



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



We have had a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day and the children look amazing in their costumes. We know and appreciate just how much effort goes into preparing the children for the day and on behalf of us all, thank you to the parents and carers who work so hard in the background. The children have had a brilliant time and once again, it's an opportunity to make the learning real and fun too!

We are grateful to the Friends of Ivy Chimneys who have sponsored the 'best dressed' competition prizes.

Congratulations to Harrison M, Polly C and Kieran T (EYFS), Jamie T, Layla G, Poppy B, Poppy D (Year 1/2), Sawyer J-R, Isadora A (Year 3/4), Alfie R and Annie-May O (Year 5/6)



You will have received a letter about Learning Conferences which are taking place in two weeks time, Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th March. Don't forget to book an appointment using the ParentMail app or by logging into the website (<http://pmx.parentmail.co.uk>) Once again we will be making a crèche available for siblings to be looked after whilst you are meeting with teachers.

Our Year 6s have been tremendously excited this week with the confirmation of their Secondary school place. Ivy Chimneys children 'feed in' to a number of schools including, Epping St John's, The Ongar Academy, Davenant, Debden Park, Anglo-European. This year, one of our pupils has a well deserved place at a Grammar school, Southend High School for Boys!

Finally, we have made a very slight alteration to the term dates for 2016/17. We have moved one non-pupil day from 5th Jan 2017 to 21st July 2017. This means children will be in school on 5th Jan 2017 but not on 21st July 2017. The revised term dates are on our website.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

Mary Burges has been a Governor at the School for almost seven years. Her daughter was a pupil at Ivy Chimneys and is now in Year 8 at Epping St Johns. Mary is Vice Chair of the Governing Body and the Personnel & Curriculum Committee and sits on the Appeals Committee. Her responsibilities include being the link Governor for both Community Cohesion and the Pupil Premium Grant. Mary is especially interested in Ivy Chimneys' role and contribution to the wider community and her focus on Pupil Premium Grant involves challenging School Leaders on the effective use of funding to ensure beneficial impact on the eligible children's progress and well-being.



Her aspirations for the school are to see it acknowledged and recognised as an outstanding learning environment for our children. A place that provides them with the academic foundation and life skills they need to have a happy and successful life beyond.

In her "other life" Mary is employed, part-time, as a Risk Manager within the Financial Services Sector.

@IC_EYFS @IC_Chestnut @IC_Birch @IC_Elm
@IC_Rowan @IC_Hornbeam @IC_Plane @IC_Maple
@IC_Beech @IC_Walnut @IC_Office @IC_Council @FOICs

STAIRWAY TO ENJOYMENT!

It is with enormous gratitude that I thank David Lockett (father to Emily and Sophie) for taking the time and effort to rebuild the steps to the KS1 play equipment outside Elm, Birch and Chestnut classrooms. The original wooden steps had weathered making them unsafe. David has completed Phase 1 and the steps were installed during the final weekend of the half term holiday. Another development for this piece of equipment is underway and more news will follow!



IMPORTANT DATES

- Fri 4th Mar** Chestnut Class Assembly
- Fri 4th Mar** SATS meeting for Year 6 parents & children 2:30pm
- Fri 11th Mar** Rowan Class Assembly
- Fri 18th Mar** Birch Class Assembly
- Thurs 24th Mar** Larch Class Assembly & Ivy's Got Talent
End of Spring Term
- Tues 12th Apr** Start of Summer Term (1st day back for chn)

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