



IVY LANE SCHOOL
School Newsletter #4
FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2023



Dear Parents/Carers of Ivy Lane,

Our children have made a smooth start to term 2 following the break at the end of October. They are arriving a little more wrapped up each day as the temperature begins to fall!

With darker evenings in mind, our KS1 and 2 children have all had assembly time to think about how to stay safe and be seen. For Years 1, 3 and 6 this has been backed up through Walk Safe Road Safety Training.

As part of FOILS' commitment to fund special experiences for each year group, Year 3 and Year 5 enjoyed a fabulous Planetarium visit this week, enhancing their current enquiry learning by giving them an outer space experience. Read the full report from this special event later in this newsletter.

Today's sunshine has been welcomed by footballers from Year 5 and 6 who are taking part in a much-anticipated Football Festival at Stanley Park – there will definitely be some muddy kit to deal with!

We have exciting baby news to share! Two beautiful baby girls arrived just as term 2 began. Mr Butterfield and his wife welcomed baby Effie and Mr Johns and his wife welcomed baby Isla just one day later. All concerned are doing really well and we look forward to welcoming 2 proud Dads back to school very soon and supporting them through their sleep deprivation!

We are looking forward to hosting parents' evenings on November 21st and 23rd. Look out also for details of a coffee morning event for those parents and carers who would welcome a further opportunity to hear more about a particular aspect of Ivy Lane in a short, informal presentation. Please take a moment to make a note of other dates for your diary detailed in this newsletter.

I wish you a restful 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

**Friday 1st September, Wednesday 20th December, Friday 9th February,
Thursday 28th March, and Monday 24th June**



CHILDREN IN NEED

On **Friday 17th November**, we will be supporting Children In Need and will be inviting the children to come into school dressed in bright colours and donating £1.00 towards the charity.

Can we please say a huge thank you in anticipation of your support for this charity.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Gentle reminder that registration starts promptly at 8:40am, therefore the gates and classroom doors will be closed at this time. If you arrive after 8:40am please come to the office to register. Thank you for your co-operation.



Through The GATE!!

Be on time for school every day!

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 Ivy Kidz provision on that day.

PARENTS EVENING

Our next Parents' Evenings will take place on Tuesday 21st November and Thursday 23rd November. Please ensure that appointments to see your child's class teacher are booked using the SchoolCloud system. Letters were sent out earlier this week, however, information can be found on our school website under the Parents Information tab.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you experience problems with booking an appointment.

Don't forget
parents'
evening!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW ECO COMMITTEE

Our new committee are going to be leading Eco-Friendly activities throughout the year alongside our existing Eco Warriors. We will be working with the whole of Ivy Lane school once again and this year there will be a big focus on sustainability.



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE NEWS

Just before the end of term 1, we received exciting news that Ivy Lane was one of three schools in the local area with the highest percentage of finishers in the Summer Reading Challenge, which took place at Chippenham Library! As you can imagine, we were thrilled to hear this news and very proud of our many avid readers. A big congratulations and thank you to all the children and their families who took part over the summer holidays.

As a result, we were presented with a fantastic bundle of books by Jessica Pierce and Gareth Evans from Abbeyfield School, shown here with some of our wonderful Year 3 readers - a small representative of the many Ivy Lane children who took part.

These beautiful books now have pride of place in our school library and will be enjoyed for many years to come.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On **Friday 8th December** (Please note change of date) we will be supporting Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save The Children. Festive jumpers or accessories can be worn to school along with their uniform on that day. We will be collecting £1.00 donations in support of this charity.

Can we please say a huge thank you in anticipation of your support for this charity.



DOORWAY

Doorway is once again so grateful to the school community for the wonderful food supplies you've collected for Harvest.

And our extra thanks go to the Year 4's for all their efforts to sort the donations ready for pick up – you certainly had a lot to do with such a big collection!!

We're very touched and somewhat relieved that at a time when food costs have risen sharply, our shelves have still been replenished with all the tins, packets, jars and pots we'll need to give out for many months to come.

This important part of our service would be very hard to keep up without the generosity we see each harvest time.

With our very best wishes and thanks again,

All at Doorway.

IMMERSIVE THEATRES – PLANETARIUM EXPERIENCE

Children in Year 3 and Year 5 had a memorable experience this week thanks to funding from FOILS.

Mario from Immersive Theatres emailed to say:

"I hope the planetarium met the expectations of your colleagues today. I really enjoyed delivering the programme and found the students to be happy, enthusiastic and excited by the experience. We were warmly welcomed by the staff and found the hall prepared just as we had requested. The morning was well organised with all groups arriving on time. The excited students enjoyed a rich selection of content: peering up at the planetarium night sky; visiting the Space Station; handling a famous meteorite; learning about the Moon and a future colonised Solar System. Thank you, Ivy Lane Primary, for a lovely visit."

