



Family Updates Newsletter

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6th December 2024

Updates

Hello Everyone,

The past two weeks at Ivy House have been a whirlwind of activity, brimming with excitement and a variety of festive and enriching experiences. The energy of our students and staff has been truly inspiring as they prepare for the holiday season.

Our School Council students have been hard at work recording their nativity video, while the staff Sign and Sing group has been rehearsing for their much-anticipated performance at the Christmas Fair on Thursday 12th December. Be sure to watch our nativity video which we will share very soon!

Today, both the Primary and Secondary departments hosted their Winter Inspire sessions - always a highlight on our school calendar. These sessions were alive with creativity and enthusiasm, with students showcasing their talents. Activities included building igloos, crafting winter inspired artwork, dancing, playing games, and celebrating the festive season. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came along to support us—it was wonderful to see so many of you there!

We're thrilled to share some exciting news: Khaira and Katie from Diamonds Class had a special opportunity to meet Mr. Tumble over the summer holidays! They will be featured on his show on CBeebies, airing on Friday 24th January at 9:00am. For those eager to watch sooner, it will be available to stream on iPlayer starting Monday 20th January. To celebrate, we're planning a red-carpet, cinema-style viewing event for our star, Khaira - we can't wait, and we know you'll be just as excited as we are!

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable 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.



5 Star Hygiene Award



We're thrilled to announce that our dedicated kitchen team at Ivy House have achieved a fantastic 5-star hygiene rating! This outstanding result highlights their hard work and commitment to maintaining the highest standards in food safety and cleanliness. Working in partnership with Caterlink, our catering provider, Lorraine and Gill ensure that every meal served to our pupils is prepared in a safe and hygienic environment. A huge congratulations to them for this well-deserved recognition.

EfL Conference

On Friday 29th November, we proudly hosted the *Evidence for Learning Conference*, welcoming over 70 professionals from across the Midlands. This event provided a valuable opportunity for the SEND community to come together and explore key topics in education. George delivered an engaging presentation on our whole-school curriculum and assessment framework, highlighting the remarkable achievements of the students at Ivy House School.



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Important Dates

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





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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

12th
DECEMBER

2:00PM - 5:30PM

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