



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



Welcome back to the final term of the school year!

All of our children have once again demonstrated a fantastic attitude towards learning following the Easter break. Our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils and teachers are working exceptionally hard to prepare themselves for the new tests this year. Indeed, Ivy Chimneys has been selected to trial the administration of the new Mathematics tests for Year 2 children and these took place on Tuesday and Thursday. Having sat these tests early means children will not resit them and the teaching staff will 'teacher assess' the progress made between now and June, which is when our assessments are submitted to the DfE. As many parents are aware from the media and having looked at some of the sample test materials, we cannot underestimate quite how much is now expected from children in Year 2 and Year 6. We remain focussed on achieving the very best outcomes for our children, but are firmly resolute that such tests don't fully reflect the ability, skills and breadth of understanding of the wider

curriculum. We pride ourselves on maintaining a broad, balanced, exciting and meaningful curriculum, despite the Government agenda which is seemingly focussed solely on outcomes in English and Maths.

During our Achievement Assembly last Friday, Avril Mills from the Dream Factory awarded the new FOICS Fundraising trophy to the class who raised the most amount of money. Chestnut class raised £180.45 the highest total of the eleven classes. Well done Chestnut class! The Grand total comes to £988.15 and is a huge achievement. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this very worthwhile charity.



Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

Sam has been a Governor at Ivy for over six years. She has had two children go through the school and currently has a daughter in Year 4. She teaches dance and girls football at after school clubs and consequently has a keen interest in children having the opportunity to 'have a go' at all sports. She believes it is great for their confidence and health, as well as basic skills of balance, coordination and agility. Sam is also Vice Chair of the Finance Committee and has a responsibility for PE and Geography.



PARENT FORUM

Members of the Parent Forum met earlier this week and we discussed several items. Firstly, as a result of our discussions at the previous meetings, we now have a page on our website which aims to make the process and rationale in determining new classes for September more transparent. This page can be found here: <http://www.ivychimneys.net/about/us>. We also discussed the 100% attendance award which is celebrated both termly and at the end of each year. It was felt important that valuing good attendance at school has a direct correlation to attendance in the workplace. Please speak to your class rep if you wish to raise an item to be discussed. Details are on our website.

FOREST SCHOOL FUN

Mrs Archer has been talking to our children who are involved in Forest Schools. Here are some of the things the children have said about their favourite activities: William: "I liked the Stickman Tree because the Stickman lives in it." Bethany: "I liked Forest Schools because we got to build Stickmen."



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@IC_Rowan @IC_Hornbeam @IC_Plane @IC_Maple
@IC_Beech @IC_Walnut @IC_Office @IC_Council @FOICs

IMPORTANT DATES

Tues 26th Apr Ash and Larch Classes - Tropical Wings
Fri 29th Apr Birch Class Assembly
Fri 6th May Rowan Class Assembly
9th-12th May SATs Week for Year 6s
Fri 13th May Ash Class Assembly
Fri 20th May Plane Class Assembly

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