



TEAM IPSLEY UPDATE!

The weekly newsletter of Ipsley C of E Middle School

SPRING 1 - WEEK 1
FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY 2024



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MESSAGE FROM MISS SAUL

Happy New Year, Team Ipsley! It has been great to see our pupils back this week. Thank you to everyone for ensuring that our pupils are in school promptly and in the correct uniform.

KS2 have started their new topics for this term. Year 5 have been taking part in the million pound drop to launch their new history focus where they will be learning about the Mayans. They will be reading 'The Curse of the Maya', a book full of adventure and mystery! Meanwhile, Year 6 are starting their Geography focus and will be learning about the Rainforest. They have decided that they are no longer classes but tribes - they have created their own tribe names and characteristics and would be expected to pass tests to show off their skills and bravery. In terms of their bravery, some of our pupils were courageous enough to eat some edible rainforest bugs in their first lesson! Year 6 will be reading 'Journey to the River Sea' to find out more about life in the rainforest.

Year 6 have worked together in the hall this week, led by Mrs Field, on growth mindset and developing strategies they can use to build their resilience. This is part of their personal development journey and they will learn more about this in their PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) lessons over the next half term.

KS3 have started their food technology lessons with Miss Roblin this week, preparing for the coming weeks when they will be learning all the skills they need to make some delicious food. We can't wait to see what our Year 7 and 8 pupils produce!

Finally, Be You has started for another group of our pupils. This term, our Year 5 pupils will be working with Steve and Mrs Curtis to build their self esteem and resilience and have some incredible experiences!

Have a wonderful weekend, Team Ipsley and don't forget to wrap up warm!



MESSAGES

Please ensure that your contact details are kept up to date with us at school. We send general school messages via epraise and email but will contact you on the phone to talk about urgent or individual matters, and this is how we would contact you in an emergency. We need to have two sets of contact details on our system for each pupil. If any of your contact details have changed recently, please let us know at the school office on 01527 525725 or by email office@ipsleyacademy.co.uk.

A reminder to families that all **pupils should be on the school site for 08:30AM in the morning, ready for learning to begin at 08:40AM.** We are so pleased that almost every pupil has been here before 08:30AM so far this week - thank you! Pupils who arrive after 08:30AM will need to arrive via the front gate as the back gate will close just after this time. Please note this is slightly earlier than the previous time of 08:40AM. If pupils are later to school than 08:40AM, then we are required to formally record this as a late mark on your child's attendance record.

We want to ensure all pupils are presented in full school uniform so that there is no distraction from learning throughout the school day - an enormous thank you to our school community for helping us, as almost every pupil has returned to school this term in immaculate uniform! A reminder of our uniform expectations is available on our [school website](#). Where pupils arrive to school in incorrect uniform, they will usually be loaned correct uniform for the day and may be issued a consequence if there is not an agreed reason.

Please note that hoodies and branded tracksuits are not allowed and will be confiscated - pupils can wear a coat or fleece on cold days if they wish, rather than a tracksuit top. Pupils should be wearing plain black socks (not fluffy please!), and plain black or navy jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts (no logos, stripes or mesh panels) on PE days. Skirts should reach the knee. Appropriate trainers can be worn on PE days - please avoid crocs, converse and sliders as these are not appropriate for PE activities! **If you need any support with purchasing school uniform, please contact the school office.**

COME AND CHAT TO US!



Join us for the
WINTER
edition of the
**WINYATES & MATCHBOROUGH
COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

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📅 Tuesday 16th January 2024
🕒 3:20PM to 6:00PM
📍 Ipsley C of E Middle School,
Winyates, Redditch, B98 0UB

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ATTENDANCE

This week's top performing classes are:

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
5E-JTA	6B-RBU	7F-RRO	8B-NGR

This year's top performing classes so far are:

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
5E-JTA	6B-RBU & 6E-ECA	7B-RBA	8C-CLO

CALENDAR

Date	Description
Monday 15th January	Year 6 test week begins.
Tuesday 16th January	Winyates & Matchborough Community Café (winter edition).
Wednesday 17th January	The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe visit for Year 7.
Tuesday 30th January	Year 6 SATs information evening for parents/carers.
Monday 5th February	Rainforest animal experience for Year 6.

UPCOMING TERM DATES

**FEBRUARY
HALF TERM**

SCHOOL CLOSURES TO PUPILS ON **FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY**
PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON **MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY**

**EASTER
HOLIDAY**

SCHOOL CLOSURES TO PUPILS ON **FRIDAY 22ND MARCH**
PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON **MONDAY 8TH APRIL**

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OUR VISION & VALUES

As Team Ipsley, 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 achieve anything we set our minds to.



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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.



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