



Tuesday 12th March 2019

Dear parents,

It continues to be a busy time at Ivingswood Academy. Last week the children enjoyed a range of activities around reading to celebrate World Book Day: it was lovely to see the children dressed as book characters and talking about the books they enjoy reading.

Attendance Winners

We seem to have 1 class running away with our attendance awards this half term: the winners for the last 2 weeks have been Year 5 with 97% attendance each week. Year 5 were also our attendance winners for the month of February with an overall attendance of 93%. Miss Smith will inform her class of when they can come in school in non-uniform to celebrate their success. Well done to Year 5. Will they win the hat-trick this week?

Parents Evening

Parents' evenings will be held this term on Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st March. Appointments on Wednesday will run from 3.15pm until 5pm and on Thursday from 3.15pm until 6pm. Sign-up sheets will be available in the office from Wednesday afternoon, 13th March.

Wear Red for Comic Relief

Friday 15th March is Comic Relief and all children may wear something red (or close to red: pink, brown etc.) and come to school in non-uniform to help raise money for this great cause. We suggest a donation of £1. They may also wear red noses although please name your child's nose.

HMI Monitoring Visit

We received our first Monitoring Visit by HMI in the last week before half term and the inspector sent a letter with her observations which you should have received on Friday. If you have not yet read the letter, I would urge you to do so: the main findings from this visit are on pages 5-8. The progress we are making towards achieving a 'good' judgement at the next inspection is evidenced in the letter which can also be found on our school website as well as the OFSTED website.

Year 4 Class Assembly / Celebration Assembly

On Friday 15th March, Year 5 will be performing their class assembly to the rest of the school and to parents before our celebration assembly. All parents of pupils in Year 4 are warmly invited to join us this week. For this week only, Friday's assembly will start at the earlier time of 2.15pm.

Lost Property

A reminder that we have a lost property box in the entrance hall. All lost items of uniform are placed in here. It is currently quite full so if your child has lost something, please come and check the box. Any small lost items, e.g. glasses, will be kept in the office rather than the box.

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Spare Uniform

We would like to build a bank of spare uniform which pupils can borrow if they have an accident and need to change out of their uniform. If you have any items of uniform which your child has outgrown and they are in good condition, please send them to school via Mrs Newington. Thank you.

Behaviour Concerns

Could I remind all parents that if there is an incident involving your child and another child during the school day that you speak to your child's class teacher in the first instant to let them know of your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with how the incident has been dealt with, please then speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Please do not approach other parents or children on the playground as this will often make the situation worse and cause unnecessary tension and distress.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at the Year 4 assembly on Friday and at Parents' evenings next week.

Yours sincerely,

Julie-Ann Swaysland
Headteacher