

Family Updates Newsletter

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8th November 2024

Updates

Hello everyone,

We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break! Our first week back has been packed with exciting activities. Students have loved exploring sensory stories and lessons centred around **Diwali and Bonfire Night**, with plenty of vibrant painting and messy play to celebrate these events. It's been a fantastic and engaging start to the term!

We're thrilled to share that our school will be participating in the **Derby Lantern Parade** again this year, which takes place on Saturday 30th November. A local artist will be visiting our school to work with students on crafting their own lanterns, which will be featured in the grand parade through the city centre. This event will coincide with the Christmas Lights Switch-On, and we'd love to see as many of you there as possible, whether or not your child has created a lantern!

Next Friday, the entire school will participate in **Children in Need**, and we invite all students and staff to join in by wearing something Pudsey themed, spotty, or cozy pyjamas.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the **Friends of Ivy House Spooktacular Bingo** event—it was a tremendous success! You can find more photos and see the total amount raised later in this newsletter.

Lastly, if you shop at **ASDA**, please consider choosing our school as part of their 'Cashpot for Schools' campaign. Your support truly makes a difference, and more information can be found further in the newsletter.

Wishing you all a restful weekend, The Leadership Team



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Halloween Activities

On Friday 25th October, all students participated in a thrilling Halloween activity trail! They explored "Slimy Kedleston," embarked on a Mystery Adventure in Dovedale, went Trick-or-Treating in Diamonds, and experimented with Spooky Science in Emeralds.

In the afternoon, we hosted a Halloween Disco, where students showed off their fantastic costumes and spooky skills, giving everyone a fright with their well-timed "BOO!" There were some truly impressive costumes - thank you to everyone for your enthusiasm, creativity, and support in making the day unforgettable!



















































FRIENDS OF IVY HOUSE SPOOKTACULAR BINGO!









Friends of Ivy House hosted a Halloween Bingo Spooktacular on Wednesday 23rd October, raising an impressive £400.20! Thank you to everyone involved for their hard work in making this event a success.

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.

<u>Click here</u> 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



Asda Rewards Cashpot

Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 2nd September to 30th November, we will donate 0.5% of your total spend to Ivy House. Plus, Asda will pop £1 into the Ivy House Cashpot every time someone opts in!



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Important Dates

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



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