

Dear Ivydale parents and carers,

We're looking forward to seeing you all at our first parents' evenings of the year, taking place next week and the week after half term.

These meetings are a valuable opportunity for us to celebrate your children's successes and discuss the goals we're setting for them this year. They're also the best way for us to work together so that we can guide you in supporting your child's learning - so please do make every effort to attend your appointment.

In the Autumn and Spring terms, meetings will be led by your child's teacher. We also encourage children to attend (especially from Key Stage 2), so they can hear and contribute to the conversation.

In the Summer term, we'll be trying something new: instead of individual appointments, we'll hold an 'open classroom' event. Your child will take the lead in talking to you about their learning, using their oracy skills, and we hope that the more relaxed setting will help them share their progress more confidently - and also help to reduce teacher workload.

We are looking for two new co-opted Governors to join our Governing Body.

These are not Parent Governor positions, but rather roles for members of the wider community or individuals with particular skills and experience that would strengthen the work of the Governing Body, for example IT and computing skills. We are particularly interested in hearing from people who reflect the diversity of our community or have experience of leading on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

If you know someone who might be interested, please do get in touch. While the role does require a time commitment, it is an extremely rewarding opportunity to contribute to the life and development of our school.

A final reminder that the secondary transfer deadline is **31st October**. If you have a child who will be starting secondary school next September, please make sure you have submitted your application before this date.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Judith



School Journey

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 6 children back tomorrow after a muddy, exhausting but exhilarating week in Wales. They have spent the week building independence and resilience, learning new skills such as canoeing and climbing, and discovering what it's like to be away from home. We are so proud of them all! A huge thank you to all the staff who have left their families for the week to make school journey happen.



Let us know what you think...

We are committed to making Ivydale a place where everyone feels valued, respected and included. Equality, diversity and inclusion are central to our school's ethos, and we believe that every child and adult in our community should feel seen, heard and supported.

As part of our ongoing commitment, we'd really appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to share your views and experiences related to equality, diversity and inclusion at Ivydale.

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Your feedback will play a vital role in shaping our school development plan and guiding future school development.

Job opportunities at Ivydale

We are looking for an enthusiastic teaching assistant to join our committed team.

Perhaps you are a graduate considering a career in teaching? Becoming a teaching assistant is a great first step towards the School's Direct programme. We have an excellent reputation for 'home grown' teachers.

Alternatively, you may already have the skills and experience to support children with their learning, including those with additional needs.

We are also looking for a reliable, enthusiastic and caring Midday Meals Supervisor to join our platinum award winning Play Team. The role involves supporting and supervising pupils during the lunchtime period to ensure they have a safe, enjoyable and positive experience.

For further information, please click here: <https://www.ivydaleschool.co.uk/vacancies>

Closing date: 10th November 2025

Healthy snacks

Please remember that we do not allow sweets in school at any time – even during clubs. If your child needs a snack before a club, please send in a healthy snack like fruit or a cereal bar.

Nursery Closures – Early Warning

Please note that there will be two dates next year when the nursery will be closed. These closures will not affect the rest of the school.

- **Tuesday, 6th January 2026** - The nursery will be closed to allow home visits for new pupils.
- **Thursday, 7th May 2026** - The nursery will be closed as it will be used as a polling station for local government elections.

Thank you for your understanding.



