



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



Our "Dads" to school day last Wednesday was by all accounts another tremendous success! This was my first experience of this annual event and I was delighted to see such a positive atmosphere created by the many brothers, uncles, dads and grandfathers that we had in school. In fact, we had approximately 215 people visiting our children in school and I know just how much the children welcomed the opportunity to share their learning and enjoyment with their family.

I am sure the "dads" will join me in thanking the staff who have worked so hard in the lead up to the event preparing activities throughout the day to make it a collaborative and purposeful occasion for all involved. I would also like to thank the Office team who coordinated the day, working tirelessly behind the scenes to make the day run as smoothly as possible.

We have two big events taking place next week. Monday sees the first of four transition sessions that we have scheduled. A considerable amount of work by the leadership team and teaching staff has gone into creating the new

classes for September 2014. Monday will be the first opportunity for the children to get to know their new class teacher and new classmates. Each child will be given a letter to take home explaining the class structure for 2014/15 along with the name of their new class teacher. I would like to reassure you at this time that we have tried exceptionally hard to ensure children are with at least one person in their friendship group. It is important that children understand that they won't necessarily be with all of their friends, although there will be the same opportunities to play with them at break and lunchtimes as is the case now. It is also a great time to make new friends!

On Thursday 26th, we will be welcoming parents of children who are starting at Ivy Chimneys in September. Details have already been distributed to those parents and we are looking forward to seeing them at 1:45pm. On the following day, we will be inviting our new foundation children into school for a 'story and snack' session with their class teachers. This coincides with the second of our transition sessions.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

WATER BOTTLES

Thank you for your response following my newsletter a fortnight ago. In conversation with a number of children this week, some still do not have water bottles. I would urge you to ensure your child has a **named** water bottle in school. Not only does this help the children remain safe and healthy, but there is plenty of research which points towards an improvement in learning for those children who have access to water throughout the day.

PARKING

I don't wish to moan, particularly when there are so many positives, but I was saddened to receive a letter from one of our residents last week. During the morning "drop-off" one of our parents had parked their car across the driveway of a property in Ivy Chimneys Road. On this occasion the homeowner needed to use his car with some urgency and was unable to leave his driveway. I do understand and sympathise with you regarding the difficulties in parking, but it's imperative that we consider our residents and park responsibly.

Thank you.

TWITTER ACCOUNTS

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

FRIENDS OF IVY CHIMNEYS

Bidding for Kevin Nolan's West Ham football shirt is currently at £175! We have also been given a Tottenham Hotspur shirt signed by the whole team and the highest bid is now at £100. The auction for both shirts closes on 5th July at 2:45pm. Also, we are still needing volunteers to come forward to help during the Summer Fayre! Email friendsofivychimneys@gmail.com if you are able to help, if only for an hour on the day and/or the night before the event.

IMPORTANT DATES

26th June 2014 - New EYFS Parents Meeting
30th June 2014 - Epping St. Johns meeting here for
@ 9:15am parents of children in Year 4 and Year 5.
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

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