

Friday 22nd November 2024

# BULLETIN

Welcome to  
**IVANHOE**  
SCHOOL

A journey to excellence

All visitors please report to reception  
Tel 01530 412756 [ivanhoe.co.uk](http://ivanhoe.co.uk)

## Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather has taken a turn with the unusually early snow, we have been reviewing our 'School Closure for Bad Weather' Protocol. In the event of bad snow, the school site and transport arrangements will be assessed to see if it is feasible to remain open. If the decision is made to close the school, a text message will be sent to parents and a snow closure alert added to the website. Teachers will email students directly to their school email addresses with work to complete remotely with instructions of how completed work should be returned.

Can I please remind parents again that a waterproof coat is an essential part of school uniform. We are having too many students arrive at school cold and damp, which then has a detrimental effect on learning for the whole day. Thank you for your support.

On Tuesday's snowy day, we let students play with the snow at break and lunch on the Astro and tennis courts. This proved very popular as you can see from the photo, but we discouraged snowballing at other times.

A big thank you to everyone who donated and bought cakes last week, we raised an impressive £405! Well done everyone.

**Don't forget that school will be closed the staff and students next Friday (29<sup>th</sup> November) at Ivanhoe and across the LIFE MAT.**

## Lost Property

We have a huge amount of lost property in reception. With the weather already dropping to minus temperatures, can we politely ask that students come and reclaim their coats and other items

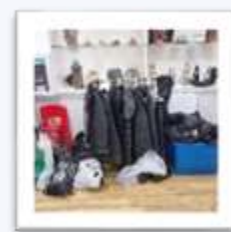
## Ashby Food Bank Collection Next Week



Ashby Food Bank have reached out to ask if we can support them with their Christmas collection for local people in need.

The main collection will be taking place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November, however, if students would like to bring things in earlier, they can bring donations to their form room throughout the week. Please do not bring to reception.

The picture contains items from the Christmas wish list. If you are able to donate it would be very appreciated, but we completely understand that this is something that not everyone can afford to donate too.



## STEAM Show 8

In assembly this week, students old and new, learnt all about our amazing STEAM Show competition, which is going into its 8<sup>th</sup> year.



Open to students of all ages and abilities it is a wonderful opportunity for individuals or small groups of students to showcase a project of their choosing. If your child is even a little bit curious about getting involved, please encourage them to come to the launch meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> December to find out more details.

## Inspiring Young Voices Update



Ivanhoe Students Embrace Leadership Training with Citizens UK

At Ivanhoe School, we are committed to empowering our students to become active leaders who shape their communities positively. Recently, our Key Stage 3 students took part in a dynamic

training session led by Daniel Mackintosh, from Citizens UK, focusing on leadership, teamwork, and creating change that matters.

The training was designed to help students understand the principles of community organizing and develop practical skills to lead initiatives effectively. Over the course of the session, they explored what it means to be a leader, how to connect with others, and ways to drive collective action. The session began with activities designed to help students identify their strengths as individuals and as a team. Through interactive workshops, they practiced communication techniques, including active listening and storytelling, to build trust and connect with peers. These foundational skills will not only support them in this project but will also prepare them for challenges in and beyond school life.

We also listened to student concerns around lunches and fed back to them the outcomes from their requests. We hope that you will agree that the changes we have made will make a difference, but rest assured that we will continue to monitor the situation and make changes again if needs be.

**IVANHOE SCHOOL**  
**You said....we did lunch edition**

**INSPIRING YOUNG VOICES**

**YOU SAID...**  
The cabin sometimes runs out of food, especially when we are on the late sitting.

**WE DID...**  
The catering team will now make more food than they think they'll need each day. This might result in a small amount of wastage but all students should now get the food they want.

**WE DID...**  
We have brought the late sitting 5 minutes early so you will now only have to wait 10 minutes until you can queue to get food. If you join the queue at the time you're allowed, you will always have enough time to eat.

