



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



Christmas is very much upon us with our Christmas Fayre taking place this Saturday between 12pm and 3pm. I really do hope to see everyone there.

We also have also entered the annual Epping Christmas Tree Festival. Our tree has been decorated using items created by children in the knitting and crochet clubs. Huge thanks to Linda, Tina and Donna for running these clubs and decorating the tree. Please go and see it at St. Johns Church and vote for our tree!

Our Online Advent Calendar is also live. Please ensure you visit the calendar <http://advent.ivychimneys.net>



I am delighted to announce that we were successful in recruiting Miss Rebecca Sigston to the role of Deputy Head Teacher before the half term break. Miss Sigston is an experienced teacher and is currently the Acting Deputy Head Teacher in her current school. We are really excited about welcoming her to the team. Miss Sigston will be teaching Birch class with Mr Whale.

We also welcome Miss Christina Reilly to Ivy Chimneys who will become the teacher of Chestnut class. Already there is much excitement about Miss Reilly as the children learnt yesterday that she is from Australia!

Unfortunately we will be saying goodbye to Miss Phillips, Miss Williams and Miss Childs at the end of this term. We wish them all well for the future.

Next week will be an exceptionally busy week with Christmas Productions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please note there will not be a merit assembly on Friday.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

PARENT FORUM

The first Parent Forum group met on Tuesday of this week. Our initial meeting sought to identify key areas for further discussion. As a group, we agreed that we will focus on two main issues. One area we will be discussing is how parents can better access the current methods of communication (Chatter newsletters, Twitter, website etc) and how these can be even more effective. The members of the Parent Forum are Denise Monk, Cathy Freeman, Lorna Newcombe, Claire Totman, Belinda Lockett, Rene Brand and Charlotte Reich. We will meet again in the New Year.

CHARITY FUNDRAISING

Over the past 10 weeks, the school has been involved in a number of fundraising activities in addition to money raised by the FOICs. £641 taken during the Coffee and Cake afternoon. This money has been split equally between Macmillan Cancer Research and the Lymphoma Association. Our Children in Need 'come in pyjamas' day raised £310. The Poppy Appeal raised £129.57! Thank you for all your contributions!

TWITTER ACCOUNTS

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

GOVERNOR ELECTION

Thank you to everyone who voted in the Governor election last month. We counted 112 votes in total with 12 spoiled ballot papers. Mr David Cooper received the highest number of votes and therefore duly elected. Thank you to Tim Adams for standing.

NORWAY HOUSE

Every year, we try to provide support for the families living at Norway House. This year they would like donations of festive food. If you are able to spare packaged food items that don't need refrigeration please bring in to the school office before 12th December. Thank you in advance!

IMPORTANT DATES

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

Wed 17th December - Christmas Meal & Magician

Fri 19th December - Last day of Autumn Term

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