



IVY LANE SCHOOL
School Newsletter#2
FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2023



Dear Parents/Carers of Ivy Lane,

The first few weeks of the autumn term have flown by and it is lovely to see our Ivy Lane children established in their new class routines and learning enthusiastically.

Many of our classes have enjoyed their orienteering day, getting to know the orienteering course that has been recently installed around the school grounds and beginning to develop their navigation and map reading skills. This activity is planned for all classes in the coming weeks as we aim to familiarise all children with this amazing resource and then build it into our outdoor learning opportunities across the curriculum.

You will notice that this newsletter is shorter than the last one. Its purpose is to keep you up to date with important dates and notices. Moving forwards, we will continue to send a newsletter fortnightly but will only include class paragraphs in every other newsletter.

Wishing you all a happy autumnal weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs H Lammin
Head of School

PLEASE SEE THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR USEFUL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TD Days 23/24

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LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2024

We would like to give you prior warning of the school closing at 1.30pm on Tuesday 24th July 2024.

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

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.



SCHOOL COATS

With autumn approaching along with cooler and wetter days, please ensure that waterproof coats are brought into school every day.



#HelloYellow

Don't forget we will be taking part in #HelloYellow on Tuesday 10th October 2023 to raise awareness of World Mental Health Day. The number of young people in need of mental health support is growing faster than ever.

We will be joining thousands of other schools by wearing yellow to show young people that how they feel matters and they deserve to feel supported.

To take part, children are invited to wear something yellow to school on Tuesday 10th October 2023 along with their school uniform. For example, a t-shirt or sweatshirt containing yellow, hair accessory, socks, or even a badge or wristband.

We are not asking for donations to be brought into school, however, please donate via the following if you wish to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/helloyellow2023>

SCHOOL PHOTOS

As you know school photographs were taken this week.

We will shortly be receiving the photo proofs which will be sent home. All orders as usual are to be placed on line – full details on this will be given on the proofs.

A deadline order date will be communicated out to parents/carers next week once the photo proofs have been sent home.

FRASER
PORTRAITS

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.



Our first fundraiser this year is the Autumn Disco in Ivy Hall on Thursday 12th October for Years 1-6. Noting the early date in October and in order to be more inclusive, we are not encouraging Halloween costumes.

We look forward to inviting Reception children to come along for the Spring Disco when they're more settled into school.

All discos are drop-off events with teachers and FOILS volunteers there to supervise and run the tuckshop. Please pay in cash on the door and bring change to keep the queue moving.

4:15-5:15pm for Years 1-3. Entry is £4 to include a sweet bag.

5:30-6:30pm for Years 4-6. Entry is £3 with sweets and crisps to buy at 50p per item.

Our Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 2nd December and planning is already underway behind the scenes. If you have a small business and would like to run a stall, the pitch fee is a £15 donation. We are taking applications now so do get in touch although we can't guarantee there will be a space available for all who apply.

We are pleased to have welcomed some new volunteers following the Reception coffee morning. Joining the team is a great chance to get involved with the school community and raise funds for more resources and experiences for our children. There are no commitments or meetings, we just ask you to help at events when you can.

Contact us anytime on foils@ivy lane.wilts.sch.uk



BIRTHDAY BOOKS

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



Matilda H (Carle)
George S (Rosen)
Evie C (Walliams)
George B (Rowling)

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



Harry C-S, Maddison D (Donaldson)
Fifi M, Mia G (Hargreaves)
Imogen E, Keeley-Rae P (Dahl)
Scarlett L, Lucas S (Milligan)
Demi-Leigh C, Jenny D (Griffiths)
Maggie H, Harper H (Walliams)
Maebh O'H, Avery B (Hughes)
Erin H, Julian P (Morpurgo)
Emmeline H, James R (Pullman)
Sam H, Connie B (Byars)
Finley H, Cristina S (Lewis)
Thomas W, Henry G (Rowling)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
10/10/23	Nasal Flu Vaccinations for YR – Y6
12/10/23	FOILS Autumn Discos Year 1 – 3: 4.15-5.15pm Year 4-6: 5.30-6.30pm
17/10/23	Open Classrooms
21/11/23	Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
23/11/23	Parents Evening 3.20-5.30pm
23/11/23	Year 5 visiting Hardenhuish School for Taster day (further details will be sent out)
02/12/23	FOILS Christmas Fayre
12/12/23	KS2 Christmas Dinner. Nursery, Reception & KS1 Party Packed Lunch
14/12/23	Nursery, Reception & KS1 Christmas Dinner. KS2 Party Packed Lunch
19/12/23	Last day of Term
04/01/24	First day back of 2024
24/01/24	Y5 to Young Voices in Birmingham
09/02/24	TD Day
28/03/24	TD Day
19/03/24	Parents Evening 3.20-5.30pm
21/03/24	Parents Evening 3.30-7pm
26/03/24	FOILS Spring disco Year Reception-2 4.15-5.15pm Year 3-6 5.30-6.30pm
24/06/24	TD day
01- 03/07/24	Y6 Residential to Hooke Court
06/07/24	FOILS Summer Fayre
10/07/24	Open Classrooms 3-5pm
11/07/24	FOILS Summer Disco Year Reception-2 4.15-5.15pm Year 3-5 5.30-6.30pm
18/07/24	Y6 Ivy Fest 5-6.30pm
24/07/24	Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am
24/07/24	End of Term 1.30pm finish – there will be no After School Club available

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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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✉ wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

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