

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're gradually settling back into the rhythm of the school year, and it has been wonderful to see the children in their new classrooms. They've been enjoying the bright new spaces in Nursery, Reception, and Year 1, and getting used to new lunchtime routines - with Year 2 and 3 now walking up to Inverton for lunch and the bottom hall in use as our Bellwood dining space. The builders have assured us that we're still on track to have our new kitchen ready by October half-term. We'll keep you updated if anything changes.

I've had lots of questions about the old Nursery Gate (now Reception) on Lanbury Rd. This gate will no longer be used as Reception enter and exit via the Bellwood Gate. If you need to get to Lanbury Rd, you will have to walk around on the street.

It's also been a pleasure to see so many parents and carers at our recent *Stay and Play* and *Meet the Teacher* sessions. These are just the first of many opportunities to get involved in school life at Ivydale. We understand that many of you are juggling busy work and home lives, so please don't feel pressure to attend every event - come along when you can!

Our Parent Teacher Association, ILOF (Ivydale League of Friends), will be holding its first event of the year on Friday 26th September in the Bellwood Top Hall at 9am. The meeting will include a summary of last year's fundraising, an overview of the ILOF team, and a look at what is planned for this school year. We will be serving coffee and tea and selling second hand uniform (brand new large sizes available at a reduced price) and tea towels illustrated by Inverton pupils last year. Please do join us for an hour to meet everyone and find out how to volunteer or help fundraising efforts for the school. All parents and carers are automatically members of ILOF, and we'd love to see you there.

We're always looking for parent volunteers to support reading and other classroom activities. If you have a regular time you could offer, please get in touch with Jen Kurzik via the school office.

Even if you're not available on a regular basis, there will be plenty of chances to help throughout the year - from school trips to one-off events. Keep an eye out for requests.

We're currently looking for parents who might be able to run art workshops with a class. If you have relevant skills or experience and would like to share them, please contact Mary Utuk via the office. We'd love to hear from you!

If your child has been allocated a music lesson with one of our peripatetic teachers this academic year, then you should have received an email from Mrs Raggatt. There are some children also on a waiting list for when spaces become available throughout the year. **Spaces are still available in group djembe lessons for years 1, 2 and 3 children.** If your child isn't yet learning an instrument and would like to join these classes then please fill in this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/FecqAXeXKj> All other music lessons slots are now full, but you can still join a waiting list by filling out the same form.

Finally, we also have spaces in our current Year 2, Y4 and Y5 classes. If you know anyone local who is looking for a great school, please spread the word!

Thank you for being part of our school community,
Judith



Bike and Scooter Storage



Many thanks for your patience regarding bike storage while the building works have been going on. We have now arranged for Reception and Y1 children to keep their bikes and scooters at the back of the new Reception playground, behind the green fence. Y2-3 should continue to use the bike storage behind the After School Club. We have been promised more bike sheds when the next phase of the building work happens!



The Inverton Building will be open from 11am to 6pm on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September as part of the Nunhead Art Trail. Come along and check out some of the amazing artwork our pupils created last year – we'd love to see you there!



Toys in school



We kindly ask that children do not bring toys into school. While we understand that toys are special to many children, they can be a source of distraction in the classroom and may get lost or damaged during the day. We want to ensure all pupils are focused, safe and able to fully engage in their learning. If you feel your child needs a transitional object to support them into school, please make sure this has been discussed with the class teacher and SENDCo's. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

Please note: - dates added for the first time will appear in red

Date	Time	Class	Event	Location
Tuesday 23rd September	All day	Japan	Visit	Horniman Museum
Thursday 25th September	9am	Year 4 parents	Times Tables workshop for parents	Inverton Hall
Thursday 25th September	All day	Ghana	Visit	Horniman Museum
Friday 26th September	9am	All parents	ILOF AGM, coffee morning and second hand uniform sale	Bellwood top hall
Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th September	All day	All	Nunhead Art Trail	Inverton Hall
Tuesday 30th September	9am	Y1 parents	Phonics Workshop for parents	Bellwood Top Hall
Wednesday 1st October	pm	Y6	Junior Citizenship Workshop	Bermondsey
Thursday 2nd October	All day	Y5 footballers	U10 football tournament	Dulwich College
Tuesday 7th October	All day	France	Visit	Surrey Docks Farm
Thursday 9th October	9am	Y2 parents	Multiplication workshop for parents	Bellwood Top Hall
Wb Monday 13th October	All week	Y6	School Journey	Wales
Tuesday 14th October	All day	India	Visit	Surrey Docks Farm
Tuesday 14th October	9am	Austria parents	Phonics workshop for parents	Bellwood Bottom Hall
Wednesday 15th October	9am	Botswana parents	Phonics workshop for parents	Bellwood Bottom Hall
Tuesday 21st October	3.30-6.30pm	Inverton parents	Parents' Evening	Inverton
Tuesday 21st October	am	Inverton children plus Bellwood siblings and Denmark	Individual and sibling photos	Inverton
Wednesday 22nd October	am	Bellwood children (not Denmark)	Individual photos	Bellwood
Wednesday 22nd October	All day	Denmark	Visit	London Transport Museum
Thursday 23rd October	3.30-7.30pm	Bellwood parents	Parents' Evening	Bellwood
Friday 24 October	9am	Y6 parents	Assembly for parents	Inverton Hall
Monday 27th-Friday 31st October	All week	All	Half term holiday	
Tuesday 4th November	3.30-6.30pm	Bellwood parents	Parents' Evening	Bellwood
Wednesday 5th November	All day	Egypt	Visit	London Transport Museum
Thursday 6th November	10am	Prospective parents	Open morning	Bellwood top hall
Thursday 6th November	3.30-7.30pm	Inverton parents	Parents' Evening	Inverton