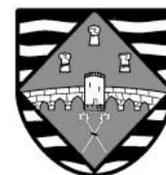


March 2009



Newsletter

St Ivo School

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Dear Parent / Carer

Many thanks to all of you who completed the Governors' survey of parents. We had an excellent response and the replies were very positive. We will be analysing them in more detail and you will receive a summary of the responses and what action we propose to take as a school.

One area we are looking to improve on is our ability to contact you quickly on the rare event when the school closes during the day, as happened on the recent snow day. To this end we are seeking to incorporate the ability to text you with our IvoOnline system.

Those of you who attended the Music Concert last week will have been impressed by the high standard of performances throughout the evening. My thanks to all the performers and Miss MacLeod and the Music Department for their excellent work.

The end of term brings staff changes as always and we are saying farewell to Mrs England who has taught Mathematics at St Ivo since 2002. She is leaving us to be responsible for maths education for pupils out of school in the district and I wish her every success in this position.

Two new members of staff join us in the Summer Term. Mr Bell joins the Science Department and Ms Parker the Mathematics Department.

Thank you for your support throughout the term and I wish you and your family an enjoyable and restful holiday.

Yours sincerely

Howard Gilbert
Headteacher

Year 7 News

Comic Relief

Thank you to all of you who raised money for comic relief - cake stalls, sponsored 'copying', wearing pyjamas, busking, sponsored silence. The cake stalls alone raised over £80. Many thanks to all the parents and carers who helped with the baking!



Readathon

Year 7 have raised over £500 for Readathon. The event started on World Book day and all Year 7 students took part in reading at home and at school for the following 3 weeks, with some students choosing to be sponsored to read. Readathon donates the money raised to a childrens' charity and The Roald Dahl Foundation.

Merits/Quiz winners

Results will be announced on Monday 30 March (after publication date). It has been two very close competitions throughout this term, and we are eagerly awaiting the final results!

Certificates

Since September, there are many students who have been awarded their Bronze (130 merits), Silver (170 merits) and Gold (210 merits) certificates. The first Platinum certificate was awarded on Monday 23 March to Jessica for achieving 300 merits.

Mrs Slater.

Year 7 Talent Show

The Year 7 council are running a Talent Show to raise money for Cancer Research UK. The first audition took place on Thursday 19th March and was very well attended by year 7 pupils.

During the audition three acts performed; Tom played the saxophone, Georgia sang her own song and Lucy, Lauren, Georgia and Drew who performed a dance. All acts were exceptional and the crowd really enjoyed the performances. Well done to all those involved.

Auditions will continue on Thursday lunchtimes in the school hall to pick 3 finalists who will perform in assembly.

Year 7 Football

Year 7 have had a good start to the school football season.

The A team registering a 2-1 win over Hinchbrooke with the B team unfortunately losing.

The Ivo then played an away fixture at Sawtry which was an excellent game with goals coming from Scott and Lloyd to help secure a 2-1 victory.



Following this the Ivo then played away at St Peters and produced an outstanding performance, eventually running out 8-0 winners!

Players involved: Owen, Jack, Tom, Diago, Joe, Sam, George, Abir, Scott, Dom, Lewis, Sam, Josh, Jack, Scott, Martin, Bradley, Barney, James, Tom, Lloyd, Alex, Michael, Keiran, Nick, Ryan, Dan, Luke, Scott.

Well done to all participating players!

Football Club continues on Wednesdays after school.

Mr Braybrook.

In November 2008, St Ivo School became one of 28 schools in the Cambridgeshire LEA region to gain a silver award for its eco-schools commitment. A school with over 1800 pupils and 200 staff, St Ivo eco-ivo committee has an ongoing task delivering its sustainability and environmental message. Since the beginning of the 2008-09 school year we have been tackling one of the biggest problems this and many other schools face: litter.



