



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



With Christmas fast approaching, the whole school community are busily preparing for the many upcoming events taking place throughout December.

The first of which is our Christmas Fayre taking place this Saturday 30th November between 12-3pm. The Friends of Ivy Chimneys have been working very hard over recent weeks planning and preparing for the day. They are still looking for additional support, even if it's just an hour of your time. Please do support them.

Our staff and children are busy rehearsing for their Christmas performances. The children are clearly very excited and I am very much looking forward to seeing all the productions. We have prepared letters with reminders of dates and times of each performance and how tickets will be allocated. Look out for these in your mailboxes today.

In addition to the fayre and performances, we will also be launching our Online Advent Calendar. This is a web-based advent calendar where our children will be creating the material that will be presented behind each of the doors.

LEARNING OUTDOORS

Birch and Elm class have enjoyed a thrilling day out on the Gruffalo Trail. Lots of excited children (and parents!) returned back to school having found the Gruffalo.

On Tuesday 26th November, Rowan, Hornbeam and Plane classes visited Epping Forest and explored the woodland. I think the children were amazed by how much they learnt from identifying trees, bark rubbings, collecting leaves and learning about the history of Epping Forest!

NETBALL UPDATE!

Well done to our Netball team, beating Chipping Ongar 18-3 in an away game last Thursday. Today, we won against Epping Upland 4-1 at home. A fantastic result team and I'm looking forward to hearing the match report in our Achievement Assembly tomorrow.

CLASSES ON TWITTER

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

@IC_EYFS @IC_Chestnut @IC_Birch @IC_Elm
 @IC_Rowan @IC_Hornbeam @IC_Plane
 @IC_Willow @IC_Beech @IC_Walnut

We hope this will be a rather fun way of enjoying the countdown to Christmas. The advent calendar can be found here: <http://advent.ivychimneys.net>



LIVE
1st Dec

Our advent calendar will involve a collaboration with a school in Melbourne, Australia. We are really excited by the prospect of our children learning about Christmas in another part of the world and in a contrasting season too!

Next Friday 6th December, children will be representing our school at the Epping Christmas Market in the High Street. Ms Brennan has organised a choir of children from across the school who will be singing to Christmas shoppers! Please do come along and support us!

FRIENDS OF IVY CHIMNEYS

Christmas Fayre
30th November, 12-3pm

CAR PARKING

A number of parents have shared with me their concerns about the safety of children walking along the pavements at the end of the school day because parents have parked cars on the pavement. This is of a particular concern in the area where there are bollards because the cars block the pavement and children are being forced into or close to the road in order to walk around them. I do understand the problem with lack of parking but this is an inherent issue where there is no immediate solution. Please do be mindful of the children's safety when parking your car. Thank you.

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