



**IVY LANE SCHOOL**  
**School Newsletter #7**  
**FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023**



Dear Parents/Carers of Ivy Lane,

Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope you all had a restful Christmas break.

We have welcomed some new faces in our Sunflowers Class. The children have enjoyed spending time learning about the different parts of our school, with trips to the library. We also have welcomed Adiat in Reception and Nicola to Year 3. We now have 404 on roll in our main school, with 38 children in our Nursery setting, which is fantastic.

The first two weeks of term 3 have started well, with the children getting stuck into their learning. Our second group of Year 6 children completed their Bikeability training, with the weather holding out for them. There was a hub of excitement during Year 4's hook for their Talk for Writing unit, with their own version of Blind Date, with Prince Charming finding his true love. The Year 5 children are also working hard practising their songs for the Young Voices concert which is to be held in Birmingham at the end of the month.

Our wider opportunities have started again with the next round of teacher led after school clubs that begun this week. The children have been enjoying some maypole dancing, comics, craft, board games and drama. We are lucky to have such dedicated teachers who are willing to offer a variety of clubs. A group of Year 4 children have visited Hardenhuish for a multi-sports event this morning and had an enjoyable time.

So, all in all, a busy 9 days at Ivy Lane!

**Mrs H Lammin**  
 Head of School

**DATES FOR THE DIARY**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
13/01	<b>Y4 (selected number) Multi-skills event at Hardenhuish</b>
18/01	<b>Y6 Online Safety being delivered by our local PCSO</b>
19/01	<b>Lucky Plate Day – School Census day</b>
20/01	<b>Y5 (selected number) Hockey quicksticks festival at Hardenhuish</b>
23/01	<b>Y5/6 Career fayre in Ivy Hall</b>
26/01	<b>Y5 Young Voices at World Resorts Arena in Birmingham</b>
07/02	<b>Dance Festival in Neeld Hall</b>
08/02	<b>School Choir singing at Neeld Hall at 2.30pm</b>
09/02	<b>YR Trip to the Wild Place in Bristol</b>
10/02	<b>TD Day</b>
13/02-19/02	<b>Half Term</b>
02/03	<b>World Book Day – More info to follow</b>
17/03	<b>Comic Relief Day – More info to follow</b>
17/03	<b>FOILS Quiz in Ivy Hall at 6pm – More info to follow</b>
21/03	<b>Parents Evening 3.15-5.30pm</b>
23/03	<b>Parents Evening 3.30-7.00pm</b>
03/04 – 16/04	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
08/05	<b>Bank Holiday due to Kings Coronation</b>
25/05	<b>TD Day</b>
26/06	<b>TD Day</b>
25/07	<b>Last Day of Term – Finishing at 1.30pm</b>

## SMART WATCHES

Please be aware we do not accept any Smart watches in school due to safeguarding reasons.

The only watches that are permitted in school are digital or analogue watches.

Many thanks for your co-operation.



## teachers2parents

A gentle reminder that if you have the teachers2parents app downloaded onto your mobile devices, school text messages sent out will be delivered to the app, rather than where you would find your usual text messages.

Please ensure that you check your teachers2parent app on a regular basis so that you are kept up to date with any message sent.

## SCHOOL DINNERS & PACKED LUNCHES

We have recently had a number of children in KS1 (YR, Y1 and Y2) bringing in packed lunches from home even though a hot school dinner has been booked for them. Please ensure you only book school dinners on the days your child(ren) will eat them.

If a child brings in both a packed lunch and has a school dinner booked, we will contact parents to advise that the child will eat their school dinner and bring the packed lunch home at the end of the day. Due to the current cost of living crisis we would like to avoid large amounts of food waste at lunchtimes.



## SCHOOL DINNER COLOURED BANDS

If you find any of our red, yellow or green dinners bands at home please could these be returned to school.



## HAIR ACCESSORIES

Please ensure all hair accessories are kept plain and as minimal as possible. We are starting to see large and very colourful hair accessories that can be distracting in class and are not part of our school uniform policy. Children can wear plain headbands and small hair bobbles. Many thanks for your co-operation.



## LOST PROPERTY

Lost property will be cleared on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January. We have 3 boxes full of gloves, hats and scarfs, as well as a large number of jumpers and cardigans unnamed.

Please remember to write your child's name on their belongings as they will then always find their way back to their rightful owners.



## BIKEABILITY

Another 2-day Year 6 Bikeability course took place last week. The children all received Level 1 & 2 certificates and these were handed out in Celebration Assembly this morning. They endured some wet weather over the 2 days, however, the Instructors were all very complimentary about their behaviour, so well done to all that took part.



