

TEAM IPSLEY UPDATE!

The weekly newsletter of Ipsley C of E Middle School

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MESSAGE FROM MISS SAUL

Happy Friday everyone! Another busy week at Ipsley has flown by!

This week, Year 8 pupils have been exploring themes of injustice, criminality, morality and social class in *Oliver* by Charles Dickens. Pupils have been looking closely at the text in the English, looking at the different perspectives of the characters, and then, in library, delving deeper into the themes that Charles Dickens has woven through his book. Pupils have really enjoyed the story and produced some excellent work along the way, including some very mature discussions around morality and what makes a person good or bad!

Our first two tutor groups visited the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Smethwick today and had an incredible time delving deeper into their learning on Sikhism. Pupils had the opportunity to develop their spirituality by connecting with the beauty of the building and the people inside who made it such a warm and welcoming community. Pupils enjoyed the food they were offered and have had an experience they will never forget. See above for some beautiful pictures from the visit.

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The inspector, Fiona Ashton, will be joining us for the day so she can learn about what makes being a part of Team Ipsley so special. She will be visiting lessons, joining our collective worship sessions, learning about our ambitious curriculum, and, most importantly, getting to know some of our fantastic families so that we can share how we all work together to support our pupils to be ambitious, courageous and kind in all that they do.

As a school, our Church of England status is really important to us. Our vision, which so many of you contributed to writing, explains how we strive to create a community where all flourish, following God's example by loving each other as He loves us. Together, we become the best versions of ourselves by being ambitious, courageous and kind, creating a community which can set anything we set our minds to. Our school values of wisdom, forgiveness, love, respect, resilience and hope are central tenets in every decision we make in school, and every day we are so impressed with the compassionate and kind young adults that our pupils continue to become.

We hope you will join us in welcoming the inspector next week and celebrating Team Ipsley together. Once the inspection has finished, we will be in touch with families as soon as we are able to in order to share her report.

Have a wonderful weekend, Team Ipsley!

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We have the following trips & activities coming up. If you are yet to sign your child up for one of them, please click on one of the following to complete a consent form:

- Year 7 | **Guru Nanak Gurdwara: Thursday 7th & Friday 8th March 2024**
- Year 7 | **Worcester Cathedral: Monday 11th & Monday 18th March 2024**
- Year 8 | **Chester residential: Tuesday 4th & Wednesday 5th June 2024**
- Year 5 | **Pioneer: Monday 30th September 2024 to Wednesday 2nd October 2024**

Friday 8th March is World Book Day! Please note this is a day later than the official World Book Day due to internal tests. Children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite character from a book. Also, on this day we will be holding a book swap. The Student Council are appealing for any unwanted books that are looking for a new home and still in good condition. These can be brought into Mrs Lamb in Room 61 anytime up to Friday 8th March. We are also asking children to turn a toilet roll tube into a book character. The student council will be judging this competition and there will be prizes.

Friday 15th March is Red Nose Day! Children are invited to come into school in non-school uniform for a donation of £1. Sensible clothes please, as lessons will be as normal. More details to follow...

As a school, we work closely with our **Local Community Policing Team** to ensure that our community is safe and well supported. Our local team are:



- PC Caitlin Hayes (22368)
- PCSO Clive Rainbow (8230)
- PCSO Weronika Syrzan (40586)

The team are always happy to speak to you about how they can be of help!

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ATTENDANCE

This week's top performing classes are:

Year 5	Year 6 	Year 7	Year 8
5B - Miss Hill	6E - Mrs Capper-Smith	7F - Mrs Roblin	8F - Miss Nicholls

This year's top performing classes so far are:

Year 5	Year 6 	Year 7	Year 8
5E - Mr Taylor	6E - Miss Capper-Smith	7B - Mrs Barker/Cowie	8C - Miss Lopes

UPCOMING TRIPS & EVENTS

Date	Description
Wednesday 6th March	Worcestershire Skills Show.
Friday 8th March	World book day 2024.
Monday 11th March	Year 7 visit to Worcester Cathedral (day one).
Tuesday 12th March	Year 5 Parents evening (night one).
Wednesday 13th March	Year 5 Parents evening (night two).
Friday 15th March	Red nose day 2024.
Monday 18th March	Year 7 visit to Worcester Cathedral (day two).
Tuesday 19th March	KS3 Parents evening (night one).
Thursday 21st March	KS3 Parents evening (night two).

UPCOMING TERM DATES

**EASTER
HOLIDAY**

SCHOOL CLOSURES TO PUPILS ON **FRIDAY 22ND MARCH**

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON **MONDAY 8TH APRIL**

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Collective Worship we have been thinking about **ambition** and we have explored the story of David and Goliath. We know that sometimes situations we find ourselves in can seem overwhelming but this story teaches us that God is with us and will help us triumph in challenging times.

Why not think about, and celebrate, a time when you have been **ambitious** in facing a challenge and been proud of what you were able to achieve!



“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Matthew 6:33

More information on Collective Worship at Team Ipsley can be found on our website by [clicking here](#).



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OUR VISION & VALUES

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We seek **wisdom** and develop **resilience** through our **ambitious** curriculum, enabling all to thrive. **Respect** and **hope** inspire us to be **courageous** in our learning and our relationships, ensuring that we all lead fulfilled lives. By practising **love** and **forgiveness**, we can make our **community**, and the world, a **kinder** place.

