



# IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



We have now held three Open Mornings for prospective parents and I'm so proud of our Year 6 students who have represented the school so wonderfully in leading the tours. Many parents has commented on how articulate, polite and confident our children are and how proud they are of their school. Well done to all the children involved.

Children in Larch and Ash classes enjoyed an exciting day at Stansted Airport where they waved to pilots as they taxied to the runway, met police and fire officers and observed how the airport operates.



Maple class visited the Cutty Sark and learnt about its many voyages and the brave crew who sailed on her. Beech and Walnut classes will be visiting next week.



Thank you to the large majority of parents who have signed up to use the Agora online payment system for school trips and dinner money. We are delighted with the take-up and also for the many positive comments that we have received. Thank you for your support.

## CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION DATES

Classes have already begun to prepare for their Christmas productions and with these being less than a month away, please find the dates and times of the productions. We will be making tickets available nearer the time.

**EYFS** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 9:30am & 2:00pm  
**Year 1&2** Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 9:30am & 5:30pm  
**Year 3&4** Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 9:30am & 6:00pm  
**Year 5&6** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 9:30am & 6:30pm

I'm aware of two children, Devon in Year 3 and Lily in Year 6 who are taking part in Christmas pantomimes this year. Devon will be performing in Jack and the Beanstalk at Zinc Arts Centre in Ongar. Lily is the 'lost child' in Peter Pan further afield at West Cliff Theatre, Clacton. We have details of their performances in school if you would like to book tickets to see the girls perform.

@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

Next Friday 18th November we will be fundraising for Children in Need. We will be asking children to bring in at least £1 and either wear their pyjamas or a onesie to school. This is an excellent cause and one that we support each year so please give generously.

To give you some advance notice, on Friday 16th December, we will be fundraising for Save the Children by asking children (and staff!) to wear a Christmas Jumper to school. I'm not suggesting parents should buy a 'Christmas jumper' but perhaps, adapt an existing jumper with Christmasy items, i.e. tinsel, holly, snowballs, etc.

Year 5 children will soon begin exchanging letters with penpals who attend the Sunny Canadian School in the Czech Republic. Each year, students from Sunny Canadian School visit the UK for 5 days, one of which is spent at Ivy Chimneys. We are looking for host families who would be able to accommodate two students from the Czech Republic for the week. If you are interested in knowing more about this, please email or speak to someone in the office. We will provide you with more details. We are hoping that we can accommodate most of the students this year.

I'll look forward to seeing our children at the Remembrance Sunday parade whether they will be representing the school or their various community groups, Beavers, Cubs, Brownies and Guides. As in previous years, we have invited Year 5 & 6 to represent the school and we will choose the children to lay the wreath on the day. Please wear your full uniform with several layers underneath and a coat.

Jonathan Furness,  
Head Teacher

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Thurs 10th Nov** 2nd Learning Conference evening  
**Fri 11th Nov** Ash Class Assembly  
**Sun 13th Nov** Remembrance Sunday Service  
**Fri 18th Nov** Children in Need, wear pyjamas / onesies  
 Plane Class Assembly  
**Fri 25th Nov** Larch Class Assembly  
**Sat 26th Nov** Christmas Fayre  
**Fri 2nd Dec** Beech Class Assembly

## DID YOU KNOW?

Ivy Chimneys works very closely in Partnership with local schools in Epping and Ongar. We have worked closely for many years, but we have recently formalised this arrangement. More details can be found on our website: <http://www.ivychimneys.net/content/epping-forest-school-led-improvement-partnership>

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