In order to continue the initial success of the campaign and highlight the issue, the eco-ivo committee commissioned the making of a 5 minute film and a drama production that will be shown in an extended assembly, at the start of the summer term (Wednesday 22nd April 2009). Three very talented young film makers have risen to the first challenge and produced a thought provoking film short. This has been entered into a regional competition under the guidance of head of Media Studies, Stephen Alexander. Advanced Skills teacher Amanda Crellin is currently rehearsing what promises to be a very professional short drama piece for the campaign.

We will be inviting guests from Huntingdon District Council and School Governors to attend the assemblies to enjoy the performances of the students embracing this important message.

Rachel Yorke
Eco-Ivo co-ordinator

History Department News

Year 7

As part of the History Department's community link with St Ives, winning castle models were recently displayed in the Norris Museum. This display complemented a medieval activities session at the museum, thereby helping to increase visitor numbers at this valuable local place of interest in the town.



Year 8

A trip to the Black Country museum is running in June as part of their study of the Industrial Revolution. Letters for this popular trip have been handed out. Payment and slips are due by 8th May 2009.

Year 9

Many students have shown excellent effort in producing high quality assessment essays on: 'To what extent should the 1920s in America be remembered as good times or bad times?'. Their research covered such topics as the economic boom, Hollywood, Flappers, prohibition and Al Capone, Jazz, Black Americans and the KKK, and the Wall Street Crash. Students drew fascinating parallels with the 'Credit Crunch' facing the world today.



Year 10

Students should be congratulated for working very hard on their GCSE coursework 'Women and the Vote'. They have also recently been studying China, and are revising for their Year 10 exams.

History Department News continued

Year 11

Well done to Year 11 who are still working hard towards their GCSE examinations. The Chief Examiner for History from Edexcel came in on March 25th to deliver a valuable revision workshop. Booster sessions still run every Thursday in the department from 3pm-3.45pm for C/D borderline students, and for those seeking to get an A* grade.



Year 12

Year 12 students and staff found the department's first trip to Berlin enjoyable and invaluable. It was linked to the new AS module: Germany 1933-63. The tour included Brandenburg Gate, Potsdamer Platz, Goring's Air Ministry, Topography of Terror (former SS and Gestapo HQ), Neue Synagogue, and northern Mitte (a preserved pre-war Jewish area), Sachsenhausen Concentration camp, the stadium built by the Nazis for the 1936 Olympic Games, and Wansee Villa where the 1942 conference decided upon the 'Final Solution' against the Jews.

Year 13

Year 13 are working hard towards their A2 examinations. They recently went to London for a revision conference on Lenin and the Bolsheviks.

Community Links

Recent developments have included Year 7 (see above), and preparation for the launch of a local oral history project with Year 9 on St. Ives and the Second World War. On Saturday 11th July the department has organised a trip to Ypres for adults from the local community to reflect upon the impact of the First World War.

Well done to all students who continue to work hard in the department, and help to make it an exciting, fun and high performing place to study history.

Dr Craig
Head of History

Red Nose Day



Friday, 13 March saw staff and students doing something 'Funny for Money'. It was a non-uniform day for students, with staff donating money to come to school in casual clothes or fancy dress. Other fundraising events included cakes stalls, a Year 7 student 'busking' in the reception area, sponsored silences, students 'linking' themselves together for the day and various competitions in the Resource Centre. Tom Bletsoe (11Co) raised an amazing £456.56 by swapping places with deputy headteacher Mr McGarry for the day. In total more than £2,600 was raised by the school - well done to everyone!

The Times Spelling Bee



Four pupils from St Ivo School will take part in the first Times national schools' Spelling Bee Championship at Kettering in April.

The Times Spelling Bee aims to discover the country's best young spellers and make spelling fun for children of all abilities. Schools from St Ives have been practising their spelling skills and each will send a team of three 11 to 12 year olds (plus a reserve) to the regional championship heats.

Taking part from St Ivo will be: Danielle, Sadie, Steffen and Lily.

