

Friday 17th November 2023

BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers

How wonderful was it to see so many of our current and ex-students representing a huge variety of uniformed organisations as part of the Remembrance Day Parade in Ashby last Sunday? Although a sombre event it makes us proud of the commitment and emotional maturity shown by the young people of our town. A thank you to those volunteers of organisations such as Scouting, Girl Guiding, Cadets and more who regularly give their free time to provide such enriching experiences.

A few more updates from me:

Year 9 School Choices

As you will all know, our current Year 9 are the final Year group to be affected by the age-range change in the area. We, along with Ashby School and Ibstock College, have asked if parents can let us know which school they have chosen to send their child to for KS4. Although we know rough numbers we ask for confirmation of names for a number of reasons:

- It allows each of the schools to tailor communications to the right families (so you don't end up with too many emails that don't apply to your child).
- It allows us to begin the Options choosing process before the March confirmation from County Hall. This is very important to Ivanhoe and Ibstock as we need to know whether we need to employ additional teachers, or whether we have enough students to run the courses we offer.
- It allows us to know how many SEND students we have staying and employ where necessary additional support staff to ensure the best outcomes for all of our students.

We would like to reassure parents that the information gathered is not about segregating those students staying or going. We have a strong partnership with our sister school Ashby School, and it is in all of our interests that our students all receive the same quality teaching and support including during this transitional time. If you have not yet completed the form, we would appreciate it if you could do so as soon as possible: <https://forms.office.com/e/Ed6kNKnXcv>

Teen Health Service

Professionals from the Leicestershire Teen Health Service are in school every Wednesday to support students on a variety of issues. They host drop in sessions during lunch and break times, but they can also support students and families with 1:1 sessions via referral.

There are a huge variety of things they can support with including: mental health and emotional wellbeing, supporting healthy relationships and making healthier choices.

To find out about the full range of support on offer and to access the referral form please visit:

[Teen Health 11-19 | Leicestershire County Council](#)



North Street Car park

We have had a member of the public express concern over Ivanhoe Parents' usage of North Street Library car park. If you use the car park as a pick-up point for your child, please could you:

1. Follow the library car park one-way system
2. Pull into a designated space.
3. Ensure your speed is within the sensible limits needed for a car park.
4. Avoid stopping horizontally because car doors are being opened without looking and a number of times there has been a risk to members of public.
5. Avoid stopping in the entrance to the car park causing tailbacks to get into the car park.
6. Make sure that you don't pick up or drop off behind cars who are trying to get out of a space.
7. Make sure that you are exiting the car park via the exit and not the entrance.

I am sure that the majority of Ivanhoe parents are already following the above guidance but we need to be aware of our impact on others and the library car park is a shared space with very many much younger children from the nurseries opposite also being collected. I appreciate your cooperation in making sure that everyone is safe in the car park.

Children in Need – Bake Sale and Biology Bakes Competition.

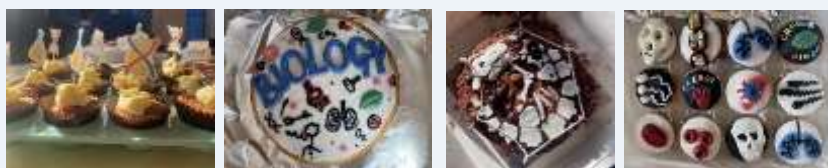


Overall Winner:
Charley Osbourne Lee

A great turn out from our budding bakers today.

Between the Bake Sale and the 'keepie uppies' football event at break time today we raised £243.55!

Water house won the interhouse competition raising £69.30. It was a close-run competition Fire, Earth then Air wasn't far behind.



Christmas Dinner – Weds 13th December

Please note, this is a TICKET ONLY EVENT

Tickets will be on sale from 20th November to 8th December in the coffee lounge at breaktimes.

Free school meal children must also collect a ticket.

Unfortunately, due to rising food costs if students do not have a ticket they will not be able to have a Christmas Dinner. There will also be no Jacket Potatoes on Christmas Dinner Day. Students wishing to purchase food, but not have a Christmas Dinner will need to use the coffee lounge or meal cab.



Safeguarding Focus: It's Not Ok! – Anti-Bullying

To coincide with Anti-Bullying Week we have launched the latest phase of the LiFE MAT 'It's Not Ok!' Campaign. When addressing incidents of bullying, it is essential that we focus on how we deal with both the perpetrators and victims. We have focussed on anti-bullying in this week's assembly and will have follow up activities in tutor times next week. Therefore there is no assembly next week.

