



Family Updates Newsletter

Working together to

inspire nurture empower

3rd May 2024

Updates

Hello everyone, we hope this Family Update Newsletter finds you all well and you are enjoying the sunnier days! We've had a busy fortnight at school packed with engaging learning experiences. Some of our classes took advantage of the lovely weather and visited the local nature reserve, while some of our Year 14 leavers enjoyed a trip to the Heart of the Park Cafe.

Our Headteacher, Ian, has been appointed as Executive Headteacher within the Shaw Education Trust. For more details on this development, please click here: www.tinyurl.com/IHS26HU. We will ensure to keep you all informed of the Headteacher recruitment process.

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for Mental Health Awareness Week beginning on Monday 13th May. The entire school will participate in various lessons and activities designed to enhance mental health awareness. Our next **Family Coffee Morning** will be on **Wednesday 15th May at 9:30am** where we will be joined by the NHS OTs and Physios who can answer any of your questions.

Please also mark your calendars for the upcoming **SEN United football match** on **Friday 17th May**, with kick-off at 8:00pm. We encourage as many of you as possible to come and support the team, Ian Armstrong (Headteacher) and Katie Brown (Diamonds Class Teacher) are both playing on the blue team. More information is available on the next two pages.

Please check out the posters included later in this newsletter for more events lined up for the summer term. We are excited about what's ahead and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Reminder that **Monday 6th May is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed to all students** and staff. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable long weekend, Your Leadership Team.

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Transport Applications

Transport applications must be submitted to Derby City Council from 1st April 2024 and applications will close on 31st May 2024.

If you do not apply within this time scale your child's transport will not be ready for the start of the school year.

You need to apply if your child is going into Reception (born between 1/09/19 – 31/08/20)
Year 7 (born between 1/09/12 - 31/08/13)
Year 12, 13 or 14. (born between 01/09/07 – 31/08/04)

Please click [Home School Travel](#) to apply or contact Home to School Travel Service on 01332 642716

NEXT MATCH

CHARITY FUNDRAISER



SEN UNITED BLUE



SEN UNITED WHITE

FRIDAY 17TH MAY 2024 - 8:00PM KICK-OFF
ILKESTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

RAISING MONEY FOR:



#WeAreSEN
"Here to support SEN"



SQUAD ANNOUNCEMENT

SEN UNITED BLUE

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| 13. MATT GREGORY (GK) | 14. KAREN CHAMBERLAIN |
| 4. DOMINIC GERAGHTY | 15. ALLAN PERRY |
| 5. BROM SIBSON | 16. AMY PASHLEY |
| 6. NATHAN HUNT | 17. CHARLTON KENT |
| 7. BECKY BROWN | 18. JESS NEEDHAM |
| 8. SHANNON PARKES | 20. DAVID MARTINS |
| 10. BEN ASQUITH (C) | 21. HENRY BUXTON |
| 11. STEVEN TAYLOR | 22. RICHARD JACKSON |
| 12. NICK NOONAN | |

VS. SEN UNITED WHITE

17.05.24

#WEARESEN



SQUAD ANNOUNCEMENT

SEN UNITED WHITE

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| 1. GARETH EDKINS (GK) | 10. JAMIE FORSTER (C) |
| 2. DAVE WILSON | 11. AIMEE HEALY-RAYNOR |
| 3. IAN ARMSTRONG | 12. GREG SHONE |
| 4. DAVE CARTER | 14. IZZY SIMPKIN |
| 5. GEORGE SIMPKIN | 15. KEITH BRICKLAND |
| 6. PAUL BARKER | 16. SUZANNE SHAND |
| 7. KATIE BROWN | 18. KIRSTY LIDDLE |
| 8. LAUREN ASQUITH | 21. JACK JEPSON |
| 9. LUKE STONE | |

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SEN United

SEN United is a charity fundraising football team raising money for Special Educational Needs Schools in Derby. The next game on the 17th May will be raising funds specifically for The Friends of Ivy House School, which we are incredibly grateful to David and all involved for their support. We will also be selling raffle tickets (any donations of prizes would be greatly received if they could be sent into school) and there will be blackout cards and donation buckets on the night – big thanks to Kayleigh and [#WeAreSEN](#) for their support with this. Everyone is welcome so please bring as many friends and family down as you can to help us make the event a huge success. The bar will also be open for refreshments.



The game will be played at New Manor Ground, the home of Ilkeston Town Football Club, DE7 8JF. More information on how to find it is available [here](#).

