



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



We are just over a week away from half term and I would like to remind all families that we have a non-pupil day on Friday 10th February. This means we will finish for half term at the usual time on Thursday 9th and we return to school on Monday 20th February.

Unfortunately we will be saying farewell to Miss Snailham who is returning to the North with her parents who have already relocated. We are sad to be saying goodbye but we are thankful for the tremendous impact she has had on so many children over the 5 years. Miss Snailham has introduced many new initiatives including Mindfulness and yoga for children and adults. Miss Snailham has been running Yoga classes for adults after school which we would like to continue. If this is something you can support, please get in touch. In the meantime, we hope that Miss Snailham has an enjoyable final week at Ivy Chimneys and I know you will join me in wishing her every success in the future.

A reminder to everyone who has yet to register for our online payment website, Agora. This is an excellent way of paying for school meals, trips and clubs. If you have yet to sign up, do not fear as the activation codes for new accounts have been extended. If you have lost the original sheet with instructions and unique code, you will need to request a duplicate copy from the office. We are keen that all parents sign up to use this method. Not only does this reduce administrative tasks, it helps you stay on top of your account balance, especially if you are paying for school meals. Please sign up today!

A number of families shared concerns about the quality and range of school clothing available via Price and Buckland. We know that Price and Buckland doesn't supply all items of school uniform and PE kit which is a nuisance and coupled with a couple of issues around the quality of garments, we

HOSTING CZECH STUDENTS

We are once again welcoming students from the Czech Republic to Ivy Chimneys during the week beginning 22nd May 2017. This is an annual visit following months of letter writing involving our Year 5 pupils. The Czech students are looking to base themselves in the Epping area and Hosts International are looking for willing families who are able to host two students for the week. Remuneration for hosting is provided. If you are interested, please contact Aneta at Hosts International, groups@hosts-international.com, or telephone: 0207 323 5244

DID YOU KNOW?

We have recently introduced a recycling scheme across the whole school. This encourages children to recycle food and recyclable materials. We have the same colour coded bins, green (food) and blue (recyclable materials) that is used by Epping Forest District Council.

@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

are now able to confirm that the new uniform supplier, Forest Casuals will begin taking orders from after half term. Not only can you continue to purchase items online, but you can pop into the shop should this be more convenient, especially when trying to work out the correct size garments. Forest Casuals are based in Loughton at this address: 144 High Road, Loughton, IG10 4BE

World Book Day is fast approaching, Thursday 2nd March. This year there is no specific dressing up theme and so children are free to choose a character from a book and arrive at school in costume. We will host the annual 'best dressed' competition and parade in the school hall. Competition winners in each phase group will choose a book from the Book Fayre to take home. Further details about World Book Day will be going home soon.

In finishing this edition, may I raise a couple of concerns that have been brought to my attention.

Firstly, there appears to be a growing number of dogs being brought to school, especially at the end of the school day. We have several children in school who are fearful of dogs and I am especially thankful to parents who stand away from the pedestrian gate where children are exiting and holding their dog on a short lead. The pavement is narrow and when two or more dogs are waiting together this can be really very daunting for our children. Please be mindful of others.

Secondly, we continue to strive to ensure children are in school every day and arrive on time. 5-10 minutes lateness each day has a significant effect across a week, nearly half an hour to an hour lost learning time each week. Please could our persistent latecomers make an extra special effort to be in school on time.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

IMPORTANT DATES

- Fri 3rd Feb** Ash Class Assembly
FOICs Quiz Night
- Thurs 9th Feb** Plane Class Assembly
- Fri 10th Feb** **Non pupil day. Children not in school**
- Mon 13th - 17th Feb - HALF TERM**
- Mon 20th Feb** Children return after half term
- Fri 24th Feb** Hornbeam Class Assembly
- Tues 28th Feb** KS1 Movies and Munch
- Fri 3rd Mar** Walnut Class Assembly
- Fri 10th Mar** Larch Class Assembly

Please find 2017-2018 term dates on our website.

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