



Family Updates Newsletter

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18th October 2024

Updates

Hello everyone,

We hope this update finds you well. It was wonderful to see so many of you at our first **Parents' Evening** on 9th October. It provided a great opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and some of the team, and to hear how your child has settled into the new school year.

On Thursday 10th October, we took part in **Mental Health Awareness Day**. Students and staff dressed in yellow to raise awareness and show support for mental health. It was a fantastic day, filled with fun activities throughout the school.

Friends of Ivy House will be hosting their **Halloween Spooktacular Bingo** event on 23rd October starting at 4:00pm, and we'd love to see as many of you there as possible! To prepare for the event, we celebrated **Silly Hair Day** on Wednesday 16th October, collecting chocolates and sweets for the Bingo prizes. Thank you to everyone for your support, it is greatly appreciated.



In exciting news, we're thrilled to announce the arrival of our **first school minibus in over 17 years!** This will enable our students to venture out and engage in a wide range of cultural and community experiences, helping them create unforgettable memories.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,
Your Leadership Team



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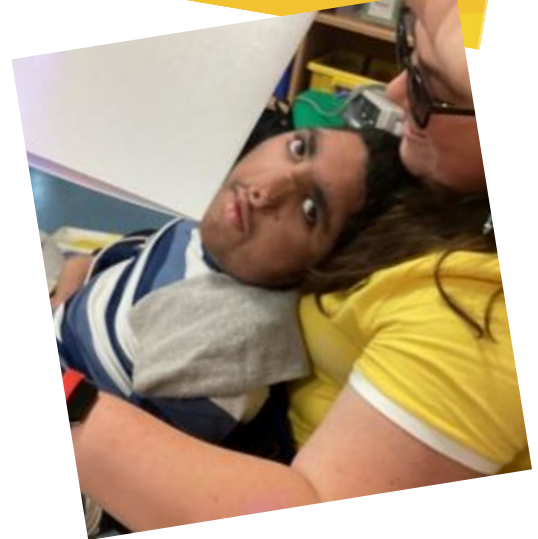
Students took part in voting for their class student council representatives last week and are holding their first meeting of the year next week.



Mental Health Awareness Day

On Thursday 10th October, we participated in **Mental Health Awareness Day**, with both students and staff dressing in yellow to show support and raise awareness for mental health.

The day was filled with fantastic activities across the school. Highlights included a "Sing and Sign" session for all staff, creative "You Are My Sunshine" cards made by some classes, energising movement break activities, and a beautiful sensory story centred around the theme of happiness. It was a truly uplifting day, bringing the school community together to promote mental well-being.



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



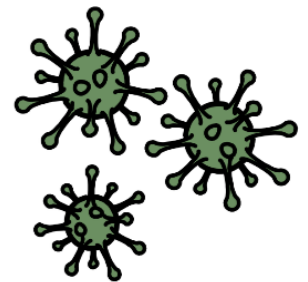
Staff Training

We had an INSET Day on Monday 14th October, all staff took part in Moving and Handling Training delivered by our in school trainers. This is essential training to ensure all staff are knowledgeable and competent to safely move our students.

We've also been holding fortnightly 'twilight' training sessions since the start of term, staff have developed their knowledge of Communication, Physical Development and PSED.

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.



Silly Hair Day

On Wednesday 16th October, Friends of Ivy House held a Silly Hair Day within school to receive donations of chocolate and sweets for our family Halloween Bingo event, which is on Wednesday 23rd October at 4:00pm-6:00pm.

Students and staff had weird and wonderful hairstyles. Thank you to all those who joined in and donated!



Key Stage 3 Awards

We had a wonderful time at the Shaw Education Trust Key Stage 3 Awards on Thursday 17th October. Congratulations to all the winners, and a special well done to Julian for attending and collecting his certificate and prize - we're so proud of you! We have another Key Stage 3 student who won an award; however they were unable to attend the event, we will ensure they get their certificate and prize in school.



THE GREAT SPOTACULAR



BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

We're raising money for Children in Need & Friends of Ivy House

WHAT?

Wear your pyjamas or onesie to school

WHEN?

Friday 15th November 2024

HOW CAN WE HELP?

£1 donation can be sent into school on the day



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Important Dates

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)

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

INSET Day – Friday 29th November (school closed to all students)

Primary Department Winter INSPIRE Session – Friday 6th December

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 12th December

Christmas Fayre - Thursday 12th December