## MUSIC ACHIEVEMENT

Esther O'C recently passed her grade 2 trumpet with Merit! A super achievement for her first ever music exam. Well done Esther that is amazing news to celebrate.

## YR & KS1 FREE FRUIT

Please accept our apologies that there was no free fruit available today. Unfortunately, this was down to a supplier issue.

Some of our lovely parents brought in bags of fruit for the children which was gratefully appreciated – thank you so much for your generosity.



**BATH RUGBY**

# Skills Series

SCANME

MONDAY 23 JANUARY & FRIDAY 27 JANUARY

**SALISBURY RFC** **MIDSOMER NORTON RFC** **WIMBORNE RFC**



## 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

Adiat R, Leo G (Rosen)  
Eliza B, Ben G (Carle)  
Elias T, Safin H (Donaldson)  
Lucas S, Noah M (Hargreaves)  
Alex M, Oliver S, (Dahl)  
Nina S, Luca S (Milligan)  
Sylvie C, Caleb S (Griffiths)  
Lilah R-W, Huw J (Walliams)  
Kaitlyn W, Poppy D (Hughes)  
Aoife O'M, Billy P (Morpurgo)  
Christian D (Pullman)  
Otis de B, Enzo H (Byars)  
Christopher H, Declan J (Lewis)  
Maisy O'D, Violet B (Rowling)

## BIRTHDAY BOOKS

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

Oliver B (Donaldson)  
Louis De B (Hargreaves)  
Penelope C (Dahl)  
Cameron M, George S (Walliams)  
Iris O'B (Griffiths)  
Matilda H (Morpurgo)  
Senan H (Morpurgo)  
Henry O'B (Lewis)  
Mitchell B (Lewis)  
Mr Butterfield, Mrs Monaghan



## MESSAGES FROM OUR AMAZING CLASS TEACHERS THIS WEEK

**Carle** & **ROSEN**

The children have settled back into school admirably and it has been lovely listening to them talk about their Christmas celebrations with family and friends.

This term we are now focusing on animals with our Talk for Writing story being 'Dear Zoo'. The children have enjoyed telling their own animal stories to their friends and acting them out in our Helicopter story carpet sessions. We have noticed some budding actors and fabulous story tellers.

In the creative area the children have been drawing and making animals, showing off their artist flair and creative talents.

We are all so excited about our trip to Wild Place at the end of the term.

**DONALDSON** & *Hargreaves*

Welcome back, we hope that you all have had a relaxing break. In Year 1 we are looking forward to learning about different artist that have use pointillism. Then children will create artwork inspired by their chosen artist.

In Maths we will be developing our place value knowledge up to 20, comparing and ordering numbers.

Towards the end of this term, we will be taking part in our third outdoor learning session.

Thank you for your continuous support.

Year 1 team

**DAHL** *Milligan*

Hello Milligan and Dahl Class,

Welcome back to Term 3...almost halfway through Year 2!

We have started this term learning all about money, in maths. The children have been using their knowledge of coins and notes to buy things. They have also looked at different ways to make the same amount. We are combining our knowledge of more than and less than to compare amounts of money next.

In writing, we have been learning the story of Kassim and the Greedy Dragon. The children were excited to receive a delivery from Tails.com and were keen to discover what was hidden inside the box with the warning - beware fire breathing animal! We have now opened the box and the dragon is watching over them to make sure they are focused on their learning. So far, we have learnt about writing techniques to build suspense and the use of similes when describing - the children will then use these techniques to write their own warning tale.

Our enquiry this term, has involved comparing our classroom with other classrooms in the UK and around the world. The children discovered that classrooms come in all shapes and sizes and some learning even takes place outside! The only thing that remains the same is that there are always teachers and learners. We have also looked at physical and human geographical features - what this means and we have identified these, using a key, on a map of Chippenham. We will extend this by comparing our local geographical features with another location in the world.

We are lucky to have a specialist PE teacher coming in this term to deliver Yoga sessions - we are all looking forward to feeling more mindful and relaxed after these sessions!

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Addinell, Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Fahey and the Year 2 team.

We've had a fantastic start to this term in Year 3. The children have returned from their Christmas break with excitement and enthusiasm.

Our new Enquiry is 'What is the difference between surviving and being healthy?'. As part of this, we have had two lovely afternoons of being artists where we have used our knowledge of colour mixing to create specific colours as well as printing using foam board.

Our new PE focus is 'Fitness'. We had a wonderful time completing a fitness circuit on the playground. Year 3 have been enjoying reading *The Puffin Keeper* by Michael Morpurgo. This is a story all about a young boy who is rescued from a ship in a storm by a brave lighthouse keeper. We can't wait to find out what happens next!

After such a brilliant start, we are really looking forward to learning alongside your children once again.

