

21/11/19

IVYDALE NEWS

Dear families,

Yesterday four leaders from other schools spent the morning looking at all the different ways we work with you, as parents. They spoke with teachers, looked at our surveys, our website, newsletters, twitter feed and also spent time talking to some of you in the playground. A huge thank you goes to the eight parents who took part in a focus group session as part of this process. As well as lots of positive feedback, there were also helpful thoughts and ideas about how we can improve further. Shortly the senior team will be drafting a plan to address these ideas with a view to writing a parent engagement policy later this year.

With many thanks for your continued support.

**Helen Ingham,
Headteacher**



Don't forget to return your ballot paper by noon on Monday 2nd December. As well as ballot boxes in both offices, there is also a box in the after school club building.



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



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



**DON'T FORGET - TOMORROW
IS AN INSET (STAFF
TRAINING) DAY, NO SCHOOL
FOR CHILDREN.
SEE YOU ON MONDAY.**

ILOF CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thursday 5th December

It's that time of year again when we're busy planning our festive fun Christmas Fair. This year it's on Thursday 5th December, in the Bellwood Early Years Playground straight after school finishes. We'll have the usual favourites like Santa's Grotto, snow machine, gingerbread decorating ... plus a few new additions. This year we'll be having a second-hand Christmas Jumper stall giving you a chance to clear out those out-grown jumpers and grab a bargain. And, we're trying to cut down on the plastic fantastic gifts by inviting crafty parents/carers to make us some small gifts to sell on the gift stall.

All the details can be found at the end of this newsletter, with reminders to follow! If you're interested in helping on the day please email ilofteam@gmail.com



Just a reminder to those of you who drive that children should not be dropped off directly outside the school, the zig zag lines indicate the no stopping or dropping zone. Cars should be parked a safe distance away from the school in order for all children to cross safely and clearly near the school.

EYF'S NEWS

We had lots of fun inviting parents and carers in to talk about phonics and how to support reading and writing at home. The children really enjoyed sharing their skills and knowledge with those of you who were able to stay and play. If you weren't able to attend, please take some time to read the email sent out which gives some pointers on how to best support reading at home.

In reception, we began to learn about superheroes. The children had to use their problem solving and teamwork skills to devise a rescue mission for the class teddies trapped in hard to reach places out in the garden, then to build traps to catch the 'baddies'. This topic has been inspiring all sorts of exciting writing. It's been great to see children's new phonic knowledge being put into action.

In nursery, children have been enjoying the story of 'Peace at Last', using their excellent listening skills to identify sounds in the environment and using their descriptive language to talk about what they can hear.

Jan Harpley, Assistant Headteacher



WATCH OUT NEXT WEEK ...

CLUB ENROLMENT

We go live on Monday 25th Nov from 6pm for Bellwood clubs and Tuesday 26th Nov at the same time for Inverton clubs.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

Watch out for the letter coming out at the end of next week for you to book your tickets.

PHASE 1 NEWS

The children in Phase One are becoming masters of multitasking, as they begin their preparations for the Christmas shows. Year 3 are rehearsing their songs for the KS2 concert and Years 1 and 2 are busy working out their parts for the Nativity, while still continuing their topic learning and developing those maths and literacy skills. Over the last week I have seen some exciting plant experiments in Year 2, a fabulous Roman assembly by France Class and I had a go at creating some colourful artwork in Vietnam Class. Your child may come home with some lines or songs to learn; thank you for supporting them with this at home.

Helen Easton, Assistant Headteacher



PHASE 2 NEWS

Over the last two weeks all three Year 6 classes have tackled a wide range of new and

challenging activities while on school journey in Wales. From canoeing to climbing, hill walking to raft building children developed their teamwork and resilience. These trips are such an important part of our curriculum and wouldn't be possible if staff weren't willing to go. I cannot thank them enough for their generosity in giving up their own family lives for a week.

Vicki Reeves, Assistant Headteacher





Thursday 5th December @ 3:20pm
Bellwood Early Years Playground and Hall

Join us for Christmas carols, Mulled wine, Hot chocolate,
 Snow machine, Father Christmas, Face painting, Xmas tattoos,
 Childrens performances and lots more festive fun.

