



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



We are just over a week away from children knowing who their class teacher will be in September! This is a very anxious time for everyone, including school staff as we endeavour to get this right for every pupil. It's hugely important

to us. Our first transition session starts on Monday 22nd June.

However, there is some staffing news that I must share with you ahead of the new class announcements. In the week leading up to the half term holiday, I met with Claire Snailham, Year 3/4 Leader and teacher of Plane Class. Miss Snailham explained that she will be broadening her horizons on a more global scale, teaching abroad. Her contribution to school life is enormous combining her passion for learning and technology. Miss Snailham will remain in close contact with the school during her exciting adventures with a view to returning to Ivy Chimneys following her travels.

In addition to Miss Snailham's news, it's with mixed emotions I announce that Mrs Rachel Thomson has secured a promotion to Assistant Head Teacher at a Primary School in Harlow which is part of the Passmores Academy. I am, of course, delighted for

Mrs Thomson, a well deserved step up the ladder, but also saddened that she will be leaving Ivy Chimneys. I know that many of you will be upset by this news, particularly with the outstanding contribution that she has made over the last year. I know that Mrs Thomson hasn't taken the decision lightly and did so after a great deal of consideration.

We will miss both Miss Snailham and Mrs Thomson next year, but wish them well in their respective adventures!

Despite losing two outstanding teachers for 2015/16, I am pleased to reassure parents that the school has been able to recruit three 'stand-out' teachers. We are excited to announce that Miss Christina Reilly has secured a permanent teaching position at Ivy Chimneys. We have also recruited Miss Julie Spears, an experienced teacher currently at St. John Fisher. Finally, I am delighted that we have appointed Mr Joshua Rogers who is currently working in a primary school in Tower Hamlets. He has over eight years of teaching experience. Further details about staff organisation will follow in due course.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

CAREERS MORNING

We had a fabulous morning with eleven parents coming in to talk to our Year 6 children about their various professions. These included an Occupational Therapist, representative from the Bank of England, Research Scientist, IT Professional, Structural Engineer, Intelligence Analysis, Head of Sales in Fashion Industry, Dress Designer, Careers advisor and a Scientist Histopathology! Thank you so much for your time and commitment, the Year 6s thoroughly enjoyed the experience and asked many pertinent questions.

PARENT SURVEY

After much deliberation, I can invite you to complete a parent survey. We are involved in a Self Evaluation project called School Effectiveness Plus. I am hopeful this will provide us with valuable data to make further improvements in our school. These questions have been prepared by the SE Plus project. Here is the link to the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G6JBNV7>

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FLASHDANCERS

I've often spoken about how much of a privilege it is to be the Head Teacher at Ivy Chimneys. None more so than when I watched the Flashdancers perform at the Harlow Playhouse. They were incredible and had everyone completely enthralled by the quality of their dance and movement. Well done to all the girls who participated and to Sam Roberts who never fails to impress me with her dedication and commitment to supporting our pupils. Thank you Sam!

IMPORTANT DATES

- 12th June - Hornbeam Class Assembly
- FOICs Friday - 2pm in the dining hall.
- 15th June - Phonics Check week (Year 1 & some Year 2 chn)
- 19th June - Non uniform day
- 22nd June - Transition Morning (1)
- 24th June - Music Concert for children who learn an instrument at school. Parents of those children invited.
- 26th June - Larch Class Assembly
- 30th June - Transition Morning (2)

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