Howard Gilbert, Headteacher of St Ivo, is impressed by the students' willingness to engage with spelling at such a high level. The students say that taking part in a national competition is a fun thing to do and none of them have done anything like this before; they want to make their parents proud of them.

More than 750 schools are taking part in The Times Spelling Bee from schools as far north as Shetland to Jersey in the Channel Islands.

Over eighty local knockout heats will take place in Odeon cinemas around the country between Monday, March 16 and Friday, May 8. Successful schools will then move forward to the Semi-Finals which will take place from May 18 to May 22.

The ten winning teams from the Semi-Finals will travel to London to compete in the Grand Final at the Odeon West End, Leicester Square in June.

James Harding, Editor of The Times, said: "Spelling is many things, but rarely fun. It can be frustrating, surprising and illogical. It is also important. English is the country's gift to the world and its home-grown headache. We hope the Spelling Bee will help young people to learn while enjoying a great team-based competition and I'd like to wish good luck to all the teams taking part."

Mrs Senior.

Invitation to Lunch

We would like to invite any parent of a Year 7 student to come to a lunch provided here at school from 12 midday until 1.00pm on Wednesday 29 April to see how our school meals have improved and perhaps give us some further ideas.

Please can you let us know that you are coming by calling 375441 (the Dining Hall telephone number).

Many thanks.
St Ivo Catering Team.



Science Department News

For Science and Engineering Week 2009 St Ivo School modelled an avian flu pandemic. On Monday morning, during Year 7 assembly, some avian flu medics (sixth formers) dressed in white suits and masks dramatically interrupted the assembly and took Mrs Slater (Head of Year 7) to be tested for avian flu. It was revealed later that day that she had brought the virus into school and had spread the disease to four others. Students who were infected were advised to report to a medical centre set up in the reception area of the school. Each infected student could pass the virus to four others by giving them a sticker. By break time the medical team had registered over 150 infections and by the end of lunch there were over 400 infections. The disease spread so quickly through the school that the medical team had to actively recruit new members and relocate the medical centre to the school hall.

Later during the day the students returned to the medical centre to determine their fate. This was done by rolling a dice. If they scored an odd number they survived; an even number and they became a victim. Students and staff wore their stickers during the rest of the week.

In total over 550 students and staff became infected and there were 194 victims.

By using a model of this sort, the students were able to experience how quickly diseases can spread and evaluate using a model of this type to simulate a flu pandemic.

Mr Fullman.

Sixth Form News

On 6th March St Ivo Sixth Form committee held a charity gig for the Teenage Cancer Trust. Held in our common room, it was a successful evening with local bands and ex-St Ivo students playing including Frank Hamilton, Art!, Matt Harvey, Matt Gifford, Mark Dominy and Class B?. The gig itself raised over £700, but with added funds from previous proms and events, the final amount raised was over £2,000! The money raised will go towards the new TCT ward at Addenbrookes Hospital which will improve the quality of care for teenagers suffering with cancer in East Anglia.

Sports News



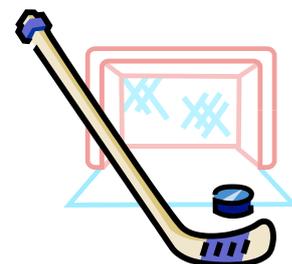
Year 8 Netball

The Year 8 netball teams have had a number of matches this half term in preparation for their district tournament next week. There will be three teams playing so best of luck to all of them!

Players: Rebecca, Abi, Stevie, Ali, Georgina, Ellen, Jess, Laurena, Annabel, Zoe, Bethanie, Angela, Katie, Olivia, Jade, Katy, Erin, Catherine, Chloe, Chloe, Martyna, Sarah.

