



Family Updates Newsletter

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19th January 2024

Updates

Happy New Year! We hope this message finds you well and full of positive energy for the year ahead.

It's been fantastic to welcome our students back to school after the holidays, and we are delighted to see them engaged in a variety of exciting learning opportunities. They have settled in well, and their enthusiasm for learning is truly inspiring.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all families who took the time to participate in the recent Shaw Education Trust Parent Survey. The responses were overwhelmingly positive. Your valuable feedback is crucial to our continuous improvement, and we are pleased to share the survey results later in this newsletter. Your insights provide valuable perspectives that guide our efforts to enhance the overall educational experience for our students.

We would also like to express our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support with the community food bank initiative. Your donations have made a meaningful impact, and we are proud to share that the remaining contributions were given to the Derby City Mission at the end of the term. Your kindness has made a difference in the lives of those in need, and we appreciate your ongoing commitment to support of our community and beyond.

As we embark on the new year, we are excited to announce that our school will be hosting a series of quality assurance visits from the Shaw Education Trust. These visits will play a key role in supporting our ongoing development and ensuring that we continue to provide the highest quality education for our students. We appreciate your continued support as we strive for excellence and work collaboratively to create a positive and nurturing learning environment.

Once again, happy New Year to all our Ivy House School families! We look forward to another year of growth, achievement, and success. Your Leadership Team.

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Mobile App: Ivy House School: Code:7920

Download our App!

We are asking all families to download our Mobile App.

Download the Greenhouse Schools App, enable push notifications, search for Ivy House School, input **code 7920**.

It is important you download it to stay informed.



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Parent Survey Results

December 2023

My child is happy in this school

81% Strongly agree
19% agree

My child is making good progress at school

76% Strongly agree
24% agree

My child is taught well in this school

76% Strongly agree
19% agree
5% didn't know

The school makes sure that all pupils are well behaved

67% Strongly agree
29% agree
5% didn't know

My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed

90% Strongly agree
10% agree

The school responds well to any concerns I raise

62% Strongly agree
38% agree

My child feels safe in this school

76% Strongly agree
24% agree

My child is well looked after at their school

81% Strongly agree
19% agree

I feel well supported by school regarding my child's needs

86% Strongly agree
14% agree

The school make me aware of what my child will learn during the year

52% Strongly agree
33% agree
5% disagree
10% didn't know

The school deals effectively with bullying

43% Strongly agree
19% agree
38% don't know

The school is well led and managed

81% Strongly agree
19% agree





Parent Survey Results

December 2023

I receive valuable information from school about my child's progress and development

71% Strongly agree
19% agree

The school has high expectations for my child

67% Strongly agree
24% agree

There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school

71% Strongly agree
24% agree
5% disagree

The school supports my child's wider personal development

72% Strongly agree
23% agree
5% didn't know

My child does well at this school

71% Strongly agree
29% agree

I would recommend this school to another parent

100% Yes

I find the daily home communication useful

5% Strongly agree
76% agree
19% disagree

School transport is effective and supporting my child's needs

75% agree
19% disagree
6% don't know

My child is provided with the right support and care for health

10% Strongly agree
62% agree
29% disagree

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Parent Survey Results

December 2023

Some highlights from the comments received across the school survey

- My son is very happy
- They love going to school every day
- She has excellent staff looking after her
- Since starting my daughter has been exploring more and using her hands to touch various things, also I can see an improvement in her mobility and sense of gravity. It has been a pleasure to watch her progress
- They've come on so much since they started
- I get daily handovers about my child, and I have good communication with her teacher, who always puts my mind at ease, she is brilliant with the children and supportive of parents.
- They care so much
- I see progress in her all the time, also the Evidence of Learning app shows what she's been doing a great tool. She does various subjects which I get told about daily
- I feel comfortable to call or email the school regarding my child, nothing is ever a problem and if they are ever unsure or need information they will call.
- Transition and communication is strong
- Staff are very understanding
- The creation of the Friends of Ivy House is brilliant and really helping the school to develop as a community. The memorial garden is also a fantastic piece of work to give families a focal point and feel the sense of belonging after their child has passed.
- I believe she is in the best school that will get her to the best of her capabilities
- I think the school always wants the best for the children and will help them to become the best they can be
- The school work on things that are important
- The school is really good at being a community - there are parent coffee mornings, family events, fund raising, a memorial garden. It does so much more than the "average" school for families.
- Communication is always good from class staff. I like to read the newsletters to see what has been going on in school and they have fun days for the children to enjoy and learn about new things.



