



# IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



There is so much to report after the first three weeks into the new academic year.

Our children have responded so positively to their new year groups and have coped admirably, managing the new expectations and routines.

We are delighted to have welcomed our new Foundation children into Ash and Larch classes. The transition process has definitely supported the children in feeling confident and less anxious about starting primary school. Thank you to our Foundation parents for supporting this important stage so brilliantly.

Last week, we held House and Vice Captain elections where each child had the opportunity to vote. This teaches our children about democracy and British values; an important aspect in today's society. Twenty five Year 6 children stood for election; the most candidates ever! With only ten positions I predicted that these roles would be closely fought over and indeed they were. I am so very proud of everyone who stood for election and they all deserve a mention... Lidia, Lauren, Lucy, Florence, Rayan, Ben, Carter, Dylan, Sam, Scarlett, Freya, Bay, Bella, Charlie, Sawyer, Joshua, George, Jasmine, Scott, Jessica, Madison, Gabriel, Mia, Francis and Kabongwe.

The respective House and Vice Captains are:

Squirrels: Lidia and Lucy  
Badgers: Bella and George  
Rabbits: Francis and Mia  
Foxes: Scarlett and Florence  
Owls: Scott and Jasmine

## HEALTHY SNACKS & LUNCHBOXES

A reminder to all families that children should only be bringing a healthy item of snack for the mid-morning break, This should be a piece of fruit, a vegetable snack (i.e. carrot sticks) or a packet of dried fruit. Children should not be bringing sugary snacks to school such as chocolate bars or cereal bars, many of which contain lots of sugar. This applies to children's packed lunch boxes too. I have also been made aware of a number of children bringing food containing nuts into school.

**It is absolutely paramount that we maintain a nut free school.**

## PARENT FORUM

We are seeking parents to represent each class at our Parent Forum meetings this year. Please could you let the office know if you are available to meet once every term to discuss areas of school improvement.

@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



<http://www.ivychimneys.net/content/house-captains-and-vice-captains>

Two weeks ago, I received a letter from Clare Kershaw, Director of Education at Essex County Council. She wrote to congratulate the whole school community on another year of excellent results, showing year on year improvement in reading, writing and maths. Without the home-school partnership we just couldn't achieve these fantastic outcomes. We are so thankful for all you do.

The pre-teach sessions in Yr 1/2 (Thursdays) and Yr 3/4 and Yr 5/6 (Fridays) have been very well attended. Remember these take place every week and are a great opportunity to learn the new strategies in maths in order that you can help your child at home. Please also note we have some maths-help videos on our website: <http://www.ivychimneys.net/content/maths-help-videos>

Finally, on Thursday 5th October we will be celebrating World Teacher Day and we will be acknowledging all members of staff on this day, recognising the amazing job that they do for all our children.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

## IMPORTANT DATES

2nd October	Flu Immunisation - consent last day
4th October	Whole School Poetry Day
6th October	Chestnut Class Assembly
10th October	Flu Immunisation
13th October	Rowan Class Assembly
	FolCS Quiz Night (7:45pm)
17th October	FolCS Family Bingo (after school)
20th October	Maple Class Assembly
<b>23rd-27th October</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
30th October	Children return to school

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