



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



Welcome back to the start of the new academic year. It has been lovely to greet the children as they eagerly arrived back to school and to hear all about their adventures and activities!

Thank you to parents who have ensured children have arrived in school on time. There have been no late arrivals so far this week! I very much hope this continues. I have also noticed how well turned out the children are, many of whom are wearing new school uniforms. Thank you!

The staff have already been back a week, having attended two INSET days last week discussing new initiatives which aim to create more opportunities for children to take responsibility for their own learning. We are really excited about how these will develop over the coming year. We also learnt about supporting our young people when they suffer a bereavement. A challenging topic, but incredibly relevant too. If there are circumstances that you foresee occurring, or have had an impact on your child, please do speak to a member of the team.

I have also enjoyed looking at some of the homework children have produced during the summer holiday. There are many examples of superb homework, but this one in particular, caught my eye. QR code (right) or URL: <https://goo.gl/8KqqY3>



Well done Annie J in Maple Class!

Attached with this newsletter is a diary dates sheet. As well as putting dates in the calendar on the website, please find dates for the year ahead. We have tried to be as comprehensive as possible so you have sufficient notice. Do be aware that some dates may be subject to change.

We look forward to seeing you at our Meet the Teacher evening next Thursday. There will be three presentations taking place at 6pm, 6:30pm and 7pm for Year 1&2, Year 3&4 and Year 5&6 respectively. Please do attend these as there is plenty of new information and initiatives that we would like to share with you.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

PARENTS EVENINGS

You may also notice from the diary dates that we have renamed our Parents Evenings to **Learning Conferences**. This is to reflect the shift towards discussing children's progress with parents, teachers and children. Following the Aiming Higher Together meetings held last year for Year 5&6 pupils, we noted that through involving children in the discussions, this had significant impact on the progress children made. I fully appreciate that there are times when you may wish to speak to the class teacher out of ear shot of your child and therefore we will provide an opportunity during the appointment for this to happen should it be necessary.

SICKNESS

Since my last newsletter, I have received further advice from the Health team which contradicts earlier advice. So to clarify...

If your child has been taken poorly with sickness or diarrhoea; school policy is that they should be absent from school for 48 hours. This is important to avoid spreading infection to other classmates.

TWITTER ACCOUNTS

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

PICKING UP ARRANGEMENTS

Could I ask that parents waiting to collect children do not stand on the upper level of the steps at the front of the school. I know space is at a premium but when teachers bring the children out, the children are finding it increasingly difficult to see their parents, especially those waiting by the gates and along the pavement. A child was quite upset yesterday as a result. None of this was helped by the roadworks taking place in Centre Drive!

Also, could I ask that dogs are kept on a tight leash away from the main thoroughfare so that any children who may be frightened of dogs aren't unduly anxious. Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri 11th Sept	Movies and Munch KS2
Mon 14th Sept	Clubs start this week
Thurs 17th Sept	Meet the Teacher evening
Sun 27th Sept	Copped Hall Run
Mon 5th Oct	FOICs AGM
31st October	Closing date for Secondary School applications

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