Information from the Anti-Bullying Alliance:

It is most important to remember that bullying is a barrier to learning, can seriously affect a victim's mental health and can change the way they feel about themselves well into their adulthood. Research shows that the long-term impact of bullying on a victim greatly increases if the bullying continues over a long period of time.

We take a zero-tolerance approach to bullying at our school.

This half term, we will be carrying out a number of activities in addition to our normal safeguarding practice which will include registration activities with students, discussions with students, surveys, reviewing our practice and additional assemblies. Please look out for further updates on this campaign throughout the year and we encourage you to talk to your children about these issues at home. You can find further support and information here <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents-and-carers> and on our website [Anti-Bullying | Ivanhoe School](#)



PSHRE and Wider Personal Development

Please find below information about next week's topics for PSHRE. If you have any queries regarding these, please contact our subject leader Claire Gee on c.gee@ivanhoe.co.uk. The curriculum resources for these all lessons are available on Moodle.

Year 7 – Religious Leaders
Year 8 – Islam and Dress
Year 9 – Why do we have religious festivals
Year 10 - Peace and Conflict in Islam
Year 11 – Post-16 Applications



Ivanhoe Way – Magic Monday Focus

Throughout the year in form time we look at practical ways that the ‘Ivanhoe Way’ can be applied to help students achieve and be happy learners. Next week we will be focussing on:

Look after your physical and mental health.

Attending every day means

- Be on time for school and lessons
- Be present and get involved
- Be responsible for managing your time
- Look after your physical and mental health

What’s coming up...

Year 11 results evening cancelled

Following consultation with students we have made the decision to cancel our results evening for year 11 trial exams. Students will be issued with an envelope at the end of the day on Thursday 30th which they can open immediately, in private or at home with family members. Whatever method they prefer.

The following week there is opportunity to talk to individual subject teachers at the parent consultation evenings, to get guidance on next steps towards achieving the best results in their GCSEs. Booking details will follow next week

Stakeholders Forum 30th November 3.30 -5.00 – Topic Student Rewards

We are currently reviewing our rewards system, everything from house points, prizes, certificates, assemblies. If you would like to join staff and students to review our proposal and share your ideas, please let us know by completing this form. <https://forms.office.com/e/NRRVUZ2YPH>

Thurs 30 th November	Deadline for Food Bank Collection
Thurs 30 th November	Stakeholder Forum 3.30-5.00. Rewards Review
Friday 1 st December	Disaggregated Day – School Closed to All.
Weds 6 th December	Year 11 face to face parent consultation evening 3.20 to 5.20pm
Thurs 7 th	Year 11 online parent consultation evening 3.20 to 5.20pm
Weds 6 th -Fri 8 th	Toys on the Table Christmas Appeal Collection Days
Weds 13 th December	Christmas Dinner Day (Tickets on sale from next week)
Weds 13 th December	Family Quiz Night (note change of date -more info coming soon)
Thurs 14 th December	Christmas Concert
Friday 22 nd December	Early finish for last day of term – 1pm finish.

Charity Reminders

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S APPEAL PLEASE REMEMBER THESE POINTS:

- ALL TOYS AND GIFTS MUST BE NEW
- GIFTS ARE NEEDED FOR AGES 0-16,
- PARTICULARLY NEEDED ARE GIFTS FOR AGE 8+
- SMALL STOCKING FILLERS ALSO WELCOME
- CASH DONATIONS FROM £1 CAN BE MADE INSTEAD OF A GIFT
- YOU CAN DONATE MORE THAN 1 GIFT
- YOU COULD ALSO BRING IN GIFT DONATIONS FROM FAMILY OR FRIENDS TOO IF YOU TELL THEM ABOUT THE APPEAL.

IVANHOE SCHOOL
Christmas
APPEAL
TOYS ON THE TABLE



IVANHOE SCHOOL Ashby **foodbank**

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NEEDED FOR THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS:

- BOXES OF CHOCS/ SELECTION BOXES
- BOXES OF BISCUITS
- CHRISTMAS CAKE BARS/ PUDDINGS/ MINCE PIES
- CRISPS AND NIBBLES
- PICKLES/ CHUTNEYS
- SAVOURY CRACKERS

ALL DONATIONS TO BE IN SCHOOL BY 30TH NOVEMBER



That's all for this week. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Allford