



Family Updates Newsletter

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4th October 2024

Updates

Hello everyone, we hope this Family Update Newsletter finds you well. As we move into autumn, the school is feeling the seasonal changes. This week, we've had the joy of celebrating our **Harvest Festival**, and it has been truly wonderful! You can read all about it on page 3.

Mental Health Awareness Day is just around the corner, and we are excited to participate again this year. We encourage everyone to wear something **yellow** on **Thursday, 10th October** to help raise awareness and show our support.

We would also like to express a **huge thank you** to everyone who contributed to our **Macmillan Coffee Morning** on Wednesday, 25th September. Whether you helped out before, during, or after the event, baked treats, or donated goodies, we are so grateful. Thanks to your generosity, we raised **£554.00** which will be shared equally between the Derby Royal Hospital Macmillan Ward and the Friends of Ivy House School - two fantastic causes that are close to our hearts and deeply benefit our community.

Following the incredible success of our Easter Bingo, the **Friends of Ivy House** are excited to announce a **Halloween Spooktacular Bingo** event! We'd love to see as many of you there as possible. In preparation, we're holding a **Silly Hair Day** on Wednesday 16th October, where students and staff can come to school with wacky hairstyles in exchange for donations of prizes for the bingo. Thank you in advance for your support - these events wouldn't be the same without your enthusiasm and involvement.

Lastly, if you haven't already read our letter about the passing of one of our dear students, Liam, you can click [here](#) to view it. This is a challenging time for our community, and we are here for anyone who may need support. Please let us know if there's anything we can do.

Wishing you all a restful weekend, Your Leadership Team.

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Annual Permissions

We've sent a text message with a link to our Annual Permissions Form. Please complete this as soon as possible to ensure we have the most up-to-date information for your child. If you would prefer a paper copy, please contact the reception team, and we'll arrange to send it home with your child.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE](#)



**YOU ARE
NOT ALONE**

**World Mental Health Day:
Thursday 10th October 2024**



Please wear
something yellow
to raise awareness
of World Mental
Health Day
in support of
Young Minds
charity.



At Ivy House School we will be
supporting World Mental Health day
by taking part in a variety of activities
to promote positive mental health.

#HELLOYELLOW

Friends of Ivy House

The Friends of Ivy House is a dedicated Parent, Carer, Teacher Association (PCTA) committed to raising essential funds to support Ivy House School, with a shared vision of enhancing the lives of its students. At the heart of this initiative is the belief that every student deserves enriching experiences that contribute to their holistic development.

If you would like more information about Friends of Ivy House and would like to be a part of a caring and dedicated team of volunteers – please speak to Tara Gaskin in school who will put you in contact with the group.



Friends of Ivy House presents

Halloween Spooctacular Bingo

Ivy House School

Wednesday 23rd October
4:00pm to 6:00pm

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RAFFLE
FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS
FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY



Evidence for Learning

We will continue to use Evidence for Learning to assess our pupils and share photos/videos with Families via the Family App.

[Click here](#) to read our 'How to Guide' for families which shows a step by step guide to getting online.

If you still do not have access to your child's learning journey or report please email Hannah Birks (Deputy Headteacher) Hannah.Birks@ivy.set.org



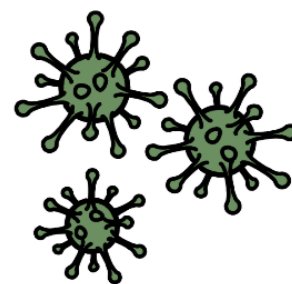
Parents' Evening will be on Wednesday 9th October 2024, 4:00pm-6:00pm at Ivy House School.

If you haven't already signed up for an appointment please [click here](#).



Flu Vaccinations

The immunisation team will be in school on 22nd October 2024 to administer flu vaccinations for those that have **not** received them yet. A text reminder will be sent closer to the date.



Readathon

We are thrilled to share the news about the success of our Readathon Challenge! The enthusiasm from our students has been incredible, with high engagement across all classes.

Yesterday (Thursday 3rd October), everyone took part in a special "Stop, Drop and Read" event where all students paused their usual activities to listen to stories and enjoy some quiet reading time together. We are continuing to grow our love of reading. Please have a look at our Social Media sites to see some wonderful photos.



Harvest Celebrations

This week, our Primary students took part in a wonderful celebration of the harvest season. All primary students gathered for a fun-filled session with Music Matthew, who led the group in songs and activities that captured the spirit of autumn. The students fully immersed themselves in the joy of the music.

In addition to this, on Wednesday, students enjoyed a ranged of engaging and creative activities. Geoff and Leila hosted an "Autumn Soundboards" session with special songs, there were craft activities where students could create pumpkins and dance massage and sound rituals added a calming element to the morning.

The enthusiasm and engagement were infection, with students showing excitement in each activity, making the Harvest celebration a big success.



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National Teaching Assistants Day

On Friday 27th September we celebrated National Teaching Assistants Day!
We celebrated and recognised the invaluable contributions of our teaching assistants and support staff. Their dedication and hard work play a crucial role in supporting students every day. Thank you!



16-19 Bursary Fund

The purpose of the 16-19 Bursary Fund is to provide financial support to young people continuing in education who might otherwise be prevented from participating in learning due to financial barriers.

Families are invited to complete and submit an application for the Bursary, please [click here](#) for the application. We have extended the deadline, please note the application form will close 17th October 2024



Feed Bags

If your child has a feed bag that comes into school, please may you ensure that any spare/old caps are placed in the bin and not left in the feed bag.



Social Media

Please make sure to follow all our social media accounts. We regularly share photos and videos so you can stay updated on what's happening at school. If you would like to review your child's permissions at any time, please contact the school office.

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Important Dates

Parents' Evening – Wednesday 9th October – 4:00pm-6:00pm

World Mental Health Day – Thursday 10th October

Inset Day – Monday 14th October (school closed to all students)

Silly Hair Day - Wednesday 16th October

Halloween Spooktacular Bingo – Wednesday 23rd October (4:00pm-6:00pm)

Flu Vaccinations – Tuesday 22nd October (for those students who did not have it last time)

Family Coffee Morning – Tuesday 22nd October 9:30am-11:00am

Halloween Disco – Friday 25th October (fancy dress encouraged!)

October Half Term – Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Diwali – Friday 1st November

Remembrance Day - Monday 11th November

Anti-Bullying Week – Monday 11th November to Friday 15th November

Children in Need – Friday 15th November

