



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



World Cup fever is certainly upon us and what a great start for England! In my World Cup themed assembly on Monday we reflected on the need to win at all costs versus the importance of playing fairly and showing complete respect and thoughtfulness towards others. Sometimes, the professional players don't always display the most appropriate behaviour to model to our children.

Last Friday we welcomed over 180 dads, grandfathers, uncles, brothers and family friends into Ivy Chimneys for the annual "Dads" to School Day. It was a tremendous event and hearing feedback such as "It was the best one yet" and "...all three classes that I spent time in today were filled with energy and excitement" is reflective of just how worthwhile it is running such an event. As you might imagine, the amount of planning and preparation is immense and involves the whole team. I'm so grateful to our amazing teaching & support team, the office team and the FOICS who made the whole day run like clockwork. Lastly, thank you "Dads" for being such brilliant sports and you were all wonderfully behaved!!

Next Monday we will begin the first of three transition sessions as we prepare children for their next year in school. We have invested a lot of time in creating eleven "new" classes for September '18. This is not an easy task but one that is unavoidable with how the school is organised. For details about how new classes are created and how to best support your child, please see our webpage here: <http://www.ivychimneys.net/content/new-class-organisation>



PLEASE NOTE

We have revised our term-dates calendar with a sixth INSET day. Please see the reverse for details. This additional day will be used to enable staff from all the schools in the MAT to come together.

DID YOU KNOW?

Ex-pupils Finley Jacobs-Roth and Amy Burges have been made Head Boy and Head Girl, respectively, at Epping St. John's. Other children in leadership roles include Amy Tinsley and Daisy Cooper. Well done to all our ex-students!

@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 (29th June), Eleanor in Elm Class will be holding a cake sale to raise money for charity. Eleanor and her family would be really appreciative if you could support this event. The cakes will be on sale at home time at the front of the school.

Your response to Oscar's charity fundraiser was overwhelming. Thank you for your incredible generosity. Oscar raised £711.66 !

At the end of this year, we will be saying a sad farewell to some of our teaching staff. Firstly, Miss Bowers will be leaving our school after only a short time with us. Her boyfriend has already relocated to Bristol with his work. I'm grateful to Miss Bowers for the brilliant contribution she has made this year and her commitment to seeing out the year with Rowan class.

Mrs Archer will be leaving after 7 years, most of them as Foundation Stage Leader. Mrs Archer instigated many positive changes to the EYFS curriculum at Ivy and this has had a lasting impact. We wish her well in the future.

After 6 years working part time in a variety of year groups and classes, Mrs Brown and Mrs Meredith will be leaving us this year. I would like to thank them for their commitment which was felt not just in the classroom but in music, languages, creative arts and much more. Thank you ladies and best wishes for the future.

In the remaining four weeks of this year, (I know!) there is so much happening in school. We'd love you to join us so please check your diaries and the dates below.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 25th June	Transition Morning (1)
Fri 29th June	Hornbeam Class assembly Eleanor's Cake Sale
Mon 2nd July	Transition Morning (2)
Wed 4th July	Whole School Sports Day
Fri 6th July	Birch Class Assembly
Sat 7th July	FoICS Summer Fayre (12-3pm)
Mon 9th July	Transition Morning (3) FoICS Planning Meeting

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