



Family Updates Newsletter

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17th January 2025

Updates

Hello Everyone,

We hope you had a restful Christmas and New Year. We've had a busy 2 weeks since returning to the start of Spring Term.

We have the **Professional Photographer** in school on Wednesday 22nd January to take students portrait photos. Please make sure you've completed the permission form that was sent out via text. [Click here](#) if you've not completed it already.

We are delighted to invite you to the **Grand Opening of the Ivy House School Train Carriage Library** on Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 11:00am.

We're excited to welcome **Baasit Siddiqui**, well-known TV personality from *Gogglebox*, who will officially open our Train Carriage Library. This is a significant moment for our school and the wider community, and we'd love for you to join us in celebrating the transformation of our train carriage into a vibrant, inspiring space for learning and imagination. We will also be joined by contractors and companies who supported the development of the train carriage, members of staff from Shaw Education Trust, our regular students from Derby Moor who come and read with our students and some of our students who have permission to be filmed by BBC News.

Additionally, we would like to invite you to the **Health Coffee Morning** on Monday 20th January. All families are warmly invited to join us for updates regarding the Health situation at Ivy. Please read the latest letter [here](#).

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, Your Leadership Team

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**Professional
Photograph Day!**



Wednesday 22nd January 2025



Please complete the permission form by Friday 17th January

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YOU ARE INVITED TO

Ivy House School's

LIBRARY TRAIN CARRIAGE

Grand Opening



TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2025 AT 11:00AM

IVY HOUSE SCHOOL
MOORWAY LANE
LITTOVER
DERBY
DE23 2FS

Allergy Awareness

We would like to remind all families that we are an allergen-aware school. We kindly request that you do not send any food into school that contains nuts. Your cooperation is crucial in maintaining a safe environment for children with food allergies. If you would like any more information please contact a member of the leadership team via the school office.



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK: 3-9 FEBRUARY 2025

At Ivy House School we will be supporting Children's Mental Health week by taking part in a variety of activities w/c 3rd Feb 2025 This year's theme is Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.

It is important we understand what makes us tick, our likes and dislikes, strengths, fears, hopes and dreams.

Our emotions play a key role in telling us just that, and being aware of how to listen to and express ourselves is a major part of building self-awareness.

Throughout the week we will be taking part in exciting activities to promote our emotional literacy.

We will be teaming up with inside out characters to explore feelings



FEEL YOUR FEELINGS

LIFE AFTER SCHOOL EVENT

We are holding our annual Life After School event where families and students are able to meet a variety of local providers such as Umbrella, Beechtree Day Services, Cygnet Healthcare, Portland College, Enabled Centre, Every Sensation and Home from Home Care and many more!

**THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2025
2:00PM-5:00PM**



Derby SEND Voice

Bringing together and giving a voice to parents and caregivers for children and young people with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities in Derby

What is a Parent Carer Forum?

In essence, a parent carer forum is a vital resource for parents of children with special needs or disabilities. It functions as a support system, an information hub, an advocacy group, and a platform for collaboration, all aimed at improving the lives of children with disabilities and their families.

Contact Details:

[Derby SEND Voice](#)

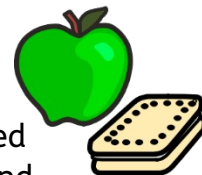
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Snack Reminder

A reminder that the snack contribution is £1 per week (20p per day) for each child for whom it is appropriate. This helps us ensure that all children enjoy nutritious and varied snacks throughout the week. This can include but is not inclusive to yoghurts, crisps and juice. Additionally, we'd love to hear your feedback on how snacks are provided. If you could take a moment to fill out the form linked below, it would be greatly appreciated. Your input helps us make snack time even better for your child. <https://forms.office.com/e/hMnGwr7Fz>



WE ARE HIRING

Teaching Assistant

- 32.5 hours per week
- Term time + Inset Days
- SET Grade 4 (£21,190-£21,968 FTE)
- Fixed Term
- Interview date: Thursday 30th January
- Look round: Wednesday 15th January 1.30pm

APPLY HERE:
www.ivyhouseschool.org.uk/vacancies



WE ARE HIRING

Personal Care Assistants

- Salary: Grade 2
- Permanent Contract
- Working hours: 20 or 25 hours, 38 weeks plus 5 INSET Days
- Flexible Start and Finish Times
- Interview date: Thursday 30th January
- Look round: Wednesday 15th January 1.30pm

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Key Contacts



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Headteacher



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Pastoral Lead



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Pastoral &
Operations Co-
Ordinator



Steph Hickling
Office Manager

Important Dates

- Health Coffee Morning** – Monday 20th January at 9:30am
- Chinese New Year** – Wednesday 29th January
- Children's Mental Health Week** – 3rd -7th February
- NSPCC Number Day** – Friday 7th February (wear something with numbers on)
- Safer Internet Day** – Tuesday 11th February
- Valentines Day Disco** – Friday 14th February (wear party clothes)
- Last Day of Spring Term 1** – Friday 14th February
- February Half Term** – Monday 17th – Friday 21st February
- First Day of Spring Term 2** – Monday 24th February
- Life After School Event** – Thursday 27th February at 2:00pm until 5:00pm