Hockey News

Good luck to those pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 who have been selected to go forward to hockey development squads for Cambridgeshire County:



Year 7 Hockey

On 25th March two Year 7 hockey teams attended the district tournament at Hinchingbrooke. Despite it being very cold all the girls played really well and got some excellent experience of playing other teams (9 matches worth to be precise!!). They finished 9th (B Team) and joint 3rd (A Team). Well done to all of them!

Players: Sammy, Laura, Lucy, Sasha, Ameer, Niamh, Jess, Georgia, Ashleigh, Georgia, Lauren, Lauren, Amy, Lauren, Katie, Katy, Katy, Emily, Laura.

Mrs Kemp/ Mrs Clifton/ Miss Shipley.

IvoOnline



IvoOnline is a secure website that allows the school to communicate information home about students' behaviour, attendance, achievements and much more. It has already proven to be very popular with our parents and carers, with in excess of 90% of parents using the service. We intend for it to become the primary method of communication between school and home, and it is also a fantastic way to stay informed about your children's school career. Any parent not yet signed up can do so by visiting www.st-ivo.co.uk and clicking on the 'Create a new account' link. Setting up a new account only takes a couple of minutes, but if you need help, drop an email to signup@st-ivo.co.uk and we'll help you along. We look forward to welcoming you to IvoOnline in the near future!

PARENTS SURVEY

Many thanks to those who replied to the Parent survey.

We had over 300 replies with approximately 25% of children represented. Your comments were many and varied. All comments and results will be discussed during the next few weeks by members of the Governing Body sub group.

All comments are valued and a summary of the results will be presented to the School Management Team along with recommendations from the group. The results of the questions will be published on line after the Easter Break.

Paper copies will also be available on request.

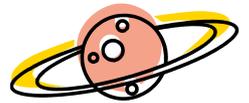
Survey Sub Group.

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Competitions – We held quite a few competitions in the run up to Red Nose Day and raised £14.20. Thanks to all participants. The lucky winners were as follows:-

- Mrs Mitchell's Quiz – Harry 7Me and Jennifer 7Gs
- Red Nose Quiz – 1st prize to the Funky Four: Lily, Laura, Isabelle and Sadie - all from 7Cs
- Hunt the Red Nose – Sam, Emily 8An and Rosie and Emma 8De

Year 8 Science– Year 8 have just completed a very successful Space Project which finished with some very informative, fun presentations about space.



Crafts – This month we made some very attractive Mother Day cards and Easter Baskets. Come and join us every Wednesday lunchtime in the RC.

Forthcoming events – On the 27th April we have invited Polly Howat a local storyteller to the School. Year 7 will get the chance to meet her for a storytelling session. In addition the Resource Centre will be running a Scary Story Competition – book token and chocolate to be won! Please come and see tips and advice on how to write your Scary Story.



New Books - Watch out for new fiction arriving in May. The latest Skulduggery Pleasant, Robert Muchamore's new series The Henderson's boys and many, many more.

Happy Easter.

Mrs Mitchell.



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Summer Term Courses



“It’s never too late to get online”

two hour help and support session. The course takes place on Tuesday 12 May at 6.45pm, costs just £7.00 and participants will receive a free USB memory stick. This event supports Adult Learners’ Week.

Saturday Workshops & Courses

Cookery: Italian, Spanish, Vegetarian
Indian Delights, REAL....FOOD....FAST

Counselling: Is Counselling for Me? (taster)

Creative Writing: Starting to Write and Workshops for Writers

Curtain Making: Roman Blind, Padded Pelmet and Swags and Tails Workshops

Family History and the Internet

First Aid: Until Help Arrives

Guitar

Hanging Baskets: Make and Take your own summer basket, all you need provided in the cost

History: In and Out of the St Ives Union Workhouse

Image: Professional Make-Up

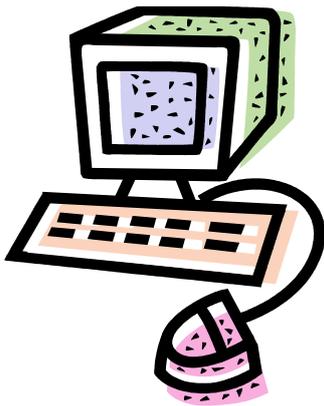
Knitting: **NEW** Improve your Handknitting Skills

Life Coaching: **NEW** Change your Life, Make it Happen

Meditation

Tennis for children

Prices start from as little as £15.00. Gift Tokens available.