**GLOW IN THE DARK
DISCO**

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

INVERTON – MAIN HALL

**NURSERY & RECEPTION
3.45 – 4.30 PM**

**YEAR 1, YEAR 2 & YEAR 3
4.45 – 5.45 PM**

**YEAR 4, YEAR 5 & YEAR 6
6.00 – 7.00 PM**

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

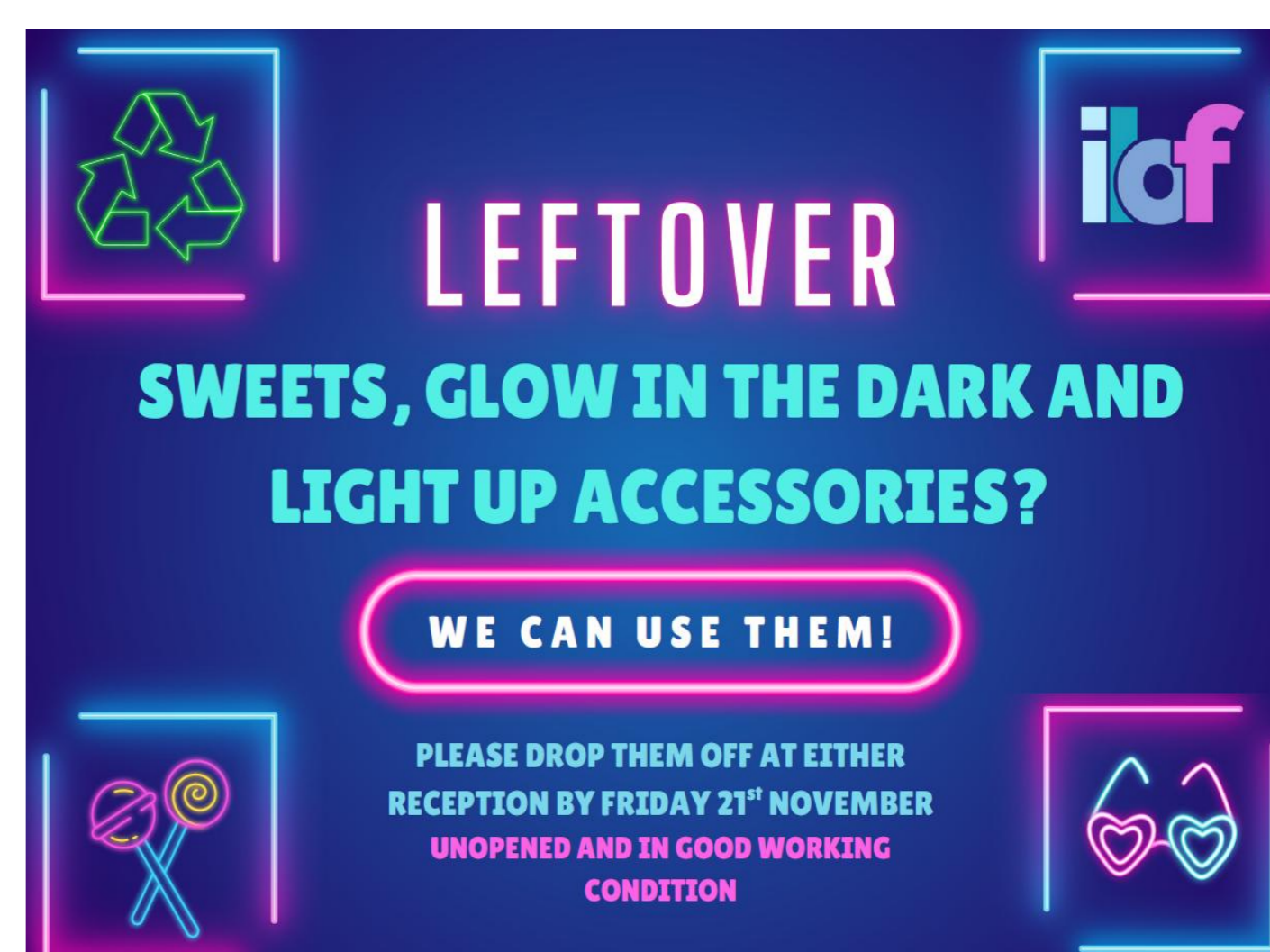


CORPORATE DONATIONS

**DOES YOUR COMPANY SELL FOOD OR TOYS?
CAN THEY MATCH YOUR FUNDRAISING?**

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR
FROM YOU**

**PLEASE SPEAK TO ONE OF THE TRUSTEES,
OR EMAIL ILOFTEAM@GMAIL.COM**

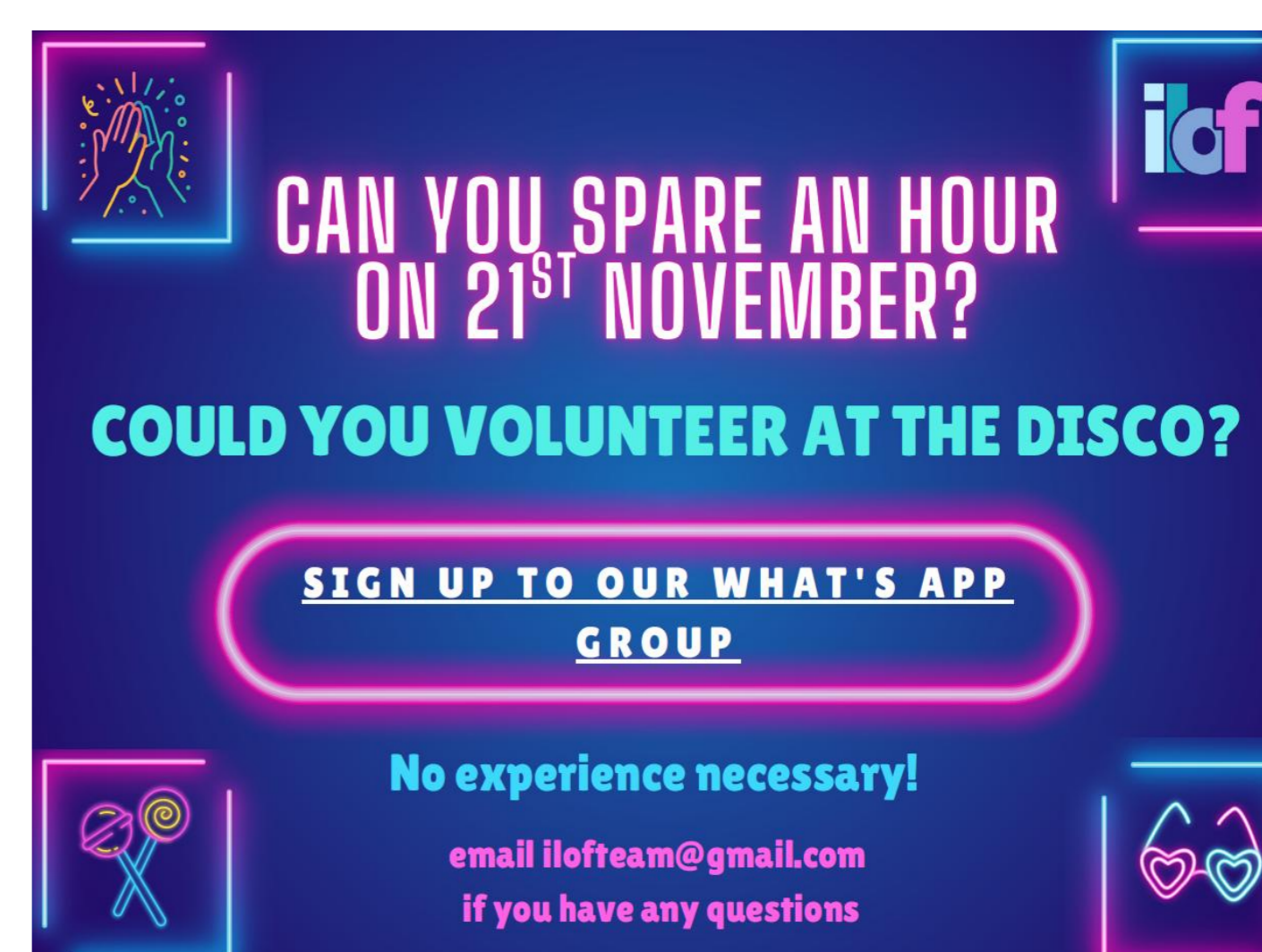


LEFTOVER

**SWEETS, GLOW IN THE DARK AND
LIGHT UP ACCESSORIES?**

WE CAN USE THEM!

**PLEASE DROP THEM OFF AT EITHER
RECEPTION BY FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
UNOPENED AND IN GOOD WORKING
CONDITION**



**CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR
ON 21ST NOVEMBER?**

COULD YOU VOLUNTEER AT THE DISCO?

**SIGN UP TO OUR WHAT'S APP
GROUP**

No experience necessary!

**email ilofteam@gmail.com
if you have any questions**

DIARY DATES

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

Date	Time	Class	Event	Location
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 – sibling photos to start at 8am – please see note in newsletter	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
Monday 10th November	All day	All	Flu Immunisations	Bellwood and Inverton
Tuesday 11th November	All day	Y1 and Y2	Multiskills PE workshops	In school
Wednesday 12th November	am	R	Vision screening	In school
Friday 21st November	3.45-7pm	All – ticket holders	Disco	Inverton Main Hall
Monday 24th & Tuesday 25th November	All day	Y1-6	Mental Health Workshops	Bellwood and Inverton
Tuesday 25th November	2.15pm NB time change	N parents	Parent event	Nursery
Wednesday 26th November	9am	Y3 parents	Spelling workshop for parents	Bellwood
Thursday 27th November	2.15pm NB time change	N parents	Parent event	Nursery
Friday 5th December	am	Y1	Visit	Church visit
Thursday 11 December	9am	Y5 parents	Science exhibition	Inverton
Friday 19th December	3.20/3.20pm	All	End of Term	