



# IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



It has been delightful to welcome so many parents to our Meet the Teacher evening last Thursday. All of the sessions were very well attended and we hope that you have found them informative and useful. I am pleased that teachers have received such positive feedback and responses from those who have offered to help read and provide additional support. Without this help we wouldn't be able to do what we do! If you weren't able to attend the Meet the Teacher session, the presentations are available on our website.

We have also been gathering the names of parents who are interested in becoming representatives of the Parent Forum for this year. The Parent Forum was established last year and is a valuable mechanism for the school to seek the views of parents which ultimately leads to further school improvement. Our

meetings were very productive and there were a number of key outcomes achieved as a result of our discussions. I'm looking for no more than two representatives per class. There are still vacancies for representatives of Rowan, Hornbeam, Plane and Beech classes. Please speak with me or let the office know if you wish to join.

Just a quick reminder that our weekly pre-teach sessions for parents and children are taking place on Thursdays for Year 1/2 and Fridays for Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

On Sunday, children in Years 3-6 will be participating in the annual Copped Hall Run. We always have the best turn-out of all the schools who participate. Usually we enjoy blue skies and sunshine and I'm hoping this year is no exception!

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

## LEARNER FORUM

We have created a Learner Forum involving different children who attend each week (usually on a Friday) to discuss a particular theme. Already we have held meetings to talk about the Breakfast and After School Club, Feedback and Marking, and last Friday, Behaviour and Safety at school. We invited a group of children to talk openly with myself, Miss Sigston and Nina (Midday Supervisor) about their experiences in the classroom and also at break times and lunchtimes. We asked about 10 questions, here is just a sample:

**Q. Do you feel safe when you are on the playground?**  
All children reported that they feel safe on the playground at break and lunchtime.

**Q. What do you do if you need help on the playground?**  
Children reported they would seek an adult's help. E said she goes to the peer mediators (white hats) and described how they helped to resolve problems between friends by asking them to discuss it. She said it had worked for her friends.

In the last two years we have increased the number of adults on duty outside to ensure the playground, field and play equipment are well supervised and this has been acknowledged by the children in our discussions. Miss Sigston and I often spend time on the playground ensuring everyone is playing safely and happily. Inevitably, incidents do occur, but each one is carefully investigated as to the cause and appropriate action is taken.

## 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

## HOUSE AND VICE CAPTAINS

Two weeks ago we held our House and Vice Captain elections. I was so impressed that many of our Year 6s had the courage and confidence to stand in the elections. In the end, the voting was very close and I'd like to congratulate our elected House Captains and Vice Captains respectively:

**Foxes** - Joseph H and Ruby T  
**Rabbits** - Beau P and Mia A  
**Owls** - Harry S and Olivia M.  
**Squirrels** - Elena M and Scarlett G  
**Badgers** - Toby T and Sianna L

## IMPORTANT DATES

Sun 27th Sept	Copped Hall Run
Fri 25th Sept	Beech Class Assembly
Fri 2nd Oct	Rowan Class Assembly
Mon 5th Oct	FOICs AGM
Fri 9th Oct	WW2 Sleepover for Year 5/6
Fri 16th Oct	FOICs Quiz Night
<b>Mon 26th - Fri 30th Oct - HALF TERM</b>	
31st October	Closing date for Secondary School applications

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