**YOU SAID...**  
We sometimes don't have enough time to eat when we're on the late sitting.

**YOU SAID...**  
Can we have grab bags like we used to?

**WE DID...**  
Grab bags are now back. Order during tutor time from the grab bag menu and your order will be ready to collect from the hall at lunchtime.

**WE DID...**  
We will now serve burgers in the dining room as well as at the cabin. The food in both locations will now be a 'grab & go' burger. The only other food available will be jacket potatoes in the dining room and sandwiches in the coffee lounge.

**YOU SAID...**  
Fridays are really busy and sometimes the cabin runs out of burgers.

If we do ever do run out of sandwiches or any hot food, you can go to the dining room and they will make you something. You should never go without food, and we will do everything we can to make sure we find you something to eat.

We hope you agree, we have listened to you and we hope the changes will make your lunchtime experience even better.



## Year 10 Science/Careers Visit



Our Year 10 Triple Science students were lucky enough to have a Michelle Fretwell from the NHS talk to them about the workings of the heart to enhance their understanding of this element of the GCSE biology curriculum.

In addition, she answered questions about her job, qualifications etc which helps highlight for students those important links between school learning and future careers.



## Inter-house Writing Competition for Black History Month

Well done to all of the students who took time to enter our Inter-House Writing Competition, in conjunction with the Benjamin Zephaniah Young Writers Competition at Birmingham University. First place went to William in Year 7, 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Talia in Year 8 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Miley in Year 10. We hope that you enjoy reading the pieces from William and Talia below.

### A short story by William Price. A heart warming story of new found friendships...

In a small town nestled between rolling hills and vast fields of golden wheat, there was a quaint little café called "The Gathering Place." It was a cozy establishment—its walls painted a warm yellow, adorned with mismatched chairs and large wooden tables that had seen their fair share of laughter and conversation. People in the town had come to know the café as the heartbeat of their community, a place where relationships were discussed over steaming cups of coffee and freshly baked pastries. The café was owned by Clara, a warm-hearted woman in her late twenties with a penchant for storytelling. Every morning, Clara would open the café with a smile, brewing the rich aroma of coffee that wafted through the streets. It didn't take long before the locals started to trickle in, eager for their morning fix and the promise of companionship.

One crisp autumn morning, Clara noticed a new face at the corner table—a young woman with wild, curly hair buried in a book. The strangers in town often came and went, but there was something about this girl that sparked Clara's curiosity. She approached the table with a steaming cup of tea.

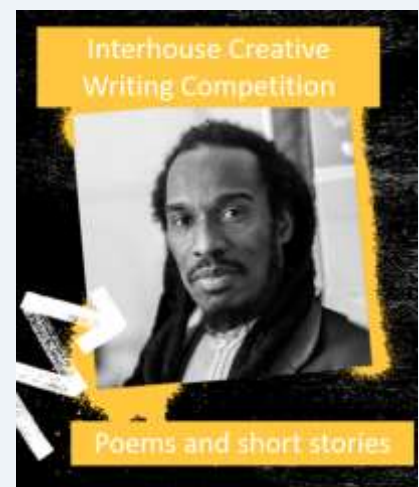
"Good morning! I'm Clara. What are you reading?"

The young woman looked up, startled. "Oh! Um, hi. It's a novel by an author I really admire. I just moved here a couple of weeks ago."

"Welcome! What do you think of our town so far?" Clara asked, her eyes twinkling with genuine interest.

"It's... nice. Quiet," the girl replied with a hint of hesitation. "But I don't know anyone yet. It's a bit lonely, to be honest."

Clara nodded knowingly. "Yes, it can be isolating when you don't have familiar faces around. But let me tell you something: people need people. That's what makes a place feel like home."



### I Need Them A people need people poem, by Talia Mattos

I need him to talk to about nonsense,  
To dream of a future by the sea,  
I need him for a shoulder to lean on  
an anchor in a sea of chaos,  
I need him for someone to love.

I need him to talk to about fears,  
to tease and to laugh,  
I need him for a friend I can trust,  
I need him to confide in.

