



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



I am writing this newsletter following our annual Meet the Teacher evening where we were delighted to see so many of our parents attend. If you were unable to make the evening, we will be putting the presentations on our website for you download. I will also

be adding the presentation I gave about teaching mixed age classes. I would like to thank parents for the positive feedback which I hope has addressed many of your questions.

Our children have settled in well to the beginning of the new school year and this proves just how successful the transition programme was in ensuring a positive start.

Thank you to all our parents who have helped prepare the children so well with new school uniforms and PE kits.

Curriculum Newsletters are available on our website.

I am also pleased to share with you the news that Miss Roberts gave birth to a healthy boy, Hugh James, just after we returned to school. Miss Roberts and Hugh accompanied by big brother, Ben, stopped by to say 'hello' and it was lovely to see everyone looking so well.

The topic for upper key stage 2 this term is 'Space' which has certainly unearthed children's natural inquisitiveness. We have been particularly fortunate in having access to some lunar rock samples supplied to us by the Science & Technology Facilities Council. These are an irreplaceable resource so you'll understand why we've curtailed our enthusiasm for tweeting our excitement! The children have really enjoyed finding out more about the moon and its composition by looking at materials first-hand. See the report written by the children below!

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Just a reminder to everyone that they need to ensure their child(ren) arrive in school promptly by 8:55am. Children are welcome on site from 8:45am and walk through to the large playground. Our attendance target for this academic year is **96%** which I am confident can be achieved but only with your support. Congratulations to Plane class who achieved the first 100% attendance for last week and Rowan class with the highest attendance this week!

Just a reminder to all parents that if your child has been sick during the night, we do insist that your child stays at home and doesn't return to school within 24 hours.

HOUSE CAPTAIN ELECTIONS

Congratulations to our House And Vice Captains who were elected on Monday of this week. I am so impressed with all the Year 6 children who put themselves forward for these roles. The speeches this year were outstanding and the votes were very close!

The elected House and respective Vice Captains are:

Owls - Hannah G and Oscar O

Squirrels - Daisy K and Eleanor

Foxes - Lauren C and R'Sian

Badgers - Eli and Oliver S

Rabbits - Alfie C and Anna Y

Well done to everyone who took part.

TWITTER ACCOUNTS

@IC_EYFS @IC_Chestnut @IC_Birch @IC_Elm

@IC_Rowan @IC_Hornbeam @IC_Plane

@IC_Maple @IC_Beech @IC_Walnut @IC_Office

MOON ROCKS AND METEORITES

Throughout this week, year 5 and 6 at Ivy Chimneys had the privilege of using some of NASA's rarest possessions: Moon rocks and Meteorites, to find out more information about space.

We started by looking on the internet to find out more information, while other groups weighed them, looked at them under microscopes, used topic books and looked at other meteorites. We found some facts like whereabouts on the moon the rocks came from and what the meteorites names mean.

It was a great week and was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

This article was written by Daniel G, Anna Y, Lauren C, Hannah, Henry and Paul

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed 1st October - FOICs meeting at 7pm

Fri 17th October - MacMillan Coffee afternoon (Main Hall)
Quiz Night (organised by FOICs)

Wed 5th November - Letters and Sounds meeting for EYFS parents (8:50am)

Wed 12th and Thurs 13th November - Parents Evening

Sat 6th December - Christmas Fayre (FOICs)

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