Take the Challenge –

Can you be confident with a computer?

The **10 Week Challenge** is for you to learn how to carry out straightforward computer tasks and is available at the reduced fee of £25 (normal fee £79). The only requirement is that you have very limited computer skills and are prepared to take part in informal assessment. The most difficult part of this course is choosing between tea or coffee!

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See over for the full course listing

Your A – Z Guide to Evening, Daytime and Saturday courses

- **Antiques**, Collectables and Auctions
- **Art for Starters**: Watercolours and Freestyle
- **Astronomy**
- **Babysitting**
- **Ballroom Dancing**
- **Belly Dancing**
- **Cake Decorating**: Novelty Cakes; Marzipan Modelling
- **Car Maintenance Basics**
- **Computing: Computers Don't Bite** Certificate, the basics and being comfortable with the internet and web. The most difficult part of this course is choosing tea or coffee!
- **CLAiT**
 - **ECDL** Essentials; Extra; Advanced
 - **Digital Darkroom** for Beginners (Adobe Photoshop)
 - **Touch Type** Crash Course; Touch Type Plus+
 - **Website** Building
- **Counselling: Is Counseling for Me?** (Saturday taster)
- **Creative Writing**: Starting to Write; Workshops for Writers
- **Curtain Making** & Soft Furnishing course (cushions; blinds, piped and frilled; padded pelmets; various tiebacks) and Roman Blind; Padded Pelmet; Swags and Tails Workshops
- **Dancing**: Ballroom Dancing; Belly Dance; Salsa
- **Digital Darkroom for Beginners (Adobe Photoshop)**
- **DIY**: Planning a Kitchen/Bathroom; DIY and House Maintenance; Plumbing and Heating; Tiling; Changing Doors, Locks and Skirtings; External House Maintenance
- **Dog Training**
- **English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)**
- **Family History** and Family History and the Internet
- **Fashion Design/Dressmaking**
- **First Aid**: Until Help Arrives (Saturday option)
- **Food Hygiene** and Safety
- **Food and Wine Courses**: Best of British; Italian (main and dessert courses); Indian; Men in the Kitchen; REAL.....FOOD.....FAST; Vegetarian; Thai; Sizzling Summer BBQs and Picnics; Saturday Kitchens; Cake Decorating; Sugarcraft; Wines
- **Gardening**: Make and Take a Hanging Basket, all you need provided in the cost
- **Guitar**
- **Golf**
- **Health, Mind and Image**: Aromatherapy; Body Massage; Reflexology; Years Younger; Looking Good!; Make-Up Workshops
- **History**: Family History: Putting Down Roots; The Great War in Cambridgeshire; In & Out of the St Ives Union Workhouse
- **NEW Jewellery Making** with Beads
- **NEW Knitting**: Improve Your Handknitting Skills Workshop
- **NEW Life Coaching** Workshop: Change Your Life, Make it Happen
- **Meditation** Workshops
- **Ornithology**
- **Saturday Kitchens**: Italian; Spanish; Vegetarian Indian Delights; REAL.....FOOD.....FAST
- **NEW Sizzling Summer BBQs and Picnics**
- **Spanish** for Your Holiday
- **Sugarcraft**: Sweet Peas, Gypsophilia, Ivy; Tulle Work
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- **Tennis**: Separate courses for Adults and Children
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JOB VACANCY

Online ICT Curriculum Resource Developer

Required for April 2009, an Online ICT Curriculum Resource Developer to assist in the creation of online resources for curriculum areas and to provide support to other key areas of the school's ICT systems.

