

ILOF NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2017



Welcome to ILOF's Autumn newsletter. If you haven't yet heard about Ivydale school's PTA then we hope our newsletter will tell you what you need to know! You can also visit the ILOF page of the school website and join our Facebook page to keep up to date with what we are up to and how you can get involved.

Here's some of the things we've been doing:

Ready, Steady, Bake

Earlier this term we were busy with our Nunhead Art Trail Tea Rooms where the children's artwork was exhibited. This also gave the community an opportunity to have a look around the new Inverton building. An amazing **£453.87** was raised from the tea rooms. Thank you to all the children, parents, carers and teachers who donated their time and baked delicious treats.

Annual General Meeting

The ILOF committee met in October to give a full round up of last year's events, an overview of the finances, as well as the spending plans and hopes for ILOF going forward. Click [here](#) for full Minutes and Presentation.

Last year, we raised just over £13k through the various events and fundraising. Here is how some of this money is being spent:

- £5 per pupil for class trips
- a new portable digital piano for the Inverton building
- collapsible staging for both buildings to be used for all kinds of assemblies and performances

WHAT'S COMING UP:

It's beginning to look a lot like...

Our Christmas event will be on Thursday 14th December from 3.20pm in the lower hall and new early years playground at Bellwood. An atmospheric afternoon of mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies with music performances from the children and a chance for everyone to enjoy a good old sing-song of carols around the piano. There might even be a visit from Father Christmas himself if we're good, and the return of the ever-popular snow machine. Want to join the Christmas event team or help out for a bit on the day? Sign up at ilofteam@gmail.com.



Christmas cards - Ivydale children have been busy designing their own Christmas cards. We are using a new company who do all the orders and payments directly online, which we hope will make things easier for everyone. Look out for order forms with all the information in your children's book bags at the end of November.

Other dates for your diaries:

School Discos for the kids – Friday 2nd February

Quiz Night for the grown ups – Thursday 8th March

Fun Run – provisionally Sunday 13th May

Summer Fair for everyone – Sat 23rd June



On your marks

The Fun-Run is one of ILOF's most popular events in the calendar so make sure you **keep Sunday 13 May 2018 free**. We wanted to take this opportunity to publicly **thank Sammy Linton** who many of you know as a parent and member of staff for her contribution to this family day-out over the years; she has sadly decided to hang her fun-run organising boots this year. Sammy has played a huge part in building, organising and growing this fabulous event, which has **raised over £25K** under her charge. This also means that **ILOF is urgently in need of someone keen on becoming the next fun-run event coordinator**. If you would rather plan a race than run it, this role could be for you! To find out more about what's involved, email ilofteam@gmail.com.

How to get involved:

We're always looking for people to join the ILOF team and everyone is welcome. If you'd like to get involved, just give us a shout on our facebook page (link) or email us at ilofteam@gmail.com.



Class Reps

We're going to be starting up a class rep system; where a parent from each class will be the main voice between both ILOF and the teacher and their child's class. More information on this will be shared via ParentMail shortly, but please email ilofteam@gmail.com if you would like to put yourself forward.

Easy Fundraising

Christmas is coming and with it Christmas shopping (presents, food, holiday). Help raise funds for ILOF by signing up to Easyfundraising where you can shop with over 3,000 known retailers. It really is easy! Just sign up here <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ivydalelof>, download the donation reminder on your pc or laptop and the app on your mobile or tablet and get shopping!

Micro Scooters

Buying a Micro Scooter this Christmas? Help raise funds for ILOF by entering the code **100796** in the "school code" box via the website <https://www.micro-scooters.co.uk>. Micro Scooters will then donate 10% back to ILOF.

Riverford

Riverford, the organic veg box company, will make a £15 donation to ILOF for everyone who signs up and existing customers, on their 3rd delivery. To place an order go to www.riverford.co.uk/vegfund or call **01803 227227**. Simply enter our **Ivydale ID SCH1237** into the Notes box when you check out.

The ILOF Team

Co-Chairs: Sarah Woolhouse/Julia Gregory

Secretary: Laura Cannon

Treasurer: Mark Inglis

Events & General Committee: Katie Bailiff, Jasmin Nuttall, Emma Parsons, Gudrun Lawyer, Katrina Pitts, Marie-Pierre Avgeri, Emmanuelle Mitchell

Finally... A BIG THANK YOU to everyone involved in planning, helping and running these events as well as to everyone who attends them. In light of planned cuts our amazing school is facing, these events keep us all connected, give everyone something to smile about and bring essential additional funds for those things that will likely be passed by otherwise.

Many thanks for your support.



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