



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



Fortunately, the recent cold snap has momentarily passed and it feels unseasonably warm. Please continue to ensure your child arrives in school with appropriate clothing for wet and/or cold weather.

Thank you to parents who have supported the recent reminder about children wearing the correct uniform to school. However, I am somewhat dismayed that there are a significant group of children who do not have a full PE kit in school. Children are not to borrow kit from other pupils, nor should they be doing PE in their school polo shirts and trousers. I have explained to all staff that children who do not have the correct PE kits will not be able to participate in PE. Children will be given work to complete in another classroom for the duration of the PE lesson and a note sent home with a

request for them to bring in a PE kit. PE is an important aspect of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and this is coupled with wearing the correct clothing for reasons of safety and hygiene.

Children will also continue to participate in PE lessons even during periods of cold weather. We encourage children to wear tracksuits to keep them warm. If appropriate, the length of the PE session may be shortened to avoid children becoming cold.

Information about school uniform can be found here:

<http://www.ivychimneys.net/parents/school-uniform>

Finally, good luck to Lola, Ronnie, and Nina who are participating in the Public Speaking Competition!

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

SICKNESS

Unfortunately, there are a number of children suffering from a sickness bug. May I gently remind parents that the Health Authority now require children to be absent from school for 48 hours since the last bout of sickness.

We've been asked by NHS West Essex if we can publish information about the new GP appointments, please see the article below.

WEEKEND GP APPOINTMENTS

A new Weekend GP Service is being trialled in Epping Forest, Harlow and Uttlesford which allows parents and children to access routine appointments on Saturdays and Sundays.

The NHS service is based out of five hubs across west Essex. Appointments are accessed through your own GP surgery for a booked appointment only and it is **not** a 'walk-in service'.

Most GP practices in west Essex are taking bookings for the service, which is staffed by local GPs, healthcare assistants and nurses. You can book routine appointments, health checks and treatments. You can also ask for an appointment to discuss or manage long term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes and skin conditions.

To book appointment, simply contact your GP in the usual way or to find out more, please go to www.weekendgpservice.net

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Our courageous
Public Speaking
team!



SNOW CLOSURE

We will try to keep the school open whenever possible. However, should it be necessary to close due to staff not being able to get to school, we will use ParentMail, Twitter and our school website to announce any school 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. **Please do not phone the school office to ask if the school is open as this will heed our ability to make the necessary outgoing calls.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri 29th Jan Walnut Class Assembly
Fri 5th Feb Ash Class Assembly
Tues 9th Feb KS1 SATS Meeting - 2:30pm
Fri 12th Feb Plane Class Assembly
Mon 15th Feb **HALF TERM**
Mon 22nd Feb **RETURN TO SCHOOL**

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