



Friday 25th October 2024

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we reach the end of what has been a wonderful, learning filled half-term, I'd like to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support and to share some important updates.

We're excited to announce the arrival of two new minibuses - the first in 17 years! These buses, purchased through a lease agreement, will save us over £15,000 compared to last year's minibus rental costs for trips and visits. After the half-term break, 15 of our staff members will be taking their D1 Permit Assessments, which will enable us to get out and about in the local community even more.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to the **Friends of Ivy House** for their unwavering support in helping us make these trips and visits possible for our students. Friends of Ivy recently hosted a Halloween Bingo Spooktacular on Wednesday, raising an impressive £400.20! Thank you to everyone involved for their hard work in making this event a success.

In addition, we're thrilled to announce that our **Ivy Express Library Carriage** is nearly ready. The final touches are being made, and it's shaping up to be an incredible new space for students to enjoy reading and learning in a truly unique and inspiring environment. We'll send an official opening date soon, so please keep an eye out for further details - we can't wait to celebrate this milestone with you.

Finally, some of you may have noticed the installation of new electric gates around the Ivy House School site. These gates are part of our commitment to keeping our school community safe. For easy access during drop-off and pick-up, the gates will remain open before 10:00am and after 3:00pm, closing outside these hours to enhance security. If you need access at other times, you can use the intercom system, and someone from the office will assist you.

Thank you again for your continued support in making Ivy House a safe, enriching place for everyone. Wishing you a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Kind regards,

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