I need her to keep me afloat,  
to giggle and ramble about the strangest of things,  
I need her to tell me the ins,  
one of a kind,  
I need her so I have a best friend.

I need him to hear my worries,  
to hug and play fetch,  
I need him to cover my clothes in paw prints  
a perfect companion,  
I need him to wag his tail to tell me it's ok.

I need her to run with me,  
to laugh and mock as we play,  
I need her to stand with me,  
The best goal defence,  
I need her so I am the best player I can be.

I need her to salute by me,  
to sail and walk and crawl in the caves,  
I need her to tell me about her million celeb-crushes,  
with warm hugs and a warm heart,  
I need her to be my ride or die.

I need them to pour over books,  
to win quizzes and games,  
I need them to just sit in silence with me,  
a constant team,  
I need them to help me be confident.

People need people,  
like I need my friends,  
To hug, to laugh, to play, to share pain,  
People need people,  
like I need them.

Thank you,  
to my people,  
Because I need them.



## Scholastic Half Price Book Fair 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> December.



We are pleased to see the return of the popular half price book fair. With a large range of age appropriate books for students to browse and buy it is always extremely popular.

More details to follow closer to the time about payments and ordering.

## Toys on the Table Collection – Mon 4<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.



Don't forget to keep bring in your donations to Toys on the Table. Just a reminder that all donations must be new/unused.

Thank you in advance for all of your support for this wonderful charity. The collection so far:



## Current Vacancies

Have you ever wanted to work in a school? We currently have some non-teaching vacancies available including Cover Supervisor and Exams Officer.

Check out our Careers Portal on e-teach for further details. [Careers at Ivanhoe School - Ashby-de-la-Zouch, United Kingdom, LE65 1HX | eteach](#)





## Reminder – 2pm Finish for Professional Development of School Staff

All LiFE MAT schools will be finishing early on the following dates to facilitate Cross- MAT professional learning opportunities for our staff.

• ~~14/11/2024~~  
• 16/01/2025

• 13/02/2025  
• 13/03/2025

• 08/05/2025  
• 26/06/2025

Finishing the school day at 2 pm offers significant benefits for teachers by providing dedicated time for professional learning that includes both subject-specific training and career development.

## Family Bingo Night -Cancelled



Sadly' due to poor ticket sales we have had to take the unfortunate decision to cancel the Family Bingo night.

Thank you to those who did purchase tickets. We are in the process of arranging your refunds via Wisepay. Please bear with us.

We will try out another family event in the New Year. We would love as many parents as possible to take part.

## 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](mailto:c.gee@ivanhoe.co.uk). The curriculum resources for these all lessons are available for parents on request.



	PSHRE Topic	RE Topic
Year 7	What is Bullying (part 2)	Midyear Review
Year 8	Laws of drugs and alcohol	Midyear Review
Year 9	Body Image Issues	Midyear Review
Year 10	Eating Disorders	Midyear Review
Year 11	Careers Education	Midyear Review

## Ivanhoe Way 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:

***Reflect and Improve***

## What's Coming Up

Toys on the Table Gift Collection	November 4 <sup>th</sup> -December 6 <sup>th</sup>
Year 9 Online Parents Evening	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Disaggregated Training Day – School Closed</b>	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>
STEAM Show launch meeting	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December - lunchtime
Christmas Concert	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 11 Geography Field Trip	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 11 Face to Face Parents Evening	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Golden Ticket Reward Event	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 11 Online Parents Evening	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
School Closes for Christmas Holidays	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December