Some comments from the children;

"Sam really loved it! He loved experiencing something he wouldn't normally get to experience in real life"

"Laurie loved it and has now asked for a telescope for Christmas"

"Leo hasn't stopped talking about it"

"Tom said he loved it when the ceiling of the house opened up and they were zoomed up to the sky"

"Connie declared it was brilliant"

"Billy said it was amazing and that he got to visit the international space station"

"Evie loved it, seeing Mars and Pluto was amazing...big thanks to FOILS"

"Ed said it was amazing and felt like they were in space"

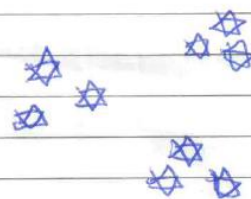
On Monday, Ivy Lane were visited by a Planetarium because of our enquiry 'Where does the darkness come from?' First, we saw the constellations like the flying horse, the frying pan the bear and the north star. Next, we looked at the International Space Station. It is as big as a football pitch! After that, we looked at meteorites. One landed in North America - it was the size of our school! (We even got to hold a little bit of it!) Finally, we looked at how when the sun goes down in the East, the moon comes up on the West. It was a great morning.

Report by Jasper, Walliams Class



Monday 6th November

Today we had a planetarium come to the school. They set it up in the old hall. It just WOWED everybody!!! It's like a big dome and you have to take your shoes off to go inside. I learned lots of AMAZING new things I never knew before. It felt like you in space. everyone was interested, surprised and excited. We even held a bit of meteorite. it ^{was} very _{heavy} for its size.



Jenny
Griffiths
Class

MUSIC MARK SCHOOL

At Ivy Lane School we aim to make music sessions engaging and inclusive for all children and recognise the positive role that music has on language, motor skills, emotional intelligence and collaboration skills. In addition to our weekly music sessions, we have seen some year groups enjoying instrument lessons and workshops delivered by various music professionals. As a result of the value that we place on music, we are delighted to have received a certificate of recognition!



CHRISTMAS DINNER WEEK

A gentle reminder to book your child's Christmas dinners by **Sunday 26th November**. An email has been sent detailing which days your children will have their Christmas dinner and what days they will need to bring their party packed lunches to school.



This week's visit from a mobile planetarium was an excellent example of how FOILS pays for additional resources and exciting experiences to enhance the education of the children at Ivy Lane. At last year's pantomime trip, a boy declared he wanted to become a theatre actor so perhaps these immersive science lessons will inspire a pupil to become an astronomer or an astronaut.

These opportunities are only possible because of our fundraising so we are grateful for your continued support. The next big event is the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December from 12-2 when there will be games and gifts as well as a magic show and Santa of course.

If you have any Christmas clothing that no longer fits your child, please pass it on. We will be selling festive jumpers, tops, dresses and pyjamas as well as fancy dress costumes. All items should be in good, clean condition and can be put in the brown storage chest in front of Ivy Hall. We no longer accept second-hand uniform which can be taken directly to a drop-off point for Chippenham Uniform Exchange.

Over the coming weeks we will be asking for donations of various items to stock the stalls and tombolas with collections for teddies, board games, bottles and chocolates. Raffle tickets will also be sent home soon.

To get in touch with the FOILS team please email foils@ivylane.wilts.sch.uk

FREE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Supporting the wellbeing of children has never been so important. To assist you in doing this, SSS Learning Ltd have produced two fantastic free parental resources:

[Child Mental Health & Wellbeing - 10 Top Tips for Parents](#)

[Parents' Mental Health & Wellbeing - 10 Top Tips for Parents](#)

I am sure parents/carers will find these free resources

WILTSHIRE SUPPORT SERVICES

Wiltshire Autism Assessment Service

If your child is known to WASS and you would like some support with the service, please visit the website to find a range of useful links, resources, and information.

<https://wiltshirechildrensservices.co.uk/waas/>

Wiltshire Parent Carers Council

The Wiltshire Parent Carer Council (WPCC) can provide advice about local sources of support and information for families of children with special educational needs.

https://www.wiltshireparentcarercouncil.co.uk/en/Contact_us



Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.

Want to apply?

Not sure?

Ask at the office



BIRTHDAY BOOKS

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

Finn D (Hargreaves)
Amelie B, Lexie P-F (Pullman)
Opal T (Lewis)
Mrs Orchard

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



Kairah T, Charlie S (Donaldson)
Trystan L, Eliza B (Hargreaves)
Ruby G, Mark M (Dahl)
Riley S, Noah R (Milligan)
Gabriela B-C, Archie P (Griffiths)
Ted L, Jasper C (Walliams)
Cameron M, Eva K (Hughes)
Henry M, Iris O'B (Morpurgo)
Arlo K, Savannah H (Pullman)
Poppy S, Dylan R (Byars)
Charlotte C, Brody E (Lewis)
Alfie W, Elodie M (Rowling)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
17/11/23	Children in Need – Children to come in bright clothes
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 12-2pm
04 – 08/12/23	Y6 Bikeability
05/12/23	Y1 Christmas performance 9:30am & 2pm
06/12/23	YR Christmas performance 9:30am & 2pm
07/12/23	Y2 Christmas performance 9:30am & 2pm
08/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day
11/12/23	Y6 Child Measurement programme
11/12/23 PM	Y5 Sheldon Visit to watch their Christmas production
12/12/23	Y2 Panto trip to the Wyvern Theatre – Snow White (Further details will be sent out)
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
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
28/03/24	TD Day
24/06/24	TD day
01- 03/07/24	Y6 Residential to Hooke Court
06/07/24	FOILS Summer Fayre 12-3pm
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 Ivy Kidz 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

0300 003 4576

wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk

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