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# IVYDALE NEWS

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."



## Dear families,

Last year we held two Parent Forum meetings where we discussed school finance and the challenges we are facing. Parents put forward several ideas to help generate income and reduce our costs including the idea of voluntary parent donations. This is something that is commonplace in many schools now. We have decided to introduce such a scheme in partnership with Ivydale League of Friends (ILOF), our PTA to ensure that we can continue to provide a wide range of educational activities. After half term you will receive a letter explaining how this voluntary scheme will work and what the money will be used for.

With many thanks for your continued support.

**Helen Ingham, Headteacher**



Last week we had a near miss with one of our children nearly being

hit by a cyclist while she was crossing the road. Please remember that it is everyone's responsibility to keep children safe walking to and from school. Make sure your children wait to cross the road with you. Please also remember the zig zag lines and double yellow lines are not places to stop and drop your children off. The traffic wardens are back and will fine people who park illegally.

**Thank you for your cooperation in keeping your children safe at school.**



Introducing Ivydale's new sensory room!

Schools can be noisy, busy places. For some,

the busy-ness and noise can sometimes get too much. Our new sensory room is a quiet space aimed at stimulating, developing and relaxing the senses using low lighting, projections, fibre optics, mirrors and bubble tubes. Sensory rooms are not often seen in

schools but we believe it is an important addition in supporting the wellbeing and development of our children. We are fortunate to have received the funding to develop the space through the Healthy Schools Programme.



## CAN YOU HELP?

After school club would like any old glasses and Alice bands as well as modelling wire, paper clips and anything denim for an accessory making project they will be doing after half term. We are also looking for some board games, especially chess sets for our playgrounds. Any donations should be handed into either office please.

During the forthcoming parent-teacher meetings you will be asked to update the personal & contact information we hold about your child. You will also have the opportunity to contribute to our school uniform consultation.

## EYFS NEWS

The children have been very excited by the introduction of tyres and large crates into the lunchtime playground. Over the next half term we will be introducing other resources into the playground. Providing a wider range of play resources at lunchtimes increases the fun and creativity for all children. In reception, we have focused on the book 'Pumpkin Soup' and we have had great fun, hammering, smashing and exploring pumpkins. We've been learning about Autumn through leaf printing and creating colourful art. We are continuing to learn our letter sounds and are beginning to learn some tricky words. (These words are tricky because they can't be sounded out). In nursery, we have been drawing and talking about our families and who lives in our houses, as well as painting self-portraits. We have had a go at baking and tasting delicious cookies. Outside we have been working really hard on building friendships and thinking about each others' feelings. Please take some time to look at the fantastic display by the nursery door which is all about building friendships and interacting positively.

**Jan Harpley, Assistant Headteacher**



## PHASE 1 NEWS

It has been another busy week in Phase 1. In Year 1, the children have just finished writing and publishing their stories based on Whatever Next. Their bound books look fabulous and they should be very proud. Today, Egypt and China have been to Mudchute Farm to learn about farming in a real setting; I'm sure they'll enjoy regaling you with stories of their adventure when they get home. Denmark Class were unable to go due to some poorly sheep, but their trip has been rescheduled for after half term. It was lovely to hear the Year 3s explain what their Stone Age selves would do if they felt hungry, compared with what they would do now; we certainly seem to have some hunter-gatherers in our midst! All the children deserve a good October break after all their fun and hard work.

**Helen Easton, Assistant Headteacher**



## PHASE 2 NEWS

We have come to the end of our first half term which has been full of hard work and exciting learning. Year 4 have been busy making pan pipes to explore pitch in science while Year 5 have constructed some impressive looking Trojan horses. A group of Year 5 and 6 children had the opportunity to learn CPR as part of Guy's and St Thomas' Kids Save Lives Festival this week. This is a great example of how we enrich our curriculum with opportunities beyond the national curriculum. Kenya and Japan have each earned an extra MUGA session as a result of having the greatest number of value points over the last fortnight. Have a lovely half term break.