Musical Hydrotherapy

We are excited to share a remarkable experience that 8 members of our staff underwent last week with 'Liquid Listening'. This innovative training introduced Musical Hydrotherapy, where speakers are submerged into the hydrotherapy pool, allowing listeners to float on the water surface.

The unique method allows individuals to feel sound vibrations on their body and perceive music when their heads are in the water. The vibrations travel through the water, directly stimulating the inner ear, creating an immersive and detailed all-body experience of sound which results in a deep state of relaxation.

Several students experienced this as part of the training and we had some magic moments where students had a realisation that they could hear the music underneath the water.

Musical Hydrotherapy not only relaxes the body and mind but also inspires movement, stretching, vocalisation, and stillness, ultimately enhancing overall well-being. We look forward to exploring more ways to incorporate these positive experiences into our community.

You can find out more on their website: www.liquidlistening.org and you can watch a video from our latest training session here: <https://youtu.be/sYCeyznNscg?si=FxXN6lBavT-0VIT6>



Friends of Ivy House School

If you haven't already and you are happy to, please complete the consent form to allow The Friends of Ivy House to use photos/videos of your child in the events they support to help raise awareness and encourage local businesses and companies to support our amazing cause. To provide consent please complete the form [here](#).

The next meeting takes place on Wednesday 24th January at 2pm.

You can follow the Friends of Ivy House on social media here:

Instagram: [friends_of_ivy_house](#)

Facebook: [Friends of Ivy House](#)

LinkedIn: [Friends of Ivy House](#)

If you're keen on getting involved, kindly reach out to us via email at friends@ivy.set.org or contact our main office. Thank you!



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Social Media

Check out some of our social media posts and follow us online!



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Important Dates

INSET Day (school closed to all students) - Friday 2nd February 2024

Family Coffee Morning – Wednesday 14th February 2024

Valentines Disco – Friday 16th February 2024

Half Term – Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February 2024





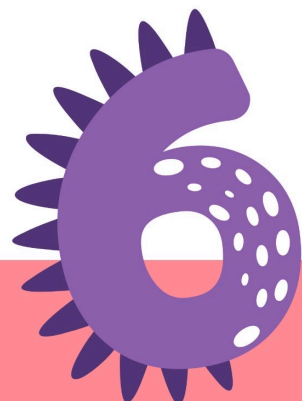
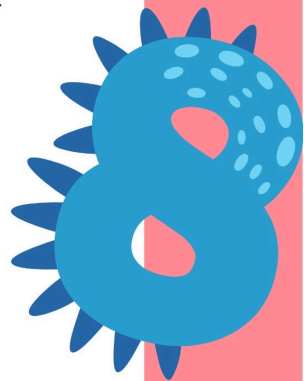
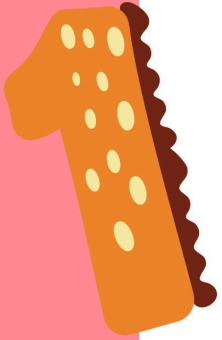
NSPCC Number Day

We're taking part in the NSPCC Number Day on Wednesday 31st January 2024

We are encouraging all students and staff to dress up in numbers or number related outfits such as 3 Little Pigs, a playing card, 5 Little Ducks, a football shirt, dominoes or even a numicon

Donations are welcome and will be sent to the NSPCC

During the day, students will take part in fun number lessons and develop their Cognition and Maths knowledge whilst raising money for a great cause





How kids SHOULD interact with dogs

Use common sense.

Be polite and kind to pets.



Learn to recognise when your dog is scared or anxious.



Play appropriate games with pets, such as:

Fetch.



ROLL OVER



Training tricks (like roll over, shake, beg, etc.)



Walking and running with a dog.



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Playing hide-and-seek.



Always remember:

Supervise all interactions. Accidents can happen in a split second.



Train your dog to associate the kids with positive experiences so he'll be more likely to tolerate your child in case she accidentally interacts inappropriately.



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What do Pirates do all day?

23rd Feb

2:00pm

**Church Gresley
Methodist Church**

12th Feb

10:30

**St Wilfreds
Church Hall
Sutton-in-Ashfield**

21st Feb

10:30

**West Hallam
Community
Centre**



**A Magical, Musical, Interactive family
theatre show, starring
Geoffrey Jumper and Mandy!
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