There is a disabled bathroom, however the nearest changing spaces toilet is available at Ikea Nottingham, NG16 2RP (until 9pm), Harvey Haddon Sports Village, NG8 4PB (until 9.30pm) Bramcote Leisure Centre, NG9 3GF (until 10pm).

Please note, the club has requested that only players be allowed on the pitch.

Circus Starr – inclusive circus is in town!

We are thrilled to announce that we have received **40 free tickets** for an accessible BSL-signed circus show at Derby Moor Academy, located next to Ivy House. These tickets were generously provided by Circus Starr, thanks to their partnerships with local businesses in Derby.

Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the main office at 01332 777920 to let us know you would like to attend. Your tickets will be sent home with your child. If you need a wheelchair space, kindly reach out directly to Circus Starr at 01260 288690.

The show begins at 4:45pm, don't miss this exciting event!

You can find out more information via their website on www.circus-starr.org.uk



★ ★ ACCESSIBLE, ★ ★
★ INCLUSIVE AND FUN! ★

Thursday 30th May 2024

Show starts at
4.45pm

Derby Moor Spencer Academy,
Moorway Lane, Littleover,
Derby, DE23 2FS

TO RESERVE A
WHEELCHAIR
SPACE CALL
01260 288690



SIGNED IN BSL



ADMIT ONE

Thursday
30th
May 2024



Show
starts at
4.45pm

Tickets kindly funded by local businesses

Derby City Term Dates

Derby City Council have sent the following message for us to share with families.

"We are consulting on the term dates for the academic years spanning 2025-26 and 2026-27. This revised consultation has arisen due to the feedback we received on the initial consultation which took place between December 2023 and January 2024.

Consultation feedback identified that alternative term arrangements would impact positively on pupil attendance and achievement. Therefore, we are now consulting on Option A and Option B as detailed in the survey below.

We are looking to set the dates for two academic years, 2025-2027, and then review again based on the impact these alternate dates might have."

The consultation can be found <https://letstalk.derby.gov.uk/term-dates-2025-to-2027>



COME & JOIN US FOR OUR
SUMMER FAIR
SATURDAY 6TH JULY
11:00AM-3:00PM
IVY HOUSE SCHOOL, MOORWAY LANE,
LITTLEOVER, DERBY, DE23 2FS

ALL WELCOME

Events
Bouncy Castle, BBQ, Entertainment,
Games, Raffle, Tombola, stalls/pop up
shops and much much more

If you would like a stall or would like to be part of our
entertainment please contact Tara.Gaskin@ivy.set.org
or call 01332 777920



Family Coffee Morning

OT and Physio drop in

Wednesday 15th May

9:30am until 11:00am

Please join us for tea, coffee and cake.
We will be joined by the NHS OTs and Physios who will be able to answer any of your questions!

For more information please contact Claire or Tara
01332 777920



Beach Day

THURSDAY 23RD MAY

Come and join us 10:00am-11:30am where we will have our own mini sand beach, paddling pools, ice creams and games.

Scan the QR code to let us know if you can join us

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 £1,300 so a huge thank you to everyone for their ongoing support.



Scan to donate



Fund valuable trips & visits for Ivy House School



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

£1,358 raised of £5,000 target

29 donations

Donate now



Summer Fair

We're gearing up for our annual Summer Fair and would appreciate any support you are able to provide.

Please let us know if you are willing to play a part in the lead up to the event or on the day. Any additional support would be greatly appreciated.

Our next meeting...

The next meeting takes place on **Thursday 9th May at 2:00pm**. If you would like to get involved please email us at friends@ivy.set.org or contact the main school office.

Social Media

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



[Instagram](#)



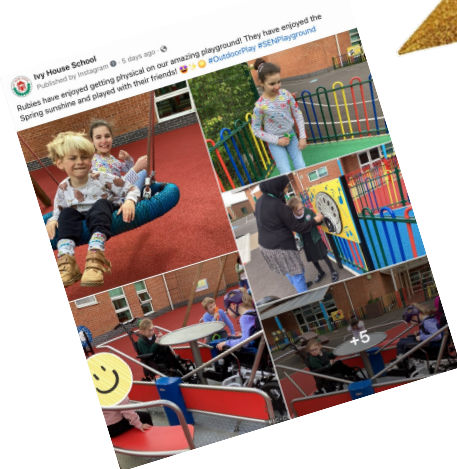
[Facebook](#)



[LinkedIn](#)

