

Homework –

Friday 4th October 2019



Mrs Matthews and
Mrs Pendlebury

Be 
proud of
yourself

Dear Parent/Carer

First of all, thank you to all those parents who emailed in to school in response to my clumsily delivered email about the coffee mornings (and afternoons). I think it's undoubtedly a strength of the school that you can email the Headteacher about something and be confident that you will get a response pretty much straight away – and from the Headteacher and not from their PA (I don't have a PA). If anyone wants to contact me, though, please don't press 'reply' to an email from school as they don't come direct to me – please use head@ivanhoeprimary.co.uk as I check my emails all the time!

Next week, we are asking children to think about something they are proud of in themselves (later in the term, we will be asking parents to write about what they are proud of in their children...) **Tuesday is for Y4, Y5 and Y6**, and **Thursday is for Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3** as these are the days they have their Learner of the Week assemblies (which should make them proud of themselves☺) When introducing the idea by email last week, I said I was proud of my achievement in finishing the York 10K in August this year – and I was proud not because of my time (because I used to be a good runner whereas now I'm old and so slow ☺) but because it was hard for me to do something that was difficult and painful and where I was reminded constantly about how bad a runner I am now – but I still did it. So the idea of children talking about something that makes them feel proud of themselves isn't about necessarily being a winner (though it might be) but about succeeding in something that means something personally. I think I made the point that in the Race for Life on Monday, the child who came first in each race seemed as proud of themselves as the children who brought up the rear.

That feeling of acknowledging what makes us feel proud is a powerful one, and there are hundreds of things that children should feel proud of themselves for: in today's society, there seem to be so many pressures to feel bad about yourself that feeling good about yourself should be something we pay attention to...

On the subject of feeling proud, I read part of a thread on the internet where a parent was asking if Ivanhoe was a good school (potentially for her children) and there were so many positive comments and no negative comments at all: ***The head seems really lovely and approachable, the teachers are wonderful and the resources are fantastic and brilliant school and fantastic school and their platform makes the kids want to do well so it's a great start and the kids are happy...***(This is just a flavour of what was said) These comments made all of us here feel ridiculously proud because this is the impression that we give other people - it makes all that we try to do, worthwhile.

Please use the comment box below to write anything you have to say about the homework or about any other school issues...

Signed:

Please make sure that your child's medical details and emergency contact numbers are with the office and up-to-date.

