

Family Updates Newsletter

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inspire nurture empower

22nd November 2024

Updates

Hello everyone,

The past two weeks have been a whirlwind of activity here at Ivy House School! We kicked things off by celebrating **Children in Need** in a colourful and fun-filled way, with students and staff wearing pyjamas and spots to school. It was fantastic to see the joy and creativity on display as we all came together to support such an important cause.

In the 14-19 department, students took part in '**Anti-Bullying Week**' and spent time exploring themes of what anti-bullying means and the importance of being a good friend, with meaningful discussions and activities that emphasised kindness and empathy.

We were also delighted to celebrate some of our wonderful staff members who received **long service awards** this week. Their dedication and hard work are truly inspiring, and we are so grateful for the positive impact they continue to have on our school community.

As you'll know we took part in a '**Readathon**' and in October we completed a 'drop everything and read'. Over the half term, we collectively read over 5000 minutes and raised over £230 which will go towards new books for our students to enjoy! Thank you to everyone for their support.

Adding to the excitement, many classes had the chance to enjoy some snowy fun! Snow-filled playtimes brought plenty of laughter and joy as students explored the wintry weather in creative and sensory ways.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to be participating in the **Derby Lantern Parade** on Saturday 30th November. We hope to see many of our families joining us for this magical event—let's light up Derby together!

Wishing you all a restful weekend, Your Leadership Team

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Research Project

One of our volunteers is doing a research project on the "effectiveness of family support programs when nurturing a child with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) ages 5-8 years." If you wish to participate, please scan the QR code.



Children in Need

On Friday 15th November, our students embraced the spirit of “Children in Need” Day with a burst of colour, wearing pyjamas and colourful spots to show their support for the annual event.

Several classes also took the opportunity to channel their creativity into themed activities, creating stunning Pudsey-inspired masterpieces, whilst others explored all things yellow! Our 14-19 Department explored different activities that people might do to raise money.



WE ARE HIRING

Class Teacher

- Salary: M1- UPR3 (£31,650-49,084 FTE)
- Fixed Term Contact 1 year (in the first instance)
- Working hours: 32.5 hours per week, 38 weeks per year plus 5 days Inset

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



WE ARE HIRING

Teaching Assistant

- 32.5 hours per week
- Term time + Inset Days
- SET Grade 4 (£21,190-£21,968 FTE)
- Actual salary (£16,151-£16,744)
- Fixed Term

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MOVE Award



On Wednesday 6th November our MOVE Team went to the annual MOVE Conference and were awarded the “Pursue Excellence Award” for striving to deliver the best possible services, empowering teams to develop their MOVE Programme provision and achieving best practice. If you’d like to know more about MOVE please go on our website or ask your child’s class teacher.

Long Service Awards

On Wednesday 20th November, we celebrated some of our staff members who have been working at Ivy House and/or the local authority for over 20 and 30 years. They have been an integral part of the school and made a difference to so many of our students’ lives. A huge thank you to all of those who received an award!



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Important Dates

INSET Day – Friday 29th November (school closed to all students)
Lantern Parade in Derby – Saturday 30th November
Primary Department Winter INSPIRE Session – Friday 6th December
Secondary Department Winter INSPIRE Session – Friday 6th December
Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 12th December
Christmas Fayre - Thursday 12th December
Christmas Dinner Day – Tuesday 17th December
Christmas Party Day – Thursday 19th December
Last Day of Term – Friday 20th December





PRIMARY INSPIRE SESSION

Winter exploration

Friday 6th December
13:45 - 14:45

Follow link on text to
confirm attendance or
pop a message in your
childs(ren) diary.

We are excited to share a
magical afternoon with you all!

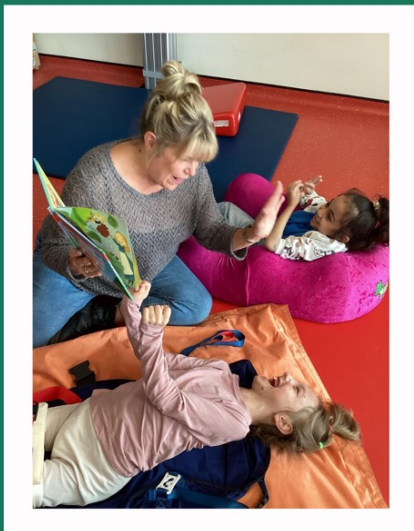




READATHON



**We read for over 5000 minutes and
raised £230 over half a term!
This will go towards new books for
each class to enjoy!**





JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

12th
DECEMBER

2:00PM - 5:30PM

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