



# IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



Last Friday evening our children sang songs in the Epping Christmas Market. It was a lovely occasion and left us all feeling very much in the Christmas spirit. My thanks go to the children and families who attended, and also to Ms Brennan and Mrs Brown for leading this event.

This week, I'm truly amazed by the quality of the Christmas productions that I have seen so far this week. Wow!

Our Foundation children performed a beautiful production that was very fun and imaginative and it was obvious how much enjoyment was had by the children. Our talented Foundation staff even wrote the production!

Our KS1 children presented All Around The World that left them and us gasping for air with so much singing and dancing and plenty of laughs from the audience.

Year 3&4 have once again wowed us with their singing and have taken the Christmas-y atmosphere to another level! They will be performing again this evening outside on the playground. Wrap up warm everyone!



I'm delighted to announce that Ivy Chimneys won the best decorated Christmas Tree competition at St. Johns Church, Epping. Enormous thanks to the children for making such unique and wonderful decorations, but also to the talented staff, Tina, Linda and Donna who supported the children.

Our advent calendar has received so much interest from all around the world. Thank you to the children and parents who have left comments. I'm sure you will agree, the work behind each of the doors is fabulous. If you've not yet found it, get online here: <http://advent.ivychimneys.net>

On behalf of all the staff, please could I thank the children and parents for all the delightful Christmas cards we have received. They are really special. Since this will be the last newsletter of 2013, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This year, our Christmas lunch will be held on **Wednesday 18th December**. Unfortunately, our catering team are still only able to cater for the number of children who are currently receiving a daily school meal. In recent weeks this has risen to 175 meals each day. Whilst I wish to encourage more children to have a school meal, the kitchen does need further investment in order to cater for serving more meals. This work is already in hand. We are delighted with the response from parents and children after publishing the School Meals menu. There will be some minor alterations to the menu based on the feedback we have received.

### SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO BAD WEATHER

Should this be necessary due to staff not able to get to school, we will use ParentMail, Twitter and our School website to announce any school closure. A decision will be made as soon as possible on each day.

### 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

## FRIENDS OF IVY CHIMNEYS

We raised a whopping **£4509.60** at the Christmas Fayre. Thank you to everyone who has supported the school.

### RASPBERRY (Pi) JAM

Miss Snailham and Mr Furness accompanied seven children who attended a Raspberry (Pi) Jam event in Cambridge on Saturday 7th December 2013. We learnt a lot from the day, and brought back some pretty special goodies too! We are now working on another coding project.

### NORWAY HOUSE

Once again, we are supporting families living at Norway House by donating presents and gifts (unwrapped please!) We were overwhelmed by your generosity last year, and are looking to repeat our contribution this year.

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