



# IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



The Summer term is proving to be incredibly busy if the last two weeks are anything to go by. Next week will be busier still with lots happening in and out of school. We wish all the Year 2 children well as they sit their SATs after weeks and weeks of preparation. Having already completed the Mathematics paper, we

will be assessing their reading comprehension and grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) As you know from the press, the spellings in this test were inadvertently placed on a Government website. However, our children have not seen sight of these words and so we will conduct the tests as normal.

On Monday I will be accompanying the Year 5 children to the climbing wall at Mile End. We thoroughly enjoyed our visit last year as they have an amazing indoor facility which the children enjoyed exploring. Meanwhile, the Year 6 children will be travelling to Weymouth for a week of fun on the South Coast. All being well, I hope to join them at some point next week to see how they are getting on.

The Queen's official 90th birthday celebrations are taking place up and down the country on 11th June. As a school we will be marking the occasion by asking children to dress in red, white and blue. However, we ask that children do not wear football kits or dressing up clothes on this day.

## GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

Hi, I am Julie Ayling and since 2010 when my daughter first started at Ivy Chimneys Primary School I have enjoyed participating in many activities.

These include reading with the children, attending school trips, being a dinner lady and an active member of the Friends of Ivy Chimneys School (FOICs), becoming one of the Vice Chairs of FOICs for 2 years. I have been a Parent Governor since 2013 and I am responsible for monitoring Early Years Foundation Stage and Health and Safety. I enjoy regular visits to the school and like being part of the community within and around it. I feel the school promotes good behaviour and manners whilst bringing the fun element into teaching with good use of modern technology and creative teaching.

More information about Governors can be found on our website: <http://www.ivychimneys.net/content/governing-body>



## DID YOU KNOW...?

You can notify us about your child's absence online. Several families have already done so this week using the link from our home page: [www.ivychimneys.net](http://www.ivychimneys.net)

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@IC\_Rowan @IC\_Hornbeam @IC\_Plane @IC\_Maple

@IC\_Beech @IC\_Walnut @IC\_Office @IC\_Council @FOICs

Eleanor Laing, MP will be visiting and assisting with the planting of a Hornbeam tree. Children will be decorating biscuits, parading outside with their crowns, flags or posters.

I'm delighted to announce that we have two LSAs joining us next week to support children in KS1. We welcome Mr Scott Furlong and Ms Tina Geisha to the team. They both have experience in the role of LSA and I'm confident they will complement our team well.

Two weeks ago we successfully appointed Mrs Catherine O'Neill as our new Catering Manager. Catherine is the Catering Manager at St. Cedd's Primary School in Southminster, although she is now living in Epping. We are excited about the passion shown by Catherine and the commitment she has demonstrated in producing high quality school meals.

I can also confirm that Claire Snailham will be rejoining our teaching team from September. We are looking forward to welcoming Claire Snailham back from her travels.

Finally, our attendance this year has risen to 97% and I'm very grateful to parents for being so supportive and ensuring children attend school every day.

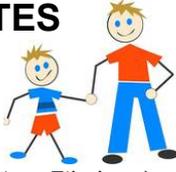
Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

## DADS TO SCHOOL DAY

A tradition at Ivy Chimneys is to invite a 'Dad' (uncle, grandfather, older brother, close friend) into school. Our "Dad's" to school day is taking place on 15th June and we are very much looking forward to the day. A separate letter is being sent out with further details so please look out for this. We require every adult to register their attendance by 7th June as it is important to know which adults to expect in school.

In preparation for the day, we would like "Dad's" to bring in their favourite reading book from their childhood and be prepared to share it with their child or the class during the day. So there's a bit of homework for them to do between now and the 15th June!

## IMPORTANT DATES

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| <b>Fri 20th May</b>   | Plane Class Assembly  |  |
| <b>23-27th May</b>    | SATs Week for Year 2s<br>School Journey (Year 6s)                 |   |
| <b>30th-3rd June</b>  | HALF TERM   |   |
| <b>Mon 6th June</b>   | Non-pupil Day (children return 7th June)                          |   |
| <b>Thurs 9th June</b> | Photographer in school  |   |
| <b>Fri 10th June</b>  | Queen's Official 90th Birthday (come dressed in red, white, blue) |   |
| <b>Wed 15th June</b>  | Dad's to School Day   |   |

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