You will be required to work 37 hours per week, term time only + 10 days.
Salary: Point 4 Scale 18-21 (£16,536 - £18,430 pro-rata depending on experience).

The successful applicant will have a knowledge of and experience using programming languages including .NET, PHP and/or Javascript, in addition to being an experienced website designer.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

All appointments are conditional and subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure.

If you are interested in being a key part of this large and successful school, please ask for an application pack by emailing office@st-ivo.co.uk or apply on-line by accessing our website www.stivoschool.com



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JOB VACANCY

Food Technology Technician

Salary: Scale 1 point 12 £14,847 pro rata (£7.70 per hour)

TIME OF WORK: 2.00pm – 4.00pm (10 hours weekly - there is some flexibility in starting time) term time only + 5 training days

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1 General domestic duties: cleaning and checking of units in classrooms.
 - 2 Maintenance of tea towels, dish cloths and oven gloves.
 - 3 Rotation of stock in the classrooms and mainstore, including ordering of consumables.
 - 4 Checking of freezers and fridges: storage and temperatures and rotation of stock.
 - 5 Preparation of equipment and materials for lessons e.g. collection of food mixers or cake tins to one place.
 - 6 Photocopying of information for use within the department.
- *This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.*
 - *All appointments are conditional and subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure.*

**Please contact Jane Jest, Headteacher's secretary, for more details
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23 March 2009

Dear Parents/Carers

St Ivo School Election of Parent Governors

The governing body of St Ivo School has two parent governor vacancies. We are writing to you to ask if you would be interested in becoming a school governor.

Governors are responsible for strategic planning and finance. They help to appoint our staff and to build good relationships between the school, parents and our local community. Our parent governors are very valuable members of the governing body and we rely on them to help us to keep in touch with what parents are thinking. They are on the governing body as representative parents, but they are not delegates and other parents cannot mandate them on how they should vote.

Governors do not need to be experts to tackle the range of responsibilities expected of them. Help, advice and training are available from various sources. If you are interested in the education of your child and the way the school makes decisions and have some time to commit to this role we would like you to consider becoming a parent governor. If you would like more information please contact the school and we can put you in touch with a member of our governing body for an informal chat.

Anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election can stand for election, can nominate someone for election and can vote in the election. A parent who works for the school for 500 hours or more or a parent who is an elected member of the local authority (County Councillor) is not eligible to stand for election but they are permitted to nominate and vote. If insufficient parents stand for election the governing body can appoint nominated parents to the governing body. The term of office for a parent governor is four years.

All nominations should be sent in to the school office by **4.00pm on Tuesday, 21 April**. You will need a proposer and a seconder. Every nomination must be countersigned by the candidate stating that they are willing to stand. We also need a few words about the candidate and why they would like to be a governor. If you would like extra copies of the nomination forms please contact the school office.

On **Friday, 24 April** we will inform parents about the details of parent governor nominations. If an election is necessary we will send ballot forms home with the children with the names of the candidates and their details. Each parent will have **two** votes as there are two vacancies, irrespective of the number of children he/she has at the school. The ballot is secret and you can send or post the ballot paper back in a sealed envelope, or drop it into the ballot box outside the school office. All votes must be in by **12.00 noon on Thursday, 7 May** when they will be counted.

A copy of the rules guiding the election of parent governors and further copies of the nomination form can be obtained from the school office.

Yours sincerely

Howard Gilbert
Headteacher

Chair



ST IVO SCHOOL

NOMINATION FORM

Election for a parent governor for St Ivo School

Name:

Address:

Child(ren) in Year(s):

Why I would like to be a parent governor:

(please provide a brief statement of no more than 200 words continuing on a separate sheet if necessary)

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Name of Proposer:	
Signature:	

Name of Seconder:	
Signature:	

I am willing and eligible to stand for election as a parent governor at St Ivo School

Name of Candidate:	
Signature:	

Date:
