget, Disability Sports Development Officer on Robert.paget@wiltshire.gov.uk



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

All of Rosen for settling in well (Rosen)

All of Carle for settling in well (Carle)

Ruby G (Donaldson)

Effy-May (Hargreaves)

Curtis T (Dahl)

Isobel C (Milligan)

George G(Griffiths)

Avery B (Walliams)

Lily-May L, Sophina B (Hughes)

Senan H, Amelie B (Morpurgo)

Phoebe E (Pullman)

Alfie W (Byars)

Ethan T (Lewis)

Arlo B, Harley R (Rowling)



ALTERNATIVE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

If there is someone else collecting your child(ren) at the end of the day, please call the school office before 2pm if possible with details of who is collecting.

As we receive a high volume of daily emails our preferred method of communication for collection arrangements is via a phone call. If you do need to email the school regarding collections, please ensure that you add your child's class or teacher in the email.

Many thanks for your anticipated support with this.



SCIENCE MUSEUM – VOYAGE TO THE END OF IMAGINATION EXHIBITION

Guided by an artificial intelligence of alien origin, you will be placed at the heart of an exciting science fiction adventure. Board and explore a unique spaceship, scout an unknown planet, and investigate how scientists and science fiction creators have imagined and built new worlds to better understand our own.

This exhibition will run from 6 October 2022 to 4 May 2023, is recommended for ages 8+ and tickets cost: £20. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

For more information and to book please click [HERE](#).

BIRTHDAY BOOKS

Thank you to those who have donated books to their classes reading corner in celebration of their birthday:

Ethan B (Hargreaves)

Grace E (Griffiths)

Megan L (Lewis)



Wiltshire's Wellbeing Hub

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.



The Wiltshire
WELLBEING HUB
For vulnerable people in need of support

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We have now received confirmation from the DfE that Monday 19th September will be a Bank Holiday and as such schools, colleges and nurseries are to close as a mark of respect for Her Majesty the Queen. School will therefore be **closed on Monday 19th September.**



'Thank you, Ma'am, for everything.'
Paddington Bear

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