



IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



Welcome back to the new academic year after a summer break of plentiful sunshine and hot weather. On behalf of all staff, may I say a big thank you to all our parents and grandparents for your very kind and generous gifts. I know the staff team are hugely appreciative.

We have really enjoyed welcoming the children back to school. We would like to say thank you for the way in which you help them prepare for school as this has enabled them to settle quickly into their new classes and the new school year.

During our September INSET days, the staff were busy discussing the three key priorities that we will be focussing on over the coming year. These are to:

1. develop a "Mentally Healthy school"
2. increase opportunities for developing health and fitness, mostly through the Daily Mile approach.
3. establish an "Independence Charter" to support our children in taking greater responsibility and using their initiative to solve problems.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Meet the Teacher session last night. I'm so grateful for your commitment to these events to ensure you are fully informed of our expectations and therefore how best to support your child. I'm also very appreciative of my staff team for their work in preparing the presentations and staying late at school to meet with you all. If you weren't able to attend, we have uploaded all of the presentations to our school website.

A FEW REMINDERS

We have noticed a number of families walking or scooting through our school car parks. This is incredibly dangerous as our staff may be entering or leaving the car parks during this time. Secondly, our car parks are strictly **staff only car parks**.

The area at the front of the school is becoming very congested and I'm requesting that parents wait at the bottom gate for their children. This allows us to dismiss children safely.

Please ensure all items of school uniform are labelled. It's important you work with us to ensure everything is named to eliminate piles of lost property from accumulating!

DID YOU KNOW?

Last term, sisters Eleanor and Annabelle raised over £3000 for two excellent charities. They would like to thank you for your generosity and support.

@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

Curriculum newsletters have been uploaded to our school website. Please take a look at these to find out which topics children will be learning this term.

I'm pleased to announce that the children have elected their new House and Vice Captains for the year. Over half of the year six cohort stood for election which is a tremendous reflection of their confidence and ambition. All of the speeches were excellent and the voting was very close.

Congratulations to the following children have been voted House and Vice Captain, respectively.

Foxes	Darcey	Vida
Squirrels	Blake	Zack
Badgers	Amelia L	Emily
Rabbits	Becky	Devon
Owls	Shah	Jayden

The calendar of dates for 2018-19 has been emailed to families via Parent Mail last week. Please do put all these dates in your own diaries so that you are able to attend forthcoming events. I have also given a clearer indication of timings in response to parent feedback so that you are more aware of how much time you need to book off from work.

The FoICS together with Montagues Estate agents have put together a glossy calendar with dates for the year to attach to your fridges or notice boards. Look out for these being sent home, hopefully next week.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri 28th Sept	Maple Class Assembly
Fri 5th Oct	Chestnut Class Assembly
Wed 10th Oct	FoICS AGM (7:45pm)
Fri 12th Oct	Plane Class Assembly
Fri 12th Oct	FoICS Quiz Night (7:30pm)
Fri 19th Oct	Non-Pupil Day
22nd-26th Oct	Half Term

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