Social Media

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



Key Contacts



Ian Armstrong
Headteacher



George Turner
Deputy Headteacher



Amanda Shipley
Associate Assistant Headteacher



Hannah Birks
Associate Assistant Headteacher



Claire Porter
Safeguarding & Pastoral Lead



Tara Gaskin
Pastoral & Operations Co-Ordinator



Steph Hickling
Office Manager

Important Dates

May Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May - school closed to all students and staff

Mental Health Awareness Week – Monday 13th May to Friday 17th May

Wellbeing Day (families invited into school) – Wednesday 15th May

Family Coffee Morning – 15th May

Beach Day (families invited into school) – Thursday 23rd May

May Half Term – Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May

Immersive Experience Day – Thursday 27th June

Parents' Evening – Wednesday 10th July

14-19 Prom – Friday 12th July

End of Year Awards Assembly – Thursday 18th July

Last day of Summer Term – Tuesday 23rd July





OPEN DAY

LITTLE CHESTER ALLOTMENTS

SUNDAY 12th MAY 11AM TIL 3PM

LITTLE CHESTER ALLOTMENTS, OLD MANSFIELD ROAD, DE21 4SA



**Plot Shop - Tombola - Refreshments
Allotment Walks - Cake Sale - Crafts
BBQ - Plant Sale - Raffle**

Expert advice from our Growers and Maintenance Team

MOVE

MOVE Meetings

The MOVE team have identified some students who they feel would benefit from becoming part of the MOVE programme. The first step of the MOVE process is to arrange a meeting between class staff, a MOVE senior practitioner, families and most importantly your child. At this meeting, the aim is to set goals that are important to your child and your family.

What is MOVE?

The MOVE programme and the physical curriculum at Ivy House place movement at the centre of learning. Being able to move allows us to learn much more effectively. The MOVE Programme is designed to help families, educators and therapists work together toward specific goals for each individual pupil.

MOVE is activity-based, giving the pupils many opportunities to improve their sitting, standing and walking skills while participating in activities of daily living.



Neurodivergence and Sleep Session

(TO BE HELD ON ZOOM)

Sleep is much harder for neurodivergent children. You may have had advice before, but normal sleep strategies often do not work and are based on out of date information.

Join Nickie Sutton, specialist sleep practitioner and trainer, for a session where we look at how neurodivergence affects sleep and practical strategies to help.

These sessions are specially written for parents and carers of children with additional needs and disabilities and are interactive so that your specific question and needs are answered.



Nickie Sutton has been a sleep practitioner for 7 years and works with charities and parent carer forums all over the country. She has been running the Therapeutic Sleep Programme for neurodivergent children and young people for the NHS in Eastern Cheshire for two years. Prior to this Nickie was a nurse for 34 years, most recently working as a Specialist Community Public Health School Nurse, and ADHD Nurse Specialist. She has lived experience of autism. If you have any questions you can contact Nickie via the website www.peaksleep.co.uk or on 07541 477350

JOIN US ON 8TH AND 15TH MAY – ASK YOUR HUB
ADVISOR FOR MORE DETAILS



www.ivyhouse.derby.sch.uk



Ivy House School

School Term & Holiday Dates 2024-2025



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Bank Holiday

School Holiday

INSET Day



Mental Health Week: w/c Monday 13th May 2024

At Ivy House School we will be supporting World Mental Health week by taking part in a variety of activities w/c 13th May 2024 around the theme of movement to promote positive mental health.



Wear it **Green** Day
Thursday 16th May 2024 .

Please wear something green to raise awareness for Mental Health.



The green ribbon is the international symbol of mental health awareness, so by going green for the day, you are opening up the conversation about mental health



**COME JOIN US ON
3RD MAY**

6.30PM -10.30PM

FOR OUR 16 PLUS

SEN DISCO WITH AEROBICS TO START



Alfreton Town Supporters Club

North St, Alfreton DE55 7FZ

£5 entry

parents/carers free

Cash only bar

**please contact andrea 07733060448
for more info or to book.**



16+



**SENDisco sensory
POOL
session**



**£4 A SWIMMER
MAY 12TH
1-2PM**



**VICTORIA PARK
LEISURE CENTRE
ILKESTON**

**CALL /MESSAGE
07733060448 TO BOOK**



**Monthly SENDisco
walking group
for parents and carers**

MAY 14TH

**10.30am start at
Alfreton Park**

**around 2.5
miles, reasonably flat walk
.Wear appropriate
footwear for the weather**

**call / message for any info
07733060448**



**Check out QR codes and
f for more events**

