



**Where Every Child
Matters**



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Whole School themed sensory days- Frozen

Teacher Kath Hampson, organised 2 days of sensory experiences this term called 'Frozen'. The children were able to experience live music and a wide range of tactile sensory experiences. There were some strong responses to a wide range of different instruments including the flute, guitar and harmonica. All the pupils experienced the snow machine outside before entering the sensory setting in the hall.

Thank you Kath for organising , and to Geoff for playing the music.



Website.

Don't forget to visit our website for general information and updates.

We have added links this term to help families who have concerns about cyber-bullying.

Free School meals.

If you are eligible to claim for free school meals but do not, then your child can still benefit from pupil premium funding which the school can receive to spend to support them. Please ring the office and speak to Angela if you think this may be the case.



Red nose Day.

On Friday 13th March we saw red! Thank you for your support we raised £65 we all wore red and shared the story of 'The Queen's Orang-Utan' which the Primary staff brought to life with a re-enactment. This was followed by a birthday party to continue to celebrate the Queen's birthday from the story.

The Secondary department held an assembly which also featured the Orang-Utan!



Inset dates to note:

Our next inset training days when school is closed to pupils is Friday 19th June; September 7th and 8th 2015

Absence

Parents **are required** to ring school and leave a message or speak to a staff member on the first day of any **routine** absence for their child. It is not the responsibility of the escorts to pass on messages .Thank you for your co-operation.

Funds for fun-River challenge.

May 9th will see a group of staff and their families row 18miles down the river Wye in canoes. All sponsorship is very welcome along with a warm dry day!

Ofsted preparation update.

Please see the attached letter for full information of our work.

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.

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.



Coffee morning.

Thank you to all parents who attended the last parent coffee morning, and to Maureen Lammond for organising it. The next coffee morning will be on Tuesday 28th April at 10.00am. This time there will be an outside speaker from Simpsons Solicitors who will be talking about Trusts and Wills.

Parent2Parent:

Gerry wants to thank all of you who have sent in information and remind you if you want to know more about **'where and what'** parents of our pupils have found interesting and accessible please do ask for details. Contact Gerry on:- GHenderson@ivyhouse.derby.sch.uk
Or ring school to leave a message for more details.

Clothing and personal care items sent in.

Please can all items sent into school be labelled, including disposable personal care items, so we can make sure they are used for your son or daughter.

Thank you.

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. Families leaving the country for extended periods may return to find their child has been removed from the school register and their place has been filled.**

Thank you

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 complete return to school form, 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 ready to return to school. A class member, the school nurse and possibly physiotherapy support will be present. These meetings are invaluable to your child.

Parent Makaton practical workshop.

This will be held on Tuesday 21st April 9.45-11.00 am.

Please confirm attendance by the slip provided on the letter when you get it. This workshop will be covering everyday basic signs you may need from the core vocabulary. A maximum of 12 spaces will be available.

New Physiotherapist.



Hi everyone. My name is Emma and I am the new Paediatric Physiotherapist. I started at the beginning of January and work on a full time basis, 5 days a week covering Ivy House and Stanton Vale School. Prior to this I worked for 2 years in Leicester for the Adult Learning Disability Team where I saw people from ages 18 up to older Adults, covering a varied level of abilities and disabilities. Please feel free to pop in to see me or give the office a ring if you want a chat.

Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail.



Spring is when you feel like whistling – so do it.

