



# IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



As the Easter break quickly approaches, it's incredible to consider that we are very nearly two-thirds of the way through the school year. However, not a minute has been lost over the last three weeks as the children and staff have been working amazingly hard.

I think it's also time to reflect on a new chapter in Ivy's history as we become an academy and a member of the Epping Forest Schools Partnership Trust on the 1st April. As we have mentioned in earlier communications, we don't foresee any significant changes to the day to day operation of the school and children's experiences. We will of course continue to innovate, trying out new ideas and enhancing what we provide parents and children.

Thank you to all parents who attended Learning Conferences two weeks ago. I am always incredibly encouraged to see parents working closely with my team to ensure we achieve the best outcomes for the children. Thank you for your unwavering support.

The Year 3/4 team produced an amazing performance "What A Knight" last week. The quality and professionalism shown by the children was simply staggering and the bar has been raised even higher now! I often refer to the strong link between the confidence shown by children on the stage and their confidence as learners. The class teachers have reported a marked improvement in pupil outcomes as a result.



I was delighted to be invited to watch our dance club perform

at two shows, on Saturday 17th March and again on Monday evening at the Motiv8 event. Not only were the children in our dance club fantastic, but so were our children who were dancing as part of other dance schools.

The Musical Theatre production of a School of Rock number was great fun to watch and the whole team did a great job.



I would also like to recognise a number of children who have been raising money for various charities. Izzy H in Year 3 ran 2 miles for Shelter and raised over £180. Mia G, Darci and Hope have made pom pom dogs and have raised over £55 for Guide Dogs for the Blind. In both cases, these events were instigated and organised by the children themselves which is incredibly impressive!

On the topic of charity fundraising, we will once again be raising money for supporting reading for children who are in hospital through the Read-a-thon scheme. Details about this have been sent via ParentMail. Thank you to Mrs Hughes for coordinating this opportunity.

This week, the children have been selling copies of the 2nd edition of the school newspaper, The Ivy Times. Do encourage your child to buy a copy for 50p! Check out the 'Tips for SATs' feature.

Finally, may I say a big thank you to Mrs Moulsher and wish her well as she takes up her new post as Deputy Head Teacher at High Wych Primary School.

Wishing you a very enjoyable break. Happy Easter.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

## GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

Michael Lawrence has been a co-opted governor since January 2018. He also has two children at the school. Michael works at the financial services regulator, the Financial Conduct Authority, in the area responsible for supervising the activities of firms like banks and financial advisers. Although education and finance are obviously very different areas, Michael is keen to use his background in regulation and knowledge of how successful organisations are run to benefit the school. Michael sits on the Finance & Resources Committee and has a particular interest in ensuring the school's transition into the new multi-academy trust is a success.



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## IMPORTANT DATES

- Mon 16th Apr Non-pupil Day
- Tues 17th Apr First day back for pupils**
- Fri 20th Apr Achievement Assembly
- Fri 27th Apr Chestnut Class Assembly  
Sports Relief event
- Fri 4th May Rowan Class Assembly
- Fri 11th May Ash Class Assembly

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