



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



We have enjoyed plenty of success in recent sporting events.

In pretty dire running conditions, our children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 participated in the annual West Essex School Sports Partnership cross country race. Despite the cold, the wind and the mud the children did themselves and the school proud. All the runners gave their all and some with outstanding results, Dharia coming 2nd, Leila 5th, Eliza 6th and Henry 2nd. Well done to the whole team. Both Dharia and Henry will now compete in the Essex finals. Good luck to them both. Thanks also to the parents who supported us on the day, ensuring children were wrapped up and kept warm before and after races

Our Year 3 and 4 children competed in the West Essex Sportshall competition at Debden Park High School. We were incredibly successful in many of the disciplines, including running, relay, speed bounce and javelin. Our school came first in both the boys and girls competitions and

were therefore overall winners. Well done to the whole team for showing incredible commitment and determination.

Our netball team played two matches this week. The first against High Ongar and lost the game 19-13. Our second match against Epping Primary resulted in a well deserved win 8-0! Well done to the whole team and to Donna for her continued support during matches and practice sessions.

Year 3 & 4 children enjoyed working with a Roman historian who spoke passionately about life in Roman times. It was fantastic to see so many of our children dressed in Roman costume. We learnt lots from the experience and we are grateful to the PTA who contributed significantly to the costs incurred.



Jonathan Furness Head Teacher

TOUR DE FRANCE

As you will have noted in the recent local newspaper, the Tour de France event will be held on **Monday 7th July**. This, as you can imagine, will have a significant impact on the local traffic routes in and around the school. Epping High Road and surrounding roads will be closed from 8am until 5pm on the Monday. Given the disruption that was felt yesterday by the closure of the High Road, the Governing Body and I have decided that we should **close the school on this day**. We will rearrange the KS2 Sports Day to **Wednesday 9th July**.

PARENTS EVENING

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Parents Evenings next week. Details have been sent via ParentMail inviting you to book appointments to see Class Teachers. Please do return those as quickly as possible so that we can undertake the enormous task of allocating appointments and notifying parents. During the meeting this term, we will also be sharing punctuality and attendance data with you.

CLASSES ON TWITTER

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

DADS TO SCHOOL DAY

Due to popular demand we will be inviting Dads into school to join their children on **Wednesday 11th June 2014**. We will be sending further details out nearer the time.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

I have been alerted to possible industrial action by NUT members on **Wednesday 26th March**. As yet it isn't clear what action will be taken by our staff members, but I will endeavour to communicate this to you as soon as possible.

TERM DATES 2014-2015

At the recent Full Governing Body meeting, we agreed the term dates for next year, September 2014 to July 2015. I recognise that many of you will be eager to book holidays to avoiding taking children out of school during term time. The term dates for 2014-2015 are now available on our website under the 'Parents' menu.

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