



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



We've arrived back to school after a reasonably temperate half term break to yet more wet and colder weather. This is a good moment to remind everyone that children need to be prepared for the colder weather. Please ensure they have warm coats and that tracksuits are included in their PE kits.

It is encouraging to see so many reply slips for the Parents Evening next week. During the two Open Mornings for prospective parents this week I spoke about the importance of the home-school partnership and therefore I strongly urge everyone to take the opportunity to book a slot to meet with our class teachers. If you haven't got an appointment, please speak to the Office team.

Next Friday we will be fundraising for Children in Need. This year we will be asking all children to come to school in pyjamas / onesies in return for a £1 donation which will go

directly towards the Children in Need charity. Children will still need to wear coats and warm clothing for break times and lunchtimes.

Loretta would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who sponsored her Royal Parks Half Marathon run. Loretta has raised £465. Congratulations Loretta and well done!

Congratulations to all the children in Larch class for achieving the highest attendance throughout the month of October with 99% attendance!

Finally, I'm pleased to report that Ivy Chimneys Primary School will be represented at the Remembrance Sunday parade in Epping High Street. Year 5/6 children have been invited to attend and two children will be chosen to lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

PARENT FORUM

I would like to invite parents to meet with me on a regular basis to look at how Ivy Chimneys can improve further. I'm aiming for these meetings to take place once every half term and for each meeting to have a specific focus for our discussions. In order for this group to be a manageable size I'm inviting two parents from each year group, ideally with at least one representative from each class. If you are interested in participating and meeting on a regular basis, could you indicate your interest on a form in the office. The date of the first meeting is: **Tuesday 2nd December at 9am.**

GARDENING CLUBS

I am so delighted to report that we have two gardening clubs in school, one run by Gemma Leach after school and the other by Lisa Mechell during school. We have already received a large number of donated items from parents and nurseries, including £25 worth of pansies and violas from Northfields, Chingford and 3 bags of compost from Van Hage, Hertfordshire. We are still looking for any seeds or cuttings you might have from outdoor plants in your gardens.

KITCHEN ASSISTANT VACANCY

With an even greater take up of school meals we are now recruiting for an additional kitchen assistant to work 2 hours each day between 12 and 2pm. If you are interested please speak to the ladies in the office for an application form.

Further details are on our website.

TWITTER ACCOUNTS

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

NEW WINTER MENUS

We have begun serving meals from our new Winter menus but unfortunately it's become apparent that a high proportion of children are choosing the jacket potato option. The jacket potato is primarily available to children who are unable to eat the main meal option. Could I please ask you to talk through the various meal options and encourage your child to select those meals predominantly.

LEARNING BEHAVIOURS

We are really pleased with the responses to the 'design a tiger' competition to reflect 'Independence' which is the first of six learning behaviours that we will be studying in school. The winner of the competition is: Nathan C in Ash Class.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sun 9th November - Remembrance Sunday (Yr 5/6)
Wed 12th and Thurs 13th November - Parents Evening
Fri 14th November - Children in Need Fundraising Day
Fri 5th December - Singing at Epping Christmas Market
Sat 6th December - Christmas Fayre

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Tues 9th December - Foundation 9.30am and 2pm
Wed 10th December - Year 1/2 9.30am and 5.30pm
Thurs 11th December - Year 3/4 9.30am and 6pm
Tues 16th December - Year 5/6 9.30am and 6.30pm

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