Mrs Boorman, Mrs Bull, Mrs Horan, Mrs Metcalfe, Senora Merry, Mrs Monaghan and Miss Moxey

## Hughes

Firstly, Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great Christmas!

Secondly, we have hit the ground running this term and the children have been extremely enthusiastic and engaged with their learning. In reading, we have been exploring a non-fiction text called 'Chocolate: From bean to bar'. We have been discussing the differences between fiction and non-fiction texts whilst learning about how chocolate is made.

We have made a start on our new writing topic 'Rags to Riches' by learning the story of Cinderella. In maths, we have been learning how to multiply and divide by 10, and 100. Our Enquiry question this term is 'Why are more people becoming vegetarian?' and we have been sharing some great ideas on this topic and exploring where food comes from around the world using our atlas skills.

I'm really looking forward to the term ahead and getting stuck into our new learning!

Mr. Butterfield.

## morpurgo

Happy New Year Morpurgo Class! We've had an amazing start to 2023 and term 3. The highlight of the term so far is without a doubt our 'Cinderella Bliiiiind a Daaaaate' (said in the announcer from Cilla Black era Blind Date's voice obviously) where Prince Charming used his powers of deduction, along with a lost glass slipper (Dr Marten boot) to find his lost love. This was used as the hook for our new Talk for Writing unit where we will be describing fairy tale settings.

Well done for a fantastic start to the year Morpurgo Class and keep it up!

Mr F :)





Hello Year 5,

What a wonderful start to term 3 we have had!

In writing we have been looking at suspense writing with a focus on the terrifying tale of Alma. We have been extremely excited about learning how to make the reader eager with anticipation about what will happen next. I cannot wait to see what suspenseful stories you come up with at the end of this term!

In reading we have read intriguing story 'The Viewer'. We have loved looking for hidden clues in the story and trying to understand what happened. We created our own 2020/21 viewer based on big events that have happened over this time.

In our enquiry 'How can you show what you believe in?' we have been looking at the ancient civilization Mayas. We had a whole day where we learnt about Maya beliefs, religious rituals and gods. We even got to try Xocolatl (hot chocolate) - which had mixed reviews!

We also had a Hinduism learning day! We learnt about how Brahma can be everywhere and in everything. We loved hearing stories about Rama and Sita, Ganesh and Lakshmi.

Miss Walker and Mr Johns

## ROWLING

What a great start to 2023 Rowling!

We have begun the year as we mean to go on - having fun but working hard! Those who completed their bikeability qualification last week, not only enjoyed themselves but were praised by the instructors for their concentration and dedication as well as how caring and supportive they are of each other. This is something that is great to hear and something that they should be very proud of.

In our enquiry lessons in the next couple of weeks, we will be engineers as we look into bridge construction and during maths we will be learning about area and perimeter.

Thank you to everyone at home for the support with the children's revision guides as we have got off to a great start with these.

## Lewis

Firstly, a hugely happy new year to all our parents and families – hope it's a great 2023 for you all.

Lewis class have returned for the new year full of energy and enthusiasm. We have now started to really focus on our writing, as well as continue our focus on Arithmetic too. All of Lewis class have reflected on our progress in these areas since September and we have continued to consider our learning for the remainder of the academic year.

Our Enquiry entitled 'Who are the best Engineers – The Stone Age or Victorians', has produced some excellent learning too. Some careful research has been completed, with our D.T. project using Modroc approaching fast...

Well done Lewis class. A great start to 2023.

# 9 MENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUR CHILDREN

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## WORRY TIME

- Set aside a time each day for your child worry. Discuss with your child how long the worry time will be for. In this time your child can write down their worries, discuss them with your or problem solve to overcome them

## THOUGHT CHALLENGING

- Help your child to write down any unhelpful thoughts they that experience. Try to challenge them with your child and come up with more realistic and helpful ones

## BEING PRESENT

- Help your child to be present and live in the moment. Go for a walk and see how many different things you can both take in with all your senses

## ACTIVITY PLANNING

- Create an activity diary with your child and help them to schedule in some pleasurable and achievement related activities

## TALKING ABOUT FEELINGS

- Why not create a time each week where your child can speak to you about their thoughts and feelings

## 3 GOOD THINGS

- Before bed spend some time with your child to identify and write down three good things they achieved from the day

## WELLBEING

- Support your child to look after their wellbeing. Cook healthy meals with them, exercise or play sport with them and make sure they are getting enough sleep

## IMAGERY

- Work with your child to imagine themselves in an imaginary future where everything has turned out in a positive way

## THOUGHT TESTING

- Try setting out some simple activities to help your child test out the validity of a thought.



### 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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