



Family Updates Newsletter

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1st March 2024

Updates

Hello and a heartfelt welcome back to Spring Term 2! As we step into this term, we're greeted by the encouraging signs of spring: the days are gradually stretching longer, and we can see new plants beginning to sprout from the ground.

We trust you had a relaxing and joyful half-term break and are now ready to dive into a bustling and exciting half-term ahead. We have an array of engaging events planned, starting with our annual **World Book Day celebrations next week**. This year, we're inviting all students and staff to embrace the spirit of **dressing up** as their **favourite book character** or donning their cosiest **pyjamas** for the day. It promises to be a fun and imaginative celebration of the stories that inspire us.

Additionally, we're thrilled to extend an invitation to our families for an **INSPIRE session**, where you'll have the opportunity to read alongside your child in school. This session is scheduled for **9:30am to 10:30am** and is a wonderful way to engage with your child's learning and connect with the school community. To ensure we can accommodate everyone and make this event as enjoyable as possible, we kindly ask that you let us know if you'll be able to join us by completing a brief form.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to confirm your attendance.

We're excited about the upcoming events and the chance to share these moments with our students and their families. Your participation and support make our school community vibrant and enriching for all. Looking forward to seeing many of you soon! Warm regards, Your Leadership Team

Come to our World Book Day party!

Raising money, raising readers

What DRESS AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER OR WEAR YOUR PYJAMAS TO SCHOOL	When THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024
Where IVY HOUSE SCHOOL <small>Working together to: inspire, nurture, empower</small>	Contact HANNAH BIRKS COMMUNICATION AND LITERACY COORDINATOR

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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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Joined Up Care Derbyshire

Hopefully you saw the [letter](#) (shared below) we shared earlier this week from Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board about changes to the NHS model that they are looking at within education settings. We are **strongly urging** families, particularly of those whose children require support from our nursing team, get involved in these discussions and be a voice for the families of Ivy House School. The email to register your interest to get involved is at the bottom of this page. However, if you would like to discuss this with us, please contact Ian Armstrong (Headteacher) on ian.Armstrong@ivy.set.org or through the main office.



Overview

NHS Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board are working with NHS staff and education settings across Derby and Derbyshire to develop a new model for supporting children and young people with health needs that need to be supported whilst they are in education.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to be involved in this work, so we can ensure that the voice of children and young people is at the centre of the design of the model.

The new model that the NHS needs to put in place will ensure that there is a consistent approach across Derby and Derbyshire. It will lead to the creation and review of robust health care plans and support for education settings with the policies they need to have in place. It will also provide consistency where the NHS needs to upskill education staff and, in the case of the children and young people with highly complex health needs, deliver the interventions to support those needs. It will also clearly set out who works in the team and what they do, based on the needs of the individual children and young people they support.

We have to follow NHS England guidance in how we develop this to ensure the new model is safe but there are some areas where we would like your help to ensure it is the best it can be for you.

We are now in a position where we can start to develop the model so we would like to invite parents and carers to get involved in this project. You can get involved in several ways:

- If you would like to register your interest, join the fortnightly Project Team via MS Teams, where we will finalise the description of what the service is required to deliver under the new model.
- Join the fortnightly Clinical Community of Practice where clinical professionals are agreeing the skills, qualifications and experience that is needed by the staff aligned to different health needs to deliver the model, via MS Teams
- Support with the development of documents and tools again this will be via a MS Teams meeting but less frequently.

If you would like to register your interest to being involved in this work, please email
ddicb.childrenscommissioning@nhs.net



Friends of Ivy House School

The Friends of Ivy House is the dedicated Parent, Carer, Teacher Association (PCTA) committed to raising essential funds to support Ivy House School, with a shared vision of enhancing the lives of its students. At the heart of this initiative is the belief that every student deserves enriching experiences that contribute to their holistic development.

The funds raised by The Friends of Ivy House are channelled towards creating impactful and memorable experiences for the students, ranging from educational outings and immersive activities to specialised programs that cater to their unique needs. By supporting this initiative, you are directly contributing to the enrichment of the students' lives and fostering an environment that promotes growth and empowerment.

To make a difference and be part of this transformative journey, The Friends of Ivy House has set up a [GoFundMe page](#). Your generous donations will go a long way in ensuring that the students at Ivy House School have access to opportunities that go beyond the conventional classroom setting, fostering a well-rounded education. So far, we have raised over £1,000 so a huge thank you to everyone for their ongoing support. It would also be great if as many of you as possible were able to attend our **Chocolate Bingo Night** on the 26th March from 5pm.

The next meeting takes place on **Wednesday 20th March at 2:00pm**. If you would like to get involved please email us at friends@ivy.set.org or contact the main school office.

