



**Where Every Child
Matters**



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Welcome back to autumn term two.

We hope you found the IEP parent meetings in October informative and it was good to see so many of you in school.

As well as our usual lessons and themes the pupils are already in the throws of preparing for the Christmas fayre (27th November 10.00-12.00), by baking and making for stalls, or gathering items for the primary Christmas sensory event which we will share with their families. (Primary classes will confirm the date and times with you individually). We hope to see you all during the term joining in with some events wherever you can.

Text phone - we will be trying to increase our use to remind parents and carers of inset days, closure days and whole school events. This may become more widely used if liked. Please ensure we have any changes of number to keep this system updated.

Website.

Please do visit our website and look at the Parent2Parent link for activities and events locally. We have added some of the curriculum documents for our pupils working within our Pre-formal curriculum.

Questionnaires

Thank you for all the returns- we do appreciate them and hope they help us to improve even more.

Conversion to Education, Health and Care Plans.

Thank you for your patience with us during the change of statements to the new plans at the annual reviews. This is a government initiative and there is much for us to learn about the process and the new plans.

We are converting about half of our statements this year - so if you do not get to be part of the process this year- you will be included in 2016-17.

There seems an increase in paperwork at present for you so we can ensure you contributions are included - but this may be trimmed down over time.

Children in Need day on Friday 13th November- Superhero day- Thank you for your support.



Inset dates to note:

Friday 20th November –Sensory integration

Monday 22nd February – Engaging pupils with PMLD

Friday 29th April- Special school cluster training event

Equal Pay review

The staff wish to thank parents for all their support at this time of uncertainty and change.

There is no final outcome yet and the date has been delayed for implementation until June 2016.

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 came to join the parent coffee mornings. We hope you are finding them useful for making links with other parents. The next coffee meeting will be on Monday 7th December from 10.00-11.15 - for mince pies and a chat. You can always bring another family member with you. Under 5s are also welcome but you are responsible at all times.

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.

Useful numbers:

Parent partnership: (Now SENDIASS) 01332 641414

Umbrella: 01332 785658

Direct line nurses room:
01332777927

Wheelchair services: 01332
292080/287057

Lighthouse: 01332 256995

Transport: 01332 641729

SEN: 01332 640823

General information.

Return to school meetings:

If your son or daughter has surgery or a prolonged absence due to illness we will need 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.

Parent workshops.

The **parent workshop on postural care for your child will be arranged and dates on a flyer will come out shortly.** Lisa Heeley is organising the speaker for this session.

Kay and Carole will be running a repeat of the session on **'Caring for your back'**- for parents and carers on Tuesday 5th February 2016 at 1.30

Kay and Mandy will be running sessions on **Sensory and play ideas for home**; -ideas in abundance for you to have fun and learn through. There will be a session for parents of primary pupils on Monday 25th January at 1.30 and for parents of secondary pupils on Monday 1st February at 1.30

Further information will be out shortly for you to confirm your interest and book your places.

What you do today can improve your tomorrows.

