



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



Our attendance and success at the Copped Hall run was noted by the organisers. We won the shield for our achievement in the under 11s boys event, with our boys (Gabriel, Luke and Laurie) achieving the top three places! The shield

was last won by Ivy Chimneys in 2006. Well done to everyone who participated in the run.

I'm delighted to have received so many positive comments from parents who have been attending the Pre-teach maths sessions. It is particularly noticeable how the children who attend are more confident with understanding the maths theme in the week following. This of course, couldn't happen without the teachers who give up time after school to facilitate these sessions each week. I'm extremely grateful we can provide this valuable opportunity.

Our Parent Forum met this week for the first time this

year. The representatives for each class are listed on our website (Parents ► Parent Forum). If you have anything you wish to be raised, please speak with one of the representatives. Our initial meeting covered topics that we raised last year, and set an outline agenda for topics to be raised this year. Our next meeting is 12th January 2016 when we will be discussing the new Assessment arrangements.

Year 5/6 children are looking forward to the WW2 sleepover taking place on Friday evening. Whilst we aren't expecting there to be much in the way of sleep, we hope the children will enjoy participating in the WW2 workshops led by the staff.

Finally, I wish to welcome and thank our new parent helpers who are busy listening to children read across the school. I know the children will benefit enormously.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher



FLU VACCINATIONS

We have been notified that the Flu vaccination programme is continuing again this year. Last year, nurses administered this vaccination via a nasal spray. Look out for consent forms in the coming weeks. I will inform you of further details in due course.

LEARNING CONFERENCES

Details of our Learning Conferences (Parents' Evening) will be sent to all parents next Wednesday. We will be inviting you to book your appointments online via ParentMail which received much positive feedback. As before, slots will be booked on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

CAN YOU HELP?

I attended the FOICs AGM on Monday evening. We discussed upgrading the KS1 play equipment outside Elm and Chestnut classrooms. Quotes for installing an all weather surface so that the children can use the equipment all year round were about £5000+. Do any parents have connections with companies supplying safety surfaces? We are particularly interested in using a rubber bark product. In addition to surfacing, we are in need of a carpenter who can replace the steps leading up to the tower. If you can offer or know someone who can offer these skills, please contact the School Office. We are also looking for polythene sheeting, if you can help, please let us know.

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri 9th Oct	Elm Class Assembly
Fri 9th Oct	WW2 Sleepover for Year 5/6
Fri 16th Oct	Maple Class Assembly
Fri 16th Oct	FOICs Quiz Night
Thurs 22nd Oct	Family and Individual School Photographs
Fri 23rd Oct	Plane Class Assembly
Mon 26th - Fri 30th Oct - HALF TERM	
31st October	Closing date for Secondary School applications
4th Nov	Letters and Sounds meeting for EYFS parents.

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