



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



Our Year 6 have done themselves, the staff and the school proud this week. I have been in awe of their commitment and the focus they have given during a week of SATs tests. Some children have endured 3 hours of tests

today which, you'll agree is simply staggering for this age group.

With the SATs tests behind them, the Year 6s are looking forward to the School Journey to Eastbourne next week. The weather is looking particularly favourable, so it is all set to be a fantastic week away. We are hoping that Mr Jones and the children will be tweeting, blogging and uploading photographs of their experiences throughout the week on our blog site and twitter feed. Watch out for these and please do post messages for the children and staff to read!

It is with enormous gratitude and sadness that, unfortunately, this will be the last School Journey that Mrs Mckenzie will be attending. After 25 years of being

associated with Ivy Chimneys, Mrs Mckenzie has taken the decision to retire at the end of this year. I know that many children and families will share the disappointment of not having Mrs Mckenzie as their class teacher next year. On a positive note, I very much hope that Mrs Mckenzie will still be in and around our school supporting children through intervention groups and supply cover and so, thankfully, we aren't saying goodbye just yet!

In the past few weeks, we have recruited Mrs Rachel Thomson who will be joining our school in September and will be leading the Year 5 & 6 team. Judging on the lesson I observed, she promises to be an exciting class teacher!

I am also delighted to announce that Miss Roberts is pregnant with her second child which is due in August. We wish her well during the remainder of her pregnancy.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

PLAYGROUND CONSULTATION



I was delighted with the number of parents and local residents who attended our two consultation events. I was particularly proud of our Year 5 pupils who attended both sessions and spoke very eloquently about the work they have produced in proposing a new playground. Their work even included a whole school survey to gather views from every child. This was a very comprehensive piece of work. A large number of key issues were discussed and debated following the presentations and we are hopeful that the many ideas offered will be incorporated in the initial design. Congratulations to Izzy G and Daniel L who were runners up in the Design a Sign competition, and to Holly S who came 1st! The Mayor of Epping visited our school earlier this week to present the certificates!

TWITTER ACCOUNTS

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



IMPORTANT DATES

2nd June - Staff Training (non pupil day)

11th June 2014 - Dads to School Day

26th June 2014 - New Foundation Parents Meeting

7th July 2014 - School closed (Tour de France)

8th July 2014 - KS1 Sports Day

9th July 2014 - KS2 Sports Day

15th July 2014 - Open Evening (note date change)

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