



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



We've reached the end of another academic year which has been successful for so many of our pupils. Watching our pupils grow in confidence, maturity and resilience over this past year has been quite something and it's this that makes our work as teachers, learning support assistants and parents so rewarding.

As I said three years ago, we simply cannot achieve great outcomes for children alone and it's the home school partnership that is so crucial. With just two days remaining, I'd like to say a special thank you to everyone who has helped contribute to another successful year for the children of Ivy Chimneys. There are too many to thank in person, but these groups deserve a special mention. The army of parent volunteers who listen to children read, who help with transport to educational and sporting events and those who accompany children and staff on school outings.

We have set some holiday homework to be completed over the summer holidays. As well as the usual opportunities to read regularly, practice and test basic maths we hope that taking part in some of the topic tasks demonstrates that we learn for a purpose. The homework isn't intended to be onerous but to keep the children's minds active over the summer break so that come September, everything that has already been learnt has been retained.

This week we have all thoroughly enjoyed the Samba workshop particularly as the Rio Olympics commence in a fortnights time. We were grateful that so many of you braved the hottest day of the year so far and watched our children perform. Thank you for your support in providing a coloured t-shirt. The video of the performance will be online shortly.



It was lovely to see so many of you attend our annual Open Evening, watching Foundation, Year 1 & 2 children sing. The children did brilliantly given the heat and having already performed in the Go, Go Rio performance earlier in the day. Our Year 6 children versus Year 6 parents Rounders match ended in a straight draw, 4 points each. Thankfully, the staff versus the Year 6 children tug-of-war competition ended with yet another win for the staff team - phew!



I'd like to finish by wishing everyone a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you ready and raring to go on the **5th September**.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

Carole is our support staff governor and is also a member of the office team. She has been a member of the governing body since 2003 initially as clerk and as a staff governor for the last two and a half years.

Carole has two children who both attended Ivy Chimneys.



Having studied languages herself, Carole is the governor with responsibility for Modern Foreign Languages and is also the link governor, facilitating training for the governing body. Having been part of the school community for the past 18 years she is very proud of Ivy Chimneys School and wants to help it continue to be a happy, caring and stimulating environment for all.

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

PARENT SURVEY

We are inviting parents to complete the Parent Survey online. Please support us by giving your feedback which will be used to help develop the next School Improvement Plan. The survey can be found on our website: www.ivychimneys.net

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@IC_Beech @IC_Walnut @IC_Office @IC_Council @FOICs

KEY STAGE 2 RESULTS

Two weeks ago we received details of our Year 6 children's attainment. After a tremendous amount of work by all the children and staff, we are truly delighted with the following outcomes. The national average is included in brackets: Reading: 79% (66%), Writing 79% (74%), Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling 79% (72%), Mathematics 82% (70%). Our combined Maths and English result is 66% compared to 53% nationally. As you know this is the first year of SATs based on the new curriculum which are far more demanding than before. These percentages can not be compared to our results in previous years, but as you can see, are considerably higher than the national average.

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri 22nd July Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly starting at 2pm
Yr 6 Leavers' Party 7-9pm
Thurs 1st & Fri 2nd Sept INSET days for staff training
Mon 5th Sept First day of term for children Yr 1-6
Thurs 15th Sept Meet the Teacher evening

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