



# IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



As ever there is much to report and is proof that the Summer term isn't any less busy!

As of 1st April Ivy Chimneys formally became an academy and is now a member of a Multi-Academy Trust of five schools called the Epping Forest Schools Partnership Trust. The second wave of ten schools are expected to be joining the Trust on 1st July. We see this as an exciting step forwards and one that will bear fruit in the coming months and years as an embryonic MAT matures and becomes established. Last week, I attended the Academies Show in London researching the best deals for services as we begin the process of consolidating new agreements and contracts with suppliers which will result in some considerable cost savings. Existing collaboration within the partnership of schools continues as before, providing staff development and sharing best practice opportunities.

Last Friday, we held our mass Cha-Cha Slide for Sport Relief. Given the torrential rain, this became an indoor event and for reasons of space and safety we had to split the dance event into KS1 and KS2 groups. We raised £392.55, so thank you for your generous donations.



As you will have noticed from your own mailboxes over recent weeks the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) has become a hot topic across the European nations. Shortly, we will be sending out letters asking for your consent for the school to send you information. Please could you read the letter carefully and respond promptly so that we can fulfil our obligation to seek the appropriate consent in order for there not to be any interruption in communicating important school information with you. This includes information about school trips, events, activities, our newsletters, learning conferences and much more. Whilst it's important to seek your consent as per the regulations, could I request that a positive response is received to ensure our strong home-school partnership continues. Communicating safeguarding, health or wellbeing concerns does not fall under the requirements of GDPR and therefore would not require consent as we carry out our statutory duties.

Whilst on the subject of communication, may I remind parents to notify the office of any absence due to illness. Please use the online form on our website or the absence line to report illness on each day of absence. Class Dojo messages to the teaching staff are helpful but you **must notify the office staff separately**.

May I congratulate our Year 2 children on the fantastic start and attitude to KS1 SATs which we have spread over three weeks. Good luck to our Year 6 children who will be sitting their SATs in a fortnight's time.

Wishing you a happy and enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

## GOVERNOR SPOTLIGHT

I was delighted to be elected as a parent governor for Ivy Chimneys earlier this year, having been a parent at the school since 2014. My children, James and Helena, are now in years 3 and 2 and I have really enjoyed watching them thrive in such a supportive and stimulating environment. I have always taken a keen interest in the school, representing various classes on the parent forum committee and volunteering as a parent reader and at FoICS events.



Sarah Fulbrook

I am proud to be part of the Ivy Chimneys' community and am passionate about helping the school continue to do well by offering to our children the best support, educationally and socially, that it can. My background as a lawyer and legal recruiter has equipped me with useful skills and an understanding of the need for challenge where necessary, good communication and openness. I'm also very inquisitive by nature and am enjoying finding out more about the school and, in particular EYFS. I'm often around at pick up and drop off and am always happy to stop and chat so please feel free to say hi.

@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

## IMPORTANT DATES

Fri 11th May	Ash Class Assembly
Fri 18th May	Plane Class Assembly
Mon 14th - Thurs 17th May	KS2 SATs week
Mon 21st - Fri 25th May	Year 6 School Journey - Weymouth
Wed 23rd May	Year 5 to Mile End Climbing Wall
Fri 25th May	Larch Class Assembly

## DID YOU KNOW?

Homework for EYFS, Yr 1/2, Yr 3/4, Yr 5/6 can now be accessed from our website. Follow the homework link from the Parents menu.

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