**Vicki Reeves, Assistant Headteacher**





## Parent Taster

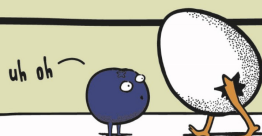
### Wednesday 30th October

Please come and have a taste of some of the options on our new menu. We will be in the playground at 3.20pm

#### MENU

Chicken Tikka Curry with Rice  
Vegetable Chow Mein (v)  
Herb and Garlic Bread

Raspberry and Coconut Flapjack  
Fresh Fruit Salad



Providing fresh, local and seasonal ingredients, high welfare meats and sustainable fish.



## Bonfire Night

#### Main Choices

Sweet Chilli Bangers

(Chicken Sausages with a Sweet Chilli Sauce)

Or

Cheese and Tomato Pinwheels

#### Served with

Potato Wedges

BBQ Beans & Peas

#### Daily Dessert

Sparkly Sponge Cake,  
Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt



**BONFIRE NIGHT**  
Tuesday 5th November

Peckham Rye; Nunhead & Queens Rd.; Dulwich Hill  
Ward Meeting

**Wednesday 30 October 2019**  
**at 6.30pm**

Belham Primary School,  
Bellenden Road SE15 4DG



**"All around Peckham Rye Park – Have your say!"**

If you live anywhere near Peckham Rye Park and Common you will want to be at this meeting! This is your opportunity to find out what will be happening in the park.

**Come and discuss all things Park!**

Tell us your priorities for the park

Options for the Bowling Green

Latest on the flood prevention scheme

GALA latest update on 2020 plans

Community Champion: Sunil Chopra

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## Ivydale Primary School Open Mornings

Prospective parents are invited to attend one of our open mornings on

**Tuesday 12th November**  
**Tuesday 26th November**  
**Thursday 9th January**

10am - 12pm



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - AUTUMN TERM 2019**

- Friday 18th Oct - Year 5 UCL Environment workshop
- Monday 21st-Friday 25th Oct - HALF TERM
- Tuesday 29th Oct - Years 1 & 2 Road Safety workshops
- Tuesday 29th Oct - Inverton parent-teacher meetings
- Wednesday 30th Oct - Year 2 to Bright Sparks Concert
- Wednesday 30th Oct - Bellwood parent-teacher meetings
- Wednesday 30th Oct - School lunch tasters for parents in the playgrounds after school
- Thursday 31st Oct - Deadline for Secondary Transfer Applications
- Thursday 31st Oct - ILOF Halloween Cake Sale and Pumpkin Carving Competition
- Monday 4th-Friday 8th Nov - Year 6 School Journey (Nepal & Rwanda)
- Tuesday 5th Nov - Parent forum for parents of Black, mixed and minority children at 9am
- Monday 11th-Friday 15th Nov - Year 6 School Journey (Poland)
- Tuesday 12th Nov - Prospective Parents Open Morning 10-12
- Thursday 14th Nov - France class assembly at 9am
- Friday 15th Nov - Rwanda and Nepal class assembly (school journey) at 9am
- Monday 18th Nov - Vietnam & Botswana to London Transport Museum
- Monday 18th Nov - Togo parent phonics workshop at 9am
- Tuesday 19th Nov - Uzbekistan parent phonics workshop at 9am
- Tuesday 19th Nov - Austria to London Transport Museum
- Wednesday 20th Nov - Spain parent phonics workshop at 9am
- Thursday 21st Nov - Flu vaccinations for all year groups
- Thursday 21st Nov - ILOF Slumber Cinema
- Friday 22nd Nov - INSET day
- Tuesday 26th Nov - Prospective Parents Open Morning 10-12
- 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
- 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 - ILOF Christmas after school
- Friday 6th Dec - Year 5 UCL environment workshop
- 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
- 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
- Thursday 9th January - Year 1 workshops for parents (times to follow)