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

**Mrs Allford – Headteacher**

## Community News



**FAMILY DJ & MUSIC NIGHT**

**FRI NOV 22ND 6-10PM**  
**@ COALVILLE LABOUR CLUB**

**6PM-10PM**  
**MUSIC & DANCE**  
DANCE CLASSICS  
HOUSE  
ELECTRO  
TRANCE

**6PM-8PM**  
**CRAFT & GAMES**  
MEERLE PEOPLE  
LEGO  
ALI'S CRAFT  
SETH & MORE

**THE A MIX (DJ ALFRED)**  
**DJAMIE**  
**DJ DAVE**

**To book...**

**COST TO YOU**  
**A DONATION**

**ALL FUNDS RAISED GO TOWARDS DJ EQUIPMENT FOR FUTURE EVENTS AND YOUNG DJ RADIO SHOWS**

**FREE SOFT DRINKS & SNACKS**

**BAR OPEN (ADULTS ONLY)**

**SUITABLE FOR YOUNG TEENS AND FAMILIES**  
**ALL CHILDREN UNDER 13 TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

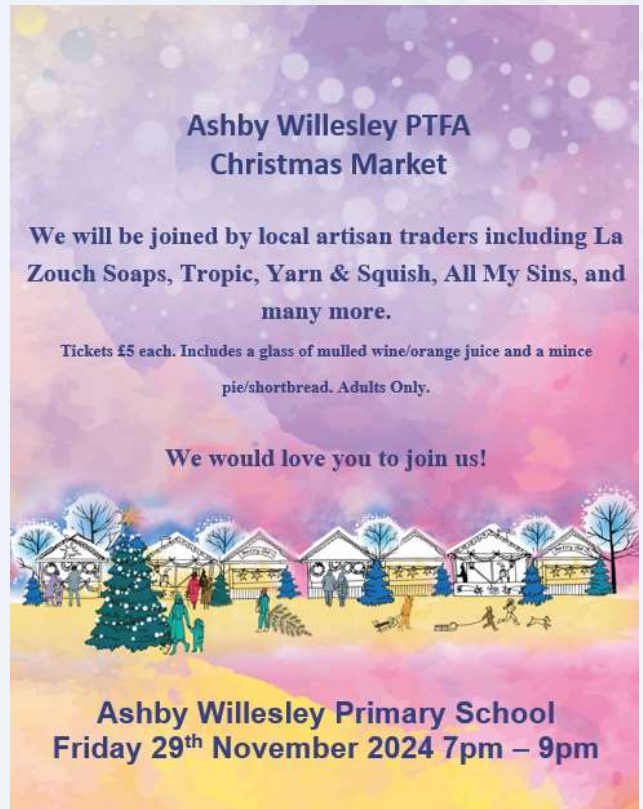
**VIDEOS AND PHOTOS MAY BE TAKEN AT THIS EVENT**

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**Ashby Willesley PTFA Christmas Market**

We will be joined by local artisan traders including La Zouch Soaps, Tropic, Yarn & Squish, All My Sins, and many more.

Tickets £5 each. Includes a glass of mulled wine/orange juice and a mince pie/shortbread. Adults Only.

We would love you to join us!

**Ashby Willesley Primary School**  
**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024 7pm – 9pm**



**ACTS CAN BE SEEN ON THE STAGE IN MARKET STREET**

**CHRISTMAS In Ashby**

**SATURDAY**

**MICHAEL BUBLÉ TRIBUTE**

**MIKE POWEL**

**SNOW CANNON FINALE**

**10.15 am Bilingual School**  
**10.45 am Ashby Nursery School**  
**11.15 am Hilltop Primary**  
**11.45 am Iain Hunt**  
**12.15 pm Jaks Academy**  
**13.30 pm Stagecoach**  
**14.30 pm Four Times Indie**  
**4.00 pm Michael Bublé Tribute**

**30TH NOV**  
**10AM - 5PM**

**FEATURING HIS GREATEST HITS, 'HAVEN'T MET YOU YET', 'HOME', 'SOME', 'I'VE GOT THE WORLD ON A STRING', 'LOST', 'IT WAS MEANT TO BE' AND MORE!**

**Brought to you by the businesses in** **Ashby**

Ivanhoe Staff will be taking part.....come and join us.



**10th Anniversary**  
**Ashby Santa Fun Run**

**Rotary**  
Ashby de la Zouch Castle

**and Walk 2024**  
**Sunday 1st December**

**Ashby**