

Ickford News

Hunger, as they say, drives the wolf from the wood, which in my case, meant driving myself to the M40 services on Saturday morning to grab a chicken sandwich. How I had fallen. A man can quickly get used to Beluga caviar and a confit egg yolk or two! (Yes, they had me at the canapés).

I must apologise to anyone who was unable to obtain a ticket for Friday night's dinner. I am, by virtue of having enjoyed the wonderful food masterfully produced by Michelin starred Chef Mr Jayasekara father of Lucas in Class 3, compelled to wax lyrical about it in the newsletter.

As I say, the canapés were enough to prove to me that we were in the presence of greatness and, by the time I had eaten crab ravioli followed by beef wellington, I had said a small prayer of thanks to God for not making me vegetarian. The evening was a real success and not only must I thank Mr Jayasekara for giving of his time and talent but also his team of sous chefs and waiting staff that travelled down from London and gave their time for no reward whatsoever.

The village hall may not be everyone's ideal venue to experience fine dining but it had been transformed on the night by the PTA team and once again I am indebted to Mr Sayer, Mr Shackleton, Mrs Dawson and Mrs Arnold for the work they put in to getting the evening off the ground, setting tables, lighting the hall and clearing up afterwards. I must also thank Mrs Thomas (Isla Class 1) and her friend Natalie who served tables and ran the bar throughout the evening.

Although I have not been given the final amount yet, I have no doubt that this evening will have raised a significant

amount of money for the school and the children. Not only was there food of the very highest order, Mr Jayasekara had also encouraged (maybe coerced) some of his friends in the world of haute cuisine, to donate some wonderful prizes that were auctioned on the night and resulted in some entertaining bidding wars. I only hope that everyone who did make a winning bid, did so sober enough to realise what they were doing!

If you were not able to make the dinner don't worry as Mr Jayasekara will be running a 'pop up' stall at this year's Christmas Fayre so come along and enjoy some culinary delights.

The Christmas Fayre is on the final day of the term but between now and then there are lots of things happening. The highlight of this week will be the Infant Nativity and yes, whilst it may have some 'twists' and the story will I'm sure be told through the eyes of a peripheral character, it will be based on the birth of Jesus. The children have been rehearsing but, as usual, Miss Vukomanovic has managed to persuade them to keep the content a secret from me. I shall be looking forward to it just as much as I am sure you are. There are two performances, one day time on Tuesday and one on Thursday evening so be sure to make it to one of them.

On Friday it will be the final Celebration Assembly of the calendar year and it is also Christmas Jumper Day when the children wear their jeans and jumpers in return for bringing in a decorated sweet jar for the Fayre.

In between the festivities we have lots of learning to get done and plenty of lessons to engage in. I can assure you it is business as usual and no time to waste.

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

11 th December 2-3pm	KS1 Nativity for whole school, grandparents and siblings
13 th December 6.30-7.30pm	KS1 Nativity (No pre-school aged children)
14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
17 th December	Christmas Lunch
18 th December 7pm	KS2 Carol Concert, St Nicholas Church
19 th December	Whole School Visit to Pantomime
19 th December	Christmas Fayre

School Lottery

If you would like the chance to win, and support the school, please click on the link below and get signed up!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ickford-school>



Newspaper Request

If you have any old newspapers at home, please bring them into school, our supplies are running low.

Lost Property

This week we have had an increase in unnamed uniform brought to the office, if your child has lost any uniform items

please come and check in the School Office.

Isla Turrell has also lost her PE jogging bottoms, these are named, please check that your child has not bought them home by mistake.

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