



**Where Every Child
Matters**

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Spring term

Thank you to you all for your support and understanding during the present situation of unrest and strike actions whilst the Union and the Local authority try to come to an agreement.

It has been highlighted that there needs to be a way of promoting our school provision and the children's complex needs in a positive way across the city with both the authority and the public.

Governors and staff will work together on this promotion. Gary Coffey, the new Headteacher from April 2017, is very confident with a range of IT media and will be looking to open up new and improved channels of communication such as Twitter to promote school. Gary has already visited school and has been coming in to start gathering information to ensure a smooth transition into Ivy House School and to get to meet children and staff.

Leavers and new arrivals.

We welcome 6 new lunch time supervisors to the team; Ranjit, Katya, Marie, Gurmit, June, and Shazia. These posts replace staff who have left and Samreen and Cassie who will shortly be going on maternity leave.

We have appointed Bethany Waller for the maternity post to cover Coral Mould, (Teaching assistant) when she also leaves us next week. We look forward to Coral visiting with her new little one. Gerry Henderson (Teaching assistant), leaves on Friday 10th February to move back to nursing after 6 years here at Ivy House. She will be popping back to do a little supply though whilst she completes her return to nursing course. We wish Gerry all the very best with her studies and with her new adventures in nursing.



January announcements from Gemma who had a baby daughter Olivia and Jess who had a baby son Ryan. Welcome to both.

Parent and carer coffee mornings.

I hope you all received a letter with details of the upcoming coffee mornings. If not please let us know.

-6th March 10am til 11.15am

Speaker from Gowrings mobility to talk about wheelchair accessible vehicles.

-15th May 10am til 11.15am

Sensory craft workshop.

-We will re-book the Speaker to talk about oral care and inform you when this is done.



School developments: Governors:

It has been a busy term for the school Governors; here are some of the things they have been doing:

Pupils, Premises, Curriculum and Standards 14/11/16

Confirmed the School improvement plan actions to date.

Awareness of the School improvement report and process.

Full Governors Meeting 16/1/17

Gained a greater awareness of the usage of the school pool.

Ensured procedures in place for the monitoring of the school safeguarding audit action plan.

Approved the Year 7 catch up fund and PE fund statements.

Introduction of the school systems to the new Headteacher Gary.

Please see website for more Governor Information.

Inset dates reminder.

Friday 17th March -Derby City Special School Cluster Inset.

Friday 7th April –required Safeguarding training.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts at Christmas.

The Christmas jumper day raised £111 for Save the Children, and through making gift bags the Secondary

Department raised £10 for New Life charity.



"Most people see what is and never see what can be".

Albert Einstein

Reminder.

If your child uses the school hydro pool it would be really helpful if swimming kit could come in to school on a Monday. This means that they will have a kit if any spare sessions become available.

Please send:

2 towels

Swim shorts or swimsuit.

Shampoo/shower gel if you would like us to use it.

Holiday and pupil longer absence leave request.

Please just ask for a form from the office for any family holiday or leave other than the regular appointments.

Return to school meetings. Please ring school and book a meeting so we can ensure we manage and support your child back into school after surgery or illness that requires us to change our regular working practice for them.

Chartwells

We are pleased to introduce you to our new online platform –

www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk

This is a school meal website for parents that is mobile-friendly.

Tuck shop

A group of 14-19 students run a tuckshop every Wednesday morning to help develop their communication and money skills. If you would like your child to purchase something, either to have at school or take home please send in 50p. Thank you.

Health needs of our children.

Susan and the Governors are working closely with the Health Trust to increase our nursing support team to meet the increased health needs of our pupils. Thank you for your support during this period. There is a new nurse, Hannah Scott ready to join the team shortly.

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

Mother Theresa

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.

Don't forget while you are shopping.....

you can help raise funds for Ivy House when you shop online. To sign up and start collecting free donations for Funds for Fun all you have to do is:

1. Go to ww.easyfundraising.org.uk and in the 'Join Now' box type 'Ivy House School Funds for Fun' and click 'Join'.
2. Every time you shop online go to easyfundraising first to look for retailers taking part and chose one from the list.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to us for no extra cost whatsoever.

Family sessions at the hydro pool over the half-term break

Tuesday 14th February
For families with children of all ages
welcome-
9.30-11.30

Thursday 16th February
For families with children of all ages
welcome-
12.00-1.00pm

Booking Essential.

Please contact the hydro pool staff for costs and to book a place: 01332 771172

email: ivyhousepool@hotmail.co.uk

