

IVY CHIMNEYS CHATTER



I find it almost impossible to reconcile the speed at which this term is coming to a close and with it, the inevitable end to my time at Ivy Chimneys. However, along with the tinges of sadness come moments of pure joy and excitement and this week has been no different.

Let me begin by extending my very heartfelt congratulations to Miss Sigston on her appointment as the next Head Teacher of Ivy Chimneys. I am completely confident that Miss Sigston is absolutely the right person to take Ivy forwards into its next phase.

Over the last four years, Miss Sigston has been instrumental in championing many initiatives and has enhanced partnership working with parents including pre-teach workshops and Careers Mornings. Miss Sigston also demonstrates a relentless desire to secure even stronger outcomes for pupils and our end of key stage results over the last three years speak for themselves. All this whilst placing an even greater emphasis on pastoral support and pupil voice via the Community Chatter groups. Naturally I'm delighted for Miss Sigston and I look forward to spending the next seven weeks handing over the reins and offering my full support and advice now and in the future. I know Miss Sigston will wish to thank you for your kind messages of support and congratulations!

I spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Weymouth with our Year 6 children and staff who are having the most amazing time. Their behaviour has been impeccable and the



children's pretty good too! Thank you to Mr Jones, Miss Burton, Mrs Sitton and Linda for making this School Journey yet another huge success. It is during these weeks that our Independence Charter really captures the importance of allowing children to do as much for themselves as possible, from personal hygiene to choosing and packing appropriate clothing to socialising and playing with others. I've seen this Year 6 group flourish over the last six years thanks to the hard work of the entire staff team and of course you as parents.

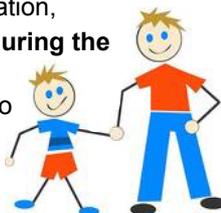
Finally, thank you to our Year 2 and Year 6 children who have all now completed SATs exams. Well done for all your hard work and determination over the last few weeks.

Next week we will all enjoy a well deserved break. We're looking forward to seeing you back in school on 3rd June.

Jonathan Furness, Head Teacher

"DADS" TO SCHOOL

"Dads" to School Day is fast approaching. You should already have **Friday 14th June** in your diaries. You do need to register so please do so on our website asap. www.ivychimneys.net Our staff have been busy planning activities for the day and we hope, as in previous years, you find the day hugely enjoyable. Itineraries for the day with further details will be sent out once you have registered. However, please note that in Foundation, Dads are invited to spend time with their child **during the morning session only**. If you have children in other year groups, of course you are welcome to stay and spend time in their classrooms. Once again, the Friends of Ivy Chimneys have volunteered to help out with refreshments. We will be asking for donations, so please **remember to bring some cash on the day!**



IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 3rd Jun	Children return to school
Wed 5th Jun	Careers Morning (Yr 6)
	Food and Farming Day (Yr 8)
Fri 7th June	Non uniform day
Wed 12th June	Class and Team Photographs
Thurs 13th June	FoICS KS1 Movies and Munch
Fri 14th June	"Dads" to School Day
Tues 18th June	EYFS Trip to Sea Life Centre
Wed 19th June	KS1 Trip to Hatfield House
Fri 21st June	Elm Class Assembly
Fri 28th June	Hornbeam Class Assembly

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