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

- [Instagram](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [LinkedIn](#)



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Fund valuable trips & visits for Ivy House School



[Access our go fund me page here](#)

£1,358 raised of £5,000 target

29 donations

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Life after School Event

On the Thursday 29th March, we held our annual 'Life after School' event where a variety of local providers came into school to talk to our students and their families about what is available in the local community for young adults after leaving our school.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the providers who participated, making this event a success. Additionally, we sincerely thank the families who attended. Students from the 14-19 department had the invaluable opportunity to visit the hall, engage with various providers, and explore the options awaiting them post-Ivy House School.

This is a great event full of information for families. If you would like to know more or would like to speak to someone about options for your child, please contact a member of the 14-19 department. Our team is here to support you in navigating these important decisions, ensuring a smooth and successful transition for your child into life after school.



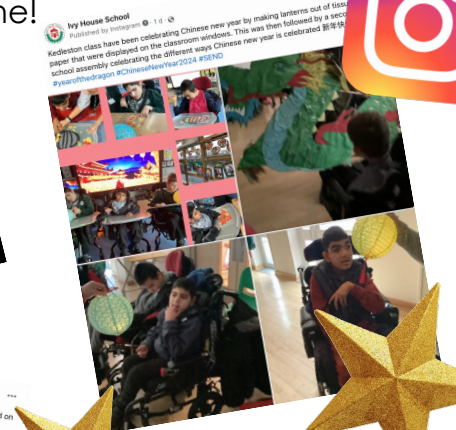
Trips and Visits

This week, some of our students have taken part in some enriching explorations within our local community. Little Gems ventured to Griffie Field Park, developing their physical skills and relishing moments of joy on the playground equipment. Meanwhile, students from Bakewell had a delightful visit to the Coffee Bean Café in Burton on Trent, which is managed by students from Fountains High School. There, they enjoyed new interactions and had some delicious treats. Some of our Year 14 leavers had the opportunity to develop their communication skills with a visit to the Heart of the Park Café at Arboretum Park, where they also indulged in tasty treats. Visits into the local area not only provide practical learning experiences but also foster community engagement and personal development for our students.



Social Media

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



Key Contacts



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Important Dates

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March
British Science Week – Monday 11th March to Friday 15th March
Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March
Celebrating Difference Day (part of Neurodiversity Week) – Tuesday 19th March
Friends of Ivy House Chocolate Bingo Night – Tuesday 26th March – 5:00pm start
Alumni Coffee Morning – Thursday 28th March - 9:30am-11:00am
Easter Holidays – Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April
INSET Day (school closed to all students) - Monday 15th April
Wellbeing Day (families invited into school) – Wednesday 15th May
Beach Day (families invited into school) – Thursday 23rd May
May Half Term – Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May



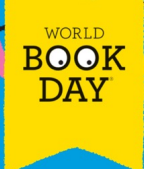
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We would also like to invite families to come into school for an INSPIRE session to read with their child - 9:30am-10:30am. Please complete the form via the link below to let us know if you are able to come. [CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR code.

Scan Me





Come to our World Book Day party!

Raising money, raising readers

What


**DRESS AS YOUR
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CHARACTER OR WEAR
YOUR PYJAMAS TO
SCHOOL**

When

**THURSDAY
7TH MARCH
2024**

Where

IVY HOUSE SCHOOL




Contact

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**SATURDAY
2ND MARCH 2024
10AM - 3PM**

- ✓ If you are worried about your
child's mental health in any
way.
- ✓ If you want your child to come
and see someone on the day
without an appointment.



JOIN US FOR OUR

ALUMNI COFFEE MORNING

**THURSDAY
28TH MARCH**

9:30am-11:00am

A wonderful chance to
reconnect with old
friends & meet our
alumni.
Don't miss this
opportunity to catch
up and share stories of
your journey since
leaving Ivy House
School, we look forward
to seeing you all.

If you would like more information or to
discuss this further please contact Amanda
Shipley via the School Office on 01332 777920



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RED NOSE DAY IS BACK!

FRIDAY 15th MARCH

**We're inviting everyone to
wear something red and send
in an optional £1 donation**



**FRIENDS OF IVY HOUSE SCHOOL
PRESENT**

CHOCOLATE BINGO NIGHT

26.03.2024

Join us for a delightful evening of Chocolate Bingo, hosted by
the Friends of Ivy House School! It's a family-friendly event
filled with excitement and the chance to win fabulous prizes.
Refreshments will be available to ensure a fun and enjoyable
experience for all. Don't miss out on this entertaining night!

FAMILY | FUN | NIGHT

£1 per game or £5 for a book of 6 games

Eyes down at 5:00pm