



# Ivy Road Primary School **September** 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to a new academic year. I hope you all had a restful summer break.

Thanks to everyone who helped to organise, donate and/or attend our Summer Fair in July. We managed to raise a fantastic **£552.34** towards our school fund which will be used to purchase items for the children and will go towards the cost of school educational visits. In particular, we would like to thank the following businesses who donated: Clousden Hill pub, Asda, The Salon, First Class Supply Agency, Round the Twist, Jump 360, The Creatives, Dawn Murphy design & bake, Fun Little Foodies, CCL Office Supplies, Bizarre Chocolate and Joanna Jackson. First Class Supply also donated Vue cinema gift cards to the children who achieved 100% attendance for the full academic year.

I would like to remind parents/carers that if they would like to speak to a member of the office staff, to go to the main entrance and **NOT** enter school via the pupil entrance doors. This is to ensure the safety and welfare of the children.

Children from Reception class up to Year 6 are welcome in our **Breakfast Club** which is free of charge. Entry into Breakfast club is strictly between 8.15 am to 8.30 am.

We also have an **Out of School Club** for children in Reception up to Year 6 which is split into two sessions: 3.15 - 4.15 pm and 4.15 - 5.45 pm. Children can stay for the first session for £4, or both sessions for £8. There is a reduction in this cost for siblings. If you are interested in this, please request a booking form from the school office. It's worth thinking about this option for example when you wish to spend a little extra time Christmas shopping!



## **Important notice about holidays, lateness, and absences with no reason provided**

From September 2013 the law around **holidays** in term time changed.

The law now makes it clear that a Headteacher cannot agree to a child being absent from school for a holiday unless there are exceptional circumstances.

It is up to you to provide the school with evidence of exceptional circumstances, but only the Headteacher can decide if the reason you have given can be considered as exceptional.

Please try to plan your family holidays during the school holidays and refrain from taking children out of school during term time. Any absence during term time seriously disrupts the continuity of children's learning and will have an impact on their present and future achievement.

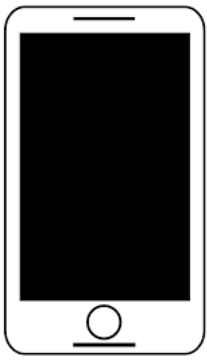
Leave of absence taken without permission from the Headteacher will be marked as unauthorised absence (truancy) and could lead to you receiving a fixed penalty fine of £60 for each child taken out of school.

A minority of children are **persistently late** for school and/or **absent without providing the school with a reason**. The Local Authority are clamping down on this and will be monitoring attendance very closely.

Please note that you may be issued with a fixed penalty fine for:

- taking your child out of school during term time, or
- persistently being late for school, or
- being absent without providing school with a reason.

This fine is £60 if paid within 21 days. If unpaid the fine is doubled to £120 and is payable within 28 days.



Are your contact details up to date?

We may need to contact you should your child become ill at school, or occasionally for another reason.

Please ensure that if you have recently changed your home/mobile telephone number, or have moved house, that you inform the school office of your new details.



## NOW ENROLLING FOR NURSERY!

Children start in Nursery the term after their 3rd birthday. We have three intakes a year - September, January and April. If you have a child under the age of 3 or know someone who is looking for a Nursery place, then please pick up an application form from the school foyer and return it to school as soon as possible.

Our Nursery is very popular; the sooner you enrol your child the better!

### Is someone else collecting your child?

If the person who normally collects your child from school is changed for any reason eg. you are stuck in traffic etc, please telephone the school and let us know who is coming instead.

We will **NOT** let any child go home with someone we don't know or someone we haven't been told about, even if it is a relative.



This year's Macmillan coffee morning will take place in the school hall on:

***Friday 27 September 2019.***

We do hope you are able to attend to help us support this worthy cause.

## UPCOMING EVENTS .....

### **w/c Tuesday 3 September**

New Reception class children in school until 1pm.

### **w/c Monday 9 September**

Reception class children in school normal hours.

### **Wednesday 11 September**

Swimming lessons commence for Years 5 & 6 children.

### **Wednesday 18 September**

Swimming lessons for Years 5 & 6

### **Wednesday 25 September**

Swimming lessons for Years 5 & 6

### **Friday 27 September**

Macmillan coffee morning.

*Please note that dates are correct at time of going to print but may be subject to change.*

