

## Ickford News

Thankfully, rain did not stop play and a full Ickford infant contingent were able to go to North Marston Cricket Club and delight in the sound of 'leather on willow' (poetic licence here) and cries of 'How's that?' I have been reassured that they were not 'sledged' at the wicket but I had to suffer this ignominy myself at the hands of Zach Stanfield having stepped into the crease during a Breakfast Club game early in the week. It's been a long time since I faced a bowler and as I raised my bat, 'Bothamesque' to the first ball a voice from behind the wicket shouted, "Duck on the menu!" triggering a miss of the shot only to hear Zach add, "More Misses than Henry VIII!" I suppose I must be grateful that he has paid attention in History.

I must confess to losing track of all the Covid updates and I am not sure what the rules are in terms of socialising. I am reliably informed by Mme Basnett (Covid Guru) that parents will eventually be permitted to cross the school threshold 'en masse' at some point next month and I look forward to the first chance for this year's Reception parents to come to a Celebration Assembly to witness 'wake n Shake'. We are determined to have a French Café prior to the assembly and new gazebos have been purchased so that the weather won't stop our post-Covid celebrations. Something that will however remain the same post pandemic are the drop off and pick up arrangements at the start and end of the day. These have been a great success. The children are far more settled and happier by the time learning begins at 9.00am and the local residents have not complained about parked cars for a number of months now. We will of course have to watch the parking on a Friday morning when parents come to assembly but I have no doubt that this can be satisfactorily worked out.

I have been invited to the next Parish Council meeting (I usually am but tend to send in a report rather than appear lest I am hanged drawn and quartered by a raging mob) and I think that the relationship between school and village is currently very positive. A great deal of this is because the parent body are aware of the need to respect the local community and the local amenities such as the recreation ground, the children's play area and the bus shelter. Please keep doing this and remind the children of the simple things like using the litter bins, not swinging on the park gate and not vandalising the bus shelter. A strong community relationship is vital for the success of the school and may be even more important in the near future when we need to provide more school places.

Thank you to parents who continue to think of us when they have a fallen tree (Mrs O'Mahoney is our most recent log donator) because logs, especially large ones are great for the children to use. I am desperate to get the work on our field finished so that the children have more choice in terms of outdoor play but, I am being held up waiting for a gate to be delivered so that we can secure the pond area. We have a gardening afternoon planned for Years 5 and 6 next week so that the raised beds can be finished and the trees properly staked and I would also like to construct a new climbing frame. Mme Basnett and I are planning an 'outdoor week' for after the May half term which we hope will instigate some new thinking around the outdoor curriculum that we can build on in the future.

I am hopeful that the future is bright and that we shall see events such as Sport's Day and the School Play attended by parents. Let's keep our fingers crossed

Have a good weekend

Mr Ronane

# Ickford News from the office

## Dates for your diary...

19 <sup>th</sup> May	Cricket Festival Years 3 & 4
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Tri Golf Festival Years 5 & 6
31 <sup>st</sup> May - 4 <sup>th</sup> June	May Half Term
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Longridge Trip
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Parents Evening
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Parents Evening
6 <sup>th</sup> July – 9am	KS1 Recorder Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
9 <sup>th</sup> July – 2.30pm	Year 6 Music Recital
12 <sup>th</sup> July - afternoon	Class 4 & 5 Play
13 <sup>th</sup> July - evening	Class 4 & 5 Play
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Games
14 <sup>th</sup> July - overnight	Year 6 Camping
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term



## This Week's Celebration Assembly

### Hall of Fame:

#### Music Award:

Sienna Jones

Alice Blackwell

Jacob Dungey

Chloe Makris

Noah Samuel

#### PE Award:

Phoebe Gapper

Beatrice Beckett

Harry Middleton

Anabel Stevens

Jacob Dungey

Eliza Gapper

William Arnold

Darci Turrell

Eleanor Hagues

#### French Award:

Edward Nicholls

Emily Coxon

Eliza Gapper

Gwilym Walters

Ryan Roberts

#### Deutsch Award

Molly Sayer

#### Latin Award:

Harriet Palmer

#### Headteachers Award:

Edward Nicholls

Timothy Issitt

Louis Raeburn

Beau Llewellyn

Zach Stanfield

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