



# IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



This week our children learnt of their new class teachers and classmates for 2016/17. We know how any change affects everyone and we are grateful for your support in helping children to remain resilient and face these changes positively. I was able to visit all classes on Monday morning and was

delighted to see children being so positive and happy. The next transition morning takes place on Monday 27th June.

Keeping to the matter of change, I would like to share the exciting news that Mrs Archer is expecting her first child. We are delighted by this news and I'm sure you will join me in wishing her well over the coming months.

I would also like to mention that Miss Nowikow is leaving Ivy Chimneys at the end of this term. Miss Nowikow will be taking up a new teaching position at a school in Margate, close to where she is relocating. I'd like to thank her for the contribution she has made to the school and we wish her all the very best for the future.

Thank you to those parents who have been actively involved in the Get Caught Reading initiative. The dads who came into school recently brought in photographs and a favourite book from their childhood. We are collecting your photographs so please send them to us via a page on our website.

## GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

Nigel Avey has been a Governor of the School for over ten years and my daughters went to the School (now both in their twenties!) Having served in a number of roles on the Governing Body, including Chair, I am currently a Community Governor. I am delighted to see the



School develop to become one of the best Primary Schools in the District. This success is a testament to the dedication of the teaching staff lead by Jonathan Furness. As a Town and District Councillor I believe it is essential that Epping has good schools and Ivy Chimneys performs a very important role in this regard.

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)

@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

The annual 'Bring a "Dad" to School day' was another hugely successful event and everyone enjoyed taking part in a wide variety of activities that were carefully linked to the curriculum. These activities involved solving challenges set by pirate Captain Hook, making dragonflies for a wildlife pond, designing creatures for a bug hotel, dyeing fabrics, and a fantastic up-cycling fashion show event. Thank you to all the adults who participated so brilliantly and to the entire staff team for all their hard work in preparing these phenomenal activities. Next year's event is scheduled for Friday 16th June 2017. Photos can be found here: <http://www.ivychimneys.net/photos>

Next week, Year 5&6 will be holding a Young Enterprise sale in the Year 5/6 classes on Monday 27th between 1:30pm and 3pm. Children in all classes are invited to browse and purchase items for sale. If children would like to buy something, please could they bring in a maximum of £3 in a named envelope. The sale will continue after school until 3:50pm should parents wish to visit the stalls.



Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

## GROWTH MINDSET TRAINING

An opportunity to learn what it means to have a Growth Mindset is taking place on 7th July at 2:30pm and repeated again at 7pm. Please let us know if you will be attending either session by following the link on our website:

[www.ivychimneys.net](http://www.ivychimneys.net)



## IMPORTANT DATES

- Fri 24th June** Chestnut Class Assembly
- Mon 27th June** Transition session 2
- Fri 1st July** Hornbeam Class Assembly
- Mon 4th July** Transition session 3
- Wed 6th July** Whole School Sports Day (9:15-11am)
- Thurs 7th July** Growth Mindset Training for parents (2:30pm & 7pm)
- Fri 8th July** Elm Class Assembly
- Mon 11th July** Transition session 4

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