



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



We are very excited to be welcoming our new Foundation children into school this week after a busy two weeks of home visits by the Foundation Team, getting to know the children. I am so pleased that they appear to have settled quickly and are becoming familiar with their new surroundings!

I have made some progress with learning children's names and I am particularly appreciative to the children who have come to introduce themselves to me personally. In addition to welcoming children as they arrive, I have also been visiting classes speaking and listening to the children. I fully intend learning all 280 names in the coming weeks.

Last Friday was an exceptional day, celebrating Roald Dahl Day! I was truly amazed by the costumes the children were wearing and it was a real spectacle to watch the children arrive into school on Friday morning, understandably very excited! Congratulations to our winners of the Best Dressed boy and girl competition who each received a Roald Dahl book. The winners were:

Ben R and Devon P in Year 1/2
Finn B and Annie J in Year 3/4
Ruby M and Louie W in Year 5/6

Henry J in Year 6 has written a fantastic recount of the day, which you can read on our website.



Finally, we are very much looking forward to meeting with you all next week at our Meet the Teacher evening. I hope that you'll find the evening both informative and useful as we work together to develop further our already strong home-school partnership.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

GOING FOR GOLD

I'm delighted to announce that our Achievement Assemblies will now feature the Head Teacher's Gold Award. Children will receive a Certificate of Merit and Gold Award sticker in recognition for their outstanding work and attitude to learning. I'm really pleased the children have been so enthusiastic about the changes and are working hard to be one of the first Gold Award Achievers! We very much welcome parents and grandparents to our Achievement Assembly at the usual time on Friday morning.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

As you will be aware in recent news, the two largest teaching unions, the NUT and NASUWT are proposing to call a strike for its members. I am already aware that there will be some disruption to normal school on Tuesday 1st October. I will write separately with further details as to what impact this will have.

BOOKS & COMICS NEEDED

Rowan Class are looking for any unwanted fiction and non-fiction books that you no longer need to help us to develop a reading corner. Any books or good quality comics would be ideal to complement the books we already have.

Mrs Brown / Mrs Meredith

BOOK BANDING

Please note, we have reviewed the book banding of our banded books. This is due to changes in the reading schemes. The upshot is that you may notice a different colour book band to what your child had previously. Please be reassured that we have correlated the old and new colour bands appropriately.

Miss Phillips

JEWELLERY

A gentle reminder please that children should only be wearing studs in school, and not earrings. All jewellery must be removed during PE, unless ears have been pierced recently in which case, for a short period of time, the studs will need to be covered using tape from home. This is imperative for your child's own safety.

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