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Ofsted

We had our first visit from an HMI (Ofsted inspector) John Peckham, on March 19th. He acknowledged that-
"Senior leaders and governors are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified at the recent section 5 inspection."

The full report with 4 actions for us to continue is now on the Ofsted website and school website.

The visiting inspector did not foresee he would be making any further contact and that we could expect to be re-inspected during 2015.

Playground.

There will be changes to our playground area over the Easter break, when we have some sections covered in Astroturf and planters moved.

Over the summer we will be having additional canopy constructions outside 2 classes and the main playground to extend outside play and learning opportunities.



Open garden- Monday 5th May

-Why not take a trip out on 5th May, 2-5pm to visit the open garden at Rainbow End, 26 Awsworth Lane, Cossall, Notts NG162RZ. This is the garden of Sue and John Hill, who are the grandparents of Daniel Oldham in Chatsworth class.

Proceeds from the entry donations will go to support the Awsworth Methodist Church and Funds for Fun at Ivy House School.



Free school meals

Many Derby city families do not claim free school meals even though it can save hundreds of pounds per year. The schools also benefit as they receive an additional grant from the government. If you do not claim but think you may be entitled please visit the derby city website and search free school meals.

Alternatively contact the council house on 01332 643425. Even if your child is not able to take foods orally, they may benefit by the school accessing pupil premium funding.

Fundraising for others.

This term we supported 2 charities ourselves and had fun and exercise in the process.

For world book day we dressed up as characters and after a whole school assembly about our favourite books, shared class activities. We raised £46 to help children in other parts of the world to access books.

For sport relief we donned our sporty gear and toured the front grounds. We raised £67 from this event.



Website launch

Our new website will be launched after the Easter break. The address will remain the same as it is now. Please have a look and let us know what you think and if there is anything you would find useful to further develop.

Pool.

Swimming at Ivy House Hydro-pool. We run a range of events in our pool including lifeguard training qualifications, family swims, swimming lessons and also splash parties. For more information contact the team at:



ivyhousepool@hotmail.co.uk

Remember to send a costume and 2 towels for the hydro and swimming sessions. In exceptional circumstances costumes and towels may be borrowed, but will be sent home with your child for washing and then must be returned to school.

Information update.

Please make sure you give school any changes of telephone numbers etc, so we can amend our records for contact, and ensure that you are contactable in case of emergencies. Thank you. This will be especially important if the weather is bad over the next couple of months.



Coffee meeting for parents and carers.

The next coffee meeting will be Tuesday 13th May 1.45-2.45. Please note the change of time of day after requests for parents to move this around. Please remember you can always bring another family member with you.

Funds for Fun

Chocolate Bingo.

Thank you to everyone who supported in any way or was able to attend the chocolate bingo event. Funds raised were £ 190



Derby 10k run

Thank you for all the sponsorship for the Derby 10k as over £290 was raised.

All support is greatly appreciated for our 'Funds for Fun'. It was achieved in under the time hoped. Susan

THANK YOU

The next challenge event is walking the three Yorkshire Peaks, on Saturday 29th June 2014. If you wish to sponsor any activities please go to: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/ivyhouse3peaks>

General information.

Return to school meetings:

If your son or daughter has surgery or a prolonged absence due to illness we will want to meet with you to do a return to school, to ensure we have everything in place for them. This will be **before** they return. Please contact us for this meeting as soon as you know they are returning to school. A class member, the school nurse and possibly physiotherapy support will be present. These meetings are invaluable to your child.

Holiday authorised by school.

The Department for Education state that holidays should not be granted except in exceptional circumstances and applications must be made in advance. **Please write clearly the reasons for such requests on the school forms for consideration.** Thank you

Absence

Parents are required to ring school and leave a message or speak to a staff member on the first day of any absence for their child. Thank you for your co-operation. This helps us to know if there are specific illnesses within school.



Moving House - Important!

If you know you are moving on a specific day, **please contact the SEN department** directly and tell them your new address ready. It takes at least 5 days for transport to be redirected.

Inset dates to note:

Our next inset dates for this year when school is closed is **Monday 2nd June 2014**. This will be for whole school behaviour training

The best proof of love is trust.

Easter - a symbol of hope,
renewal, and new life.