Fantastic Festive Hampers

We have four fantastic festive hampers worth £100 each to raffle.
 Raffle tickets on sale before and at the event

Want to help? Bring some mince pies or cakes and if you can help on
 the day please email ilofteam@gmail.com



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR GINGERBREAD DONATIONS TO DECORATE AND SELL AT THIS YEARS ILOF CHRISTMAS EVENT THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 3.20PM, KS1 PLAYGROUND AND LOWER HALL

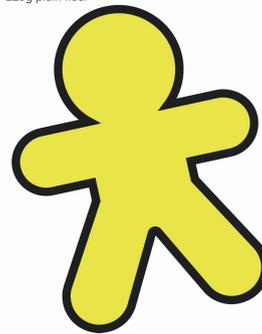
This year along with mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies we will have a decorating station where we sell the biscuits (50p) and the children can decorate as they wish. Below is a suggested recipe but if you have your own preferred one please feel free to use that. **No nuts please!**

INGREDIENTS

75g soft brown sugar
 2 tbsp golden syrup
 1 tbsp black treacle
 1 tbsp water
 95g of soft butter or margarine (cut into cubes)
 1 tsp cinnamon
 1 tsp ground ginger
 1 pinch ground cloves
 Finely grated rind of 1 orange
 1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
 225g plain flour

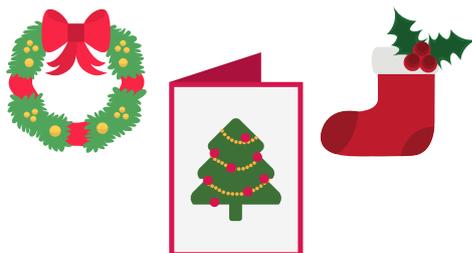
METHOD

Pre-heat oven to 180 C
 Lightly grease baking sheets or use greaseproof paper
 Recipe should make roughly 10 shapes for a M/L cookie cutter. Biscuits will keep for two weeks
 1. Put the sugar, syrup, treacle, water, spices and rind together in a saucepan and bring to the boil, stirring the whole time
 2. Remove from the heat and stir in the cubed butter or margarine and add bicarbonate of soda
 3. Stir in the flour gradually until you have a smooth manageable dough (add a little more flour if you think it needs it)
 4. Put the covered dough in the fridge to firm up (around 30 mins)
 5. Roll out dough on a lightly floured surface to 3mm thickness and cut out shapes
 6. Arrange on a baking tray and bake for 10-15 minutes until biscuits feel firm when pressed with a finger tip
 7. Leave to cool for a few minutes on baking sheet and then transfer to a wire rack



Please leave donations in the office by lunchtime on December 5th. As always, thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you there.

Feeling crafty this Christmas?



We all know how much kids love buying festive bits and bobs at the school fair but this year we are trying to avoid excess plastic by putting the creative talents of the Ivydale school community to good use!

We're thinking decorations, hot chocolate cones, hair scrunchies, key rings...

if you're able to make a few things to add to our gift stall please email us at : ilofteam@gmail.com

We want your Christmas jumpers!



Give those Christmas jumpers you or your kids have grown out of a new lease of life!

Donate them to the second hand Christmas jumper sale at this year's Christmas fair. Plus you can pick up a bargain ahead of the school's Christmas jumper day on Friday 13th December.

Jumpers can be dropped off in the labelled box at the Bellwood and Inverton offices, and at After School Club until the morning of 5th December.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - AUTUMN TERM 2019

