



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



The festive season will soon be upon us and as usual, we will be involved in several Christmas events and activities. The staff and the children are rehearsing for the various Christmas productions.

We are all really looking forward to watching the productions, the first of which takes place on Tuesday 8th! It is becoming increasingly challenging to fit everyone into the hall to watch these performances, so as was the case last year, the children will watch the dress rehearsals and we will be offering adults per family to watch each performance.

The Friends of Ivy Chimneys are very busy preparing for the Christmas Fayre this coming Saturday, 12pm-3pm. We hope to see all of you there, enjoying yourselves whilst raising lots of money for our school.

On Friday 4th December, some of our children will be singing in the Epping Christmas Market. My thanks go to Mrs Brown and Miss Burton for working with the children to prepare them for the songs they will be

singing. We were overwhelmed with interest this year, so it is unfortunate that we couldn't involve everyone. Their performance in the High Street starts at 4:30pm.

In previous years we have supported families who are living at Norway House and we would like to do the same this year. Norway House would like to make up Christmassy hampers to take to each of the families. Therefore we are looking for donations of festive food that will last, such as Christmas puddings, mince pies etc.

Our recent Children in Need day raised £285 which includes the money children brought in on the day. This sum also includes Demi's Sponsored Silence which many of the staff didn't feel was even possible!! Well done to Demi for showing great initiative and determination to remain silent throughout the day!

See you on Saturday!

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

ONLINE ADVENT CALENDAR

Once again we will be running our Online Advent Calendar to count down the days till Christmas. Behind each door of the calendar you will find something that the children have created. We really hope that you enjoying opening the doors each day. The advent calendar can be found here:

<http://advent.ivychimneys.net>



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

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Should it be necessary to close the school due to staff not being able to get to here, we will use ParentMail, Twitter and our school website to announce any closure. Local radio stations are no longer providing school closure information. A decision to close the school will be made as soon as possible on each day.

IMPORTANT DATES

28th Nov Christmas Fayre
4th Dec Ash Class Assembly
Singing at the Epping Christmas Market (4:30pm)

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Tues 8th Dec Foundation 9.30am and 2pm
Wed 9th Dec Year 1/2 9.30am and 5.30pm
Thurs 10th Dec Year 3/4 9.30am and 6pm
Tues 15th Dec Year 5/6 9.30am and 6.30pm
Wed 16th Dec Christmas Meal
Fri 18th Dec Christmas Pantomime
Last day of Autumn Term

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