



# IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



We are very much looking forward to meeting with you all next week during our Learning Conference evenings on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March. If you haven't yet booked an appointment, it's not too late and you can use the ParentMail app to choose an appointment time. If you are having any difficulties with booking an appointment or you need to find an alternative date and time, please contact the school office who will be able to assist you.

Class Dojo is a very popular platform for celebrating and rewarding children who have behaved positively or have produced outstanding work. It is also a good tool for class teachers to broadcast reminders and communicate 1:1 with parents. However, over recent months we are finding that parents are using Class Dojo to send messages about alternative pick-up arrangements, medical appointments and other incidental queries. This means that important messages are being overlooked with the sheer volume of communication. Also, because class teachers are teaching they are unlikely to see messages about changes to pick up arrangements during the school day. Could I remind all parents that **all medical appointments and changes to pick up arrangements should be made via email to the school office**. If I could sensitively ask parents to also consider the time at which Dojo messages are being sent. I am hearing that some messages are being sent very late into the evening. As I'm sure you will appreciate, we all deserve some downtime so **may I respectfully ask that parents consider the time when Class Dojo messages are sent**. Thank you.

Our netball teams played against St Andrew's CE Primary School last Wednesday and just about managed to dodge the heavy downpours. We won our league match 7-2 giving us a convincing lead in the league competition. The teams are looking forward to the Netball Rally which is also taking place at St Andrew's next Wednesday. Good luck!



Next week, our Public Speaking team will be competing in this annual competition at Epping Upland CE Primary School. Good luck to Darcey, Emily and Devon who will be talking about 'What is the difference between fact and opinion?' Let's see if we can bring the trophy home for a second year running!

Thank you to everyone for adhering to our new car park signs and not walking through the car parks.

Finally, we are looking forward to seeing female family members in school on Friday 29th March to participate in the Mothers' Day activities. I know that my staff team have been working very hard to prepare these activities. Please remember to register your place on our website otherwise you may not be able to attend.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

## WORLD BOOK DAY



Once again, this was a very enjoyable day for staff and children alike. Thank you to everyone for your hard work in preparing costumes for the children to wear. A video of the World Book Day parade has been made available

on Vimeo. This video is password protected and we sent the password via ParentMail. Well done to all our winners!

Thank you to FoICS for sponsoring the prizes!

## MIDDAY STAFF NEEDED

We are once again needing to recruit midday staff. We are looking for parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents who can spare an hour or so during the lunch break. Please do get in touch with the School Office.

@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

Tues 19th Mar	Learning Conferences
Thurs 21st Mar	Learning Conferences
Fri 22nd Mar	Beech Class Assembly
Wed 27th Mar	Year 1/2 School Trip
Fri 29th Mar	Larch Class Assembly
Fri 29th Mar	Mothers' Day activities (pls register)
Tues 2nd Apr	Year 3/4 Production - Mary Poppins
Wed 3rd Apr	Ivy's Got Talent
Wed 3rd Apr	FoICS Easter Discos
Fri 5th Apr	Ash Class Assembly
<b>8th - 23rd Apr</b>	<b>Easter Break</b>
<b>Wed 24th Apr</b>	<b>Back to school</b>

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