



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



It's hard to believe that we are within a week of being half way through this academic year! May I say thank you to Kaye and Andy Vass and Hannah Knight, for organising and running another enjoyable Quiz Night last Friday. Lots of fun was had by all. The staff team missed the top spot by just 1 point! We raised £800!

I'm going to begin by sharing my utter disappointment that parents are continuing to park inconsiderately, blocking driveways and access to properties. This is causing significant inconvenience and upset amongst local residents. It has been reported that parents have been rude and this is not how we should be modelling behaviour in front of our children. We all recognise the challenges that parking presents, but this can't be at the cost of the positive relationship we currently have with this community, nor should it be affecting the strong reputation Ivy Chimneys enjoys.

We were pleased to welcome Neal Zetter back to Ivy Chimneys to share his love and his extensive repertoire of poems. Neal spent time during the morning assembly sharing some of his work which the children greatly enjoyed. Neal then spent time in each phase of the school to explain and motivate the children to have a go at writing their own poems. It has been most enjoyable speaking to children who have produced some amazing poems themselves. Poppy and Ava have gone so far as each producing their own poetry anthology independently.



IVY'S GOT TALENT

Over 100 children are participating in auditions for the Ivy's Got Talent show; the final will take place later this term on 3rd April. We are delighted that the contest has attracted lots of children to have the confidence to put themselves forward. Unfortunately, we will only be able to provide the briefest of feedback to each act on the day. Of the 60 acts, only a dozen will be chosen for the final. Please bear in mind that the selection process doesn't necessarily reflect the best talent as we are looking for variety and originality.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on 7th March. Given that this day falls in the second week after half term, we thought we would give you plenty of notice to consider costumes for this year. Once again, we will be holding a Book Fair to promote reading and raise money for the school.

@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

I'm delighted to report that our netball team have been very successful of late; winning all their matches against local schools. We beat Epping Primary 9-4 who have subsequently asked for a rematch! We also won against Lambourne Primary 13-0. Congratulations to our girls and thank you to Donna, Lorraine and Mrs Leach for their support and coaching. We are looking forward to the Netball Rally on 27th March.



Just a reminder that Learning Conferences are taking place a week later than originally planned. This is to avoid a valuable training opportunity to allow staff to work with colleagues within the MAT. The new dates are Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March. We will be inviting parents to book appointments with class teachers after half term. My expectation is that all parents should make an appointment to see their child's class teacher.

Sadie, our reading dog, has been a huge hit with our children over recent months. Sadie has now worked with small groups of children throughout the school and will continue working over the coming months. Thank you to Barbara (Sadie's owner) for volunteering her time at Ivy.

Good luck to Devon, Darcey and Emily who are taking part in the Public Speaking heats next week. We won the event last year, no pressure Miss Burton!

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri 15th Feb	Plane Class Assembly
18th - 22nd Feb	HALF TERM
Mon 25th Feb	Children return to school
Fri 1st Mar	Birch Class Assembly
Thurs 7th Mar	World Book Day
Fri 8th Mar	Elm Class Assembly
Fri 15th Mar	Rowan Class Assembly
Tues 19th Mar	Learning Conferences
Thurs 21st Mar	Learning Conferences
Fri 22nd Mar	Beech Class Assembly

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