

5/9/19

IVYDALE NEWS

Dear families,

We were really pleased to see everyone back yesterday with smiles on their faces. In assembly we talked about the things that we will be doing for the 'first time ever' this year - we are sure it will be a very positive year.

Please help your child take responsibility for their learning each day by making sure they are in full school uniform, have the equipment they need (PE kit and book folder) and arrive at school in time for the bell (8.45am at Bellwood and 8.55am at Inverton).

There are a number of occasions this term for you to find out more about your child's learning - the meet the teacher meetings next week are the first of these. Either side of half term we have our autumn term parent's evenings where you will have your first opportunity of the year to talk about your child's learning and progress with their class teacher. Both of these are really important opportunities as part of how we work in partnership with you.

We send home 'Ivydale News' fortnightly and this will keep you up to date with what is happening in school so please do take the time to read it.

With many thanks for your continued support.

Helen Ingham, Headteacher

Ivydale
A Love of Learning for Life



"The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is **OUTSTANDING**."



"EFFECTIVE teaching across the curriculum means pupils make **GOOD** progress."



We are committed to the safeguarding and welfare of all children and we extend that commitment to the whole school community. If you are concerned about the safety or welfare of a child then please come and talk to one of the safeguarding team:- Helen Ingham Judith Lambert, Leigh Savage (extended services), Ruth Fairclough or Terri Cowdrey.

UNIFORM REMINDER

All children from reception upwards are expected to wear school uniform. This consists of:

- school t-shirt (long or short sleeved)
- school sweatshirt
- smart, plain, dark (black, navy or grey) bottoms
- checked summer dress
- children can wear a plain t-shirt (not a football shirt) under an Ivydale top
- dungarees are not allowed as the Ivydale logo should always be visible

As we told you last term we will be circulating a questionnaire about school uniform during the early part of this term. The opinions you express in the questionnaire will help to inform the decision the school makes about simplifying the uniform.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - AUTUMN TERM 2019

- Monday 9th Sept - Year 5 Meet the Teacher
- Tuesday 10th Sept - Year 4 Meet the Teacher
- Tuesday 10th Sept - Year 6 Meet the Teacher **at 6pm**

• Wednesday 11th Sept - Year 3 Meet the Teacher
• Thursday 12th Sept - Year 2 Meet the Teacher
• Friday 13th Sept - Year 1 Meet the Teacher
PLEASE NOTE ALL MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE AS SOON AFTER DROP OFF AS POSSIBLE AND WILL LAST NO MORE THAN HALF AN HOUR

- Friday 20th Sept - Forum for parents of black, mixed and minority children at 9am (Inverton building)
- Tuesday 15th Oct - Bellwood parent-teacher meetings
- Wednesday 16th Oct - Inverton parent-teacher meetings
- Monday 21st-Friday 25th Oct - HALF TERM
- Tuesday 29th Oct - Inverton parent-teacher meetings
- Wednesday 30th Oct - Bellwood parent-teacher meetings
- Monday 4th-Friday 8th Nov - Year 6 School Journey (Nepal & Rwanda)
- Monday 11th-Friday 15th Nov - Year 6 School Journey (Poland)
- Thursday 21st Nov - Flu vaccinations for all year groups
- Friday 22nd Nov - INSET day

MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS

You are all invited to attend your year group meeting in September where you will find out about the learning and behaviour expectations for the coming year as well as meeting your child's class teacher and other staff. Meetings will begin as soon after drop off as possible and will last no more than half an hour. The Year 6 meeting will include information about the secondary transfer process as well.



MUSIC NEWS

This term, reception, year 1 and year 2 will all have weekly class music lessons with Helen Raggatt focusing on listening, singing, playing percussion and beginning to read, compose and improvise music.

Helen will also be teaching the recorder and xylophone to year 3 while year 5 will be learning the keyboard with her. As in previous years Year 4 will be learning the ukulele with Joe

Thorp from Southwark Music Service while year 6 will be learning the steel pans. All children will also have weekly singing assemblies and an opportunity to sign up for choir.

Music tutors start teaching during the week of 30th September. Datsun has space for new starters in years 1-3 learning ukulele or drum fun and Daniel has space for trumpet players from year 3 upwards. Simon has a few places available for recorders also. There are limited spaces for other instruments so please fill in a form available from either office to request lessons available or to be placed on the waiting list for violin, cello, guitar or drum kit. Unfortunately we have an extremely long waiting list for piano lessons with Holly and therefore we would recommend you seek piano lessons outside of school.