



# IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



It's hard to believe that we are now a week away from the half term break. We have had a very busy beginning to the school year with staff providing lots of exciting opportunities for the children this term.

The Foundation children are now very well settled into school routines and are delightfully inquisitive as they soak up the experiences and opportunities both in and out of the classroom. They have been learning about themselves.



Our Year 1 and 2 children have been learning about healthy eating and living, demonstrating their knowledge and understanding through making their own fruit 'kebabs!' Wonderful!



Children in Year 3 / 4 have had an exciting visit into Epping Town Centre, braving the wind and the rain as they set about identifying shops and



buildings and drawing conclusions about their use and place in the community they serve. Unfortunately there were no sighting of the 'hodgeheg'!

A visit to Royal Gunpowder Mills was a recent highlight for the pupils in Years 5 and 6. The children particularly enjoyed becoming secret agents trying to identify the 'spy' amongst a group of World War II characters!

The Friends of Ivy Chimneys Committee met a few weeks ago to discuss the many fundraising events and ideas planned for the year ahead. They are very keen to continue to support the school and contribute towards increasing our ICT provision and ensure that the children have access to technology in the classrooms. This may include laptops, tablets, cameras etc.



Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

## SCHOOL MEALS MENUS!

I am delighted to report that we will soon be publishing a School Meals menu for parents and children. Following conversations that I have had with a few parents, I am aware that this is something that parents have requested. A three-week menu supports our belief in providing a healthy, balanced and nutritious school meal for children. In collaboration with the Essex School Meals team, Mrs Holland, our Catering Manager will be preparing and cooking food from the new menus. We will be piloting the new Winter menus after half term which I can assure you are inline with stringent government guidelines. We welcome any feedback that you may have and I will be spending time with children after half term gathering their views.

## CLASSES ON TWITTER

You may have noticed a number of classes now with Twitter accounts. They are:

@IC\_EYFS @IC\_Birch @IC\_Elm  
 @IC\_Rowan @IC\_Hornbeam  
 @IC\_Plane @IC\_Beech @IC\_Walnut

## FRIENDS OF IVY CHIMNEYS

Quiz Night this Friday  
 18th October.  
 Doors open from 7:00pm

Do follow @FOICs on Twitter!

## BLOGGING AND TWITTER !

Don't forget that our Blogging and Twitter evening for parents is taking place next week on **Wednesday 23rd October**. We would like this to be a very practical and hands-on event. If you have a smartphone, tablet or laptop, do bring it along! We look forward to seeing you there!

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