



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



It has been wonderful to see so many parents and children in school during our two Learning Conference evenings. I'm delighted that you value the opportunity to find out how your child is progressing and to learn about ways that you can provide additional support at home. Many of you commented on the success of having your child present during this conversation as a step further towards children taking a greater role in and responsibility for their learning. The importance of children talking about learning, both in terms of their achievements and their next steps, cannot be underestimated and is a feature of Outstanding schools. Once again, thank you for your support.

I was proud to see many of our students representing the school and the uniform groups at the Remembrance Sunday memorial. We have also been



selling poppies supplied by the British Legion in addition to the 200+ hand-made poppies that were created by the children in Wool club last year. I'm pleased to announce that we raised over £250 in the sale of the crocheted poppies alone.

And finally... the ladies in the Office would like to thank everyone who supported the Macmillan Cancer Coffee and Cake afternoon. We had a great turn out, a supply of delicious cakes and raised £238!



Hope to see some of you on Saturday to erect the polytunnel!

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week we will be taking part in the national Anti-Bullying Week 2015 "Make a noise about bullying!". We will be covering this throughout the school in topic related work and additional PSHE lessons and as a 'friendship' theme in Larch and Ash classes. All children will be encouraged to think about how we can be good friends and get along together and what we can do if we or someone we know is being bullied. The following websites are very useful for any information about anti-bullying if you wanted to do

some research at home and as ever, we always encourage parents and children to come and speak to us if they have any questions about or problems to do with bullying.

www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk
www.childline.org.uk
www.kidscape.org.uk
www.parentlineplus.org.uk

Miss Laing, PSHE Leader

PREVENT STRATEGY

Since July 2015 all schools (as well as other organisations) have had a duty to safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism under Prevent, a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes. The Prevent strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism. This means we have a responsibility to protect children from extremist and violent views.

Our website has further information about the many things we already do in school to help children become positive, happy members of society and contribute to the Prevent strategy.

See 'Key Information' and click on 'Safeguarding'.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

14th Nov	Working Party to erect Polytunnel - offers of help will be much appreciated (9am-11am)
16th Nov	Start of Anti-Bullying Week
20th Nov	Larch Class Assembly
27th Nov	Hornbeam Class Assembly
4th Dec	Ash Class Assembly
18th Dec	Chestnut Class Assembly (note the change of date from 11th Dec)

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