- Friday 22nd Nov - INSET day
- Tuesday 26th Nov - Prospective Parents Open Morning 10-12
- Tuesday 26th Nov - Ghana and India to the British Museum
- Wednesday 27th Nov - OPAL Parent Stay and Play at 2.30pm
- Thursday 28th Nov - Ghana class assembly at 9am
- Friday 29th Nov - Poland class assembly (school journey) at 9am
- Tuesday 3rd Dec - Spain, Togo & Uzbekistan to London Zoo
- Tuesday 3rd Dec - Latvia & Mongolia at the Chess Classic
- Tuesday 3rd Dec - Bellwood & Inverton choirs to care home
- Wednesday 4th Dec - Year 4 parent maths workshop at 9.30am
- Thursday 5th Dec - Year 1 Rocket exhibition for parents at 9.15am
- Thursday 5th Dec - Guitars playing in the Inverton atrium from 3.15pm
- Thursday 5th Dec - ILOF Christmas after school
- Friday 6th Dec - Year 1 & 2 Road Safety theatre show
- Friday 6th Dec - Year 5 UCL environment workshop
- Tuesday 10th Dec - Latvia & Mongolia to the Imperial War Museum
- Tuesday 10th Dec - Violin concert at Bellwood at 3.30pm
- Wednesday 11th Dec - EYFS Christmas singalong at 9.30am, Yrs1&2 Nativity at 2pm
- Thursday 12th Dec - Yrs1&2 Nativity at 9.30am, EYFS Christmas singalong at 2pm
- Friday 13th Dec - Christmas lunch and jumper day
- Tuesday 17th Dec - Bellwood & Inverton choirs to Queen Elizabeth Hall
- Tuesday 17th Dec - Piano concert at 3.30pm
- Wednesday 18th Dec - Yrs3-6 Christmas Concert at 9.30am and 2pm
- Thursday 19th Dec - Christmas Party morning and last day of term, Bellwood finish at 2pm, Inverton at 2.10pm
- Tuesday 7th January - First day of Spring Term
- Thursday 9th January - Prospective Parents Open Morning 10-12

Christmas Jumper Day
is coming people!

Friday 13 December
Wear a jumper ...

a badge ...

a piece of tinsel

Donate £1



**DURING DECEMBER WE WILL BE
FOCUSING ON THE VALUE OF
GENEROSITY**



Southwest foodbank Christmas Shopping List

- Mince pies
- New children's books (2-16yrs old)
- Custard
- Christmas Pudding
- Christmas Cake
- Chocolate and treats
- Snacks and nibbles
- Jam
- Rice Pudding
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Pork Meat

Please no fresh produce or perishable food.
NO PASTA, SOUP OR BEANS PLEASE.

Please ensure donated food has a long shelf life and is well within its use by date.

Delivery times: Monday - Thursday 10am-12pm
Location: 121a Peckham High Street, SE15 5SE



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Autumn Term 2019

Inset day: Monday 2nd September, Tuesday 3rd September
Term starts: Wednesday 4th September – Friday 18th October
Half term: Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October
Term Starts: Monday 28th October – Thursday 19th December

Spring Term 2020

Inset day: Monday 6th January 2019
Term starts: Tuesday 7th January – Friday 14th February
Half term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February
Term Starts: Monday 24th February – Friday 3rd April

Summer Term 2020

Term starts: Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May
Half term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
Term starts: Monday 1st June – Tuesday 21st July

Public Holidays

25 th December	Wednesday	Christmas Day
26 th December	Thursday	Boxing Day
1 st January	Wednesday	New Year's Day Holiday
10 th April	Friday	Good Friday
13 th April	Monday	Easter Monday
8 th May	Monday	Early May Bank holiday
25 th May	Monday	Spring Bank holiday
30 th August	Monday	Summer Bank holiday

Autumn Term 2020

Inset day: Tuesday 1st September, Wednesday 2nd September
Term starts: Thursday 3rd September – Friday 23rd October
Half term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October
Term Starts: Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Spring Term 2021

Inset day: Tuesday 5th January
Term starts: Wednesday 6th January – Friday 12th February
Half term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February
Term Starts: Monday 22nd February – Wednesday 31st March

Summer Term 2020

Term starts: Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May
Half term: Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June
Term starts: Monday 7th June – Friday 23rd July

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25 th December	Friday	Christmas Day
26 th December	Saturday	Boxing Day
1 st January	Friday	New Year's Day Holiday
2 nd April	Friday	Good Friday
5 th April	Monday	Easter Monday
3 rd May	Monday	Early May Bank holiday
31 st May	Monday	Spring Bank holiday
31 st August	Monday	Summer Bank holiday