

# Ickford News

The three-day week brings back memories of the 1970s. All I need now is a power cut and petrol to be rationed and I will be back in my early childhood! A short week it may have been but a productive one nonetheless and I am really pleased that the children have come back rested, animated and enthusiastic for the new term. Unfortunately, the rather short lived summer sunshine prematurely ignited the desire to get on to the field during playtimes but, for the sake of our carpets I can't release the draw bridge yet and the field will have to wait another week.

One of the real pleasures of my week is the Breakfast Club and already we have had a day with almost 30 children taking part. Dominic Green, our resident DJ ensures that the iPod is connected and the tunes thump out whilst the children entertain themselves using the sports equipment. Badminton is generally the game of choice but, as the mornings get warmer, some of the children head outside on to the playground to practice their throwing or their netball skills. For me, it is a really good way to begin each day because I can see and speak to the children, play a bit of badminton if I want to and also watch them engage with each other across different year groups. I have to thank Miss Southgate who, as the club expanded, joined me in running it and is now irreplaceable particularly if I am called away for any reason. The breakfast remains simple toast and a drink but it seems to suffice as most have a breakfast at home before they arrive and we can keep the cost low as a result. Any children wanting to come along need only to turn up between 7.45 am and 8.35 am and pay £2.

Your child should have brought home their school report today and their assessment tracking data for the Spring term. Hopefully, the explanation of the grading is clear and you will all be able to understand the data but, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to get in touch and to ask them. I have asked all of the teachers to copy and reproduce every child's targets so that they understand them and are able to work towards them throughout the Summer term. If you can support your children with their targets, it will be a great help in ensuring they make progress.

A large skip has landed on the playground which is always a sign that I am concerned with the site looking untidy or about to make some changes. The garden area that had become the chicken area is going to be removed in order to create space to widen the entrance gateway used at school pick up time. This should relieve congestion and make access and exit easier but please be patient as I can't get this done overnight. If anyone out there has expertise in the provision of double gates and a desire to get involved, please don't hesitate to step forward!

Although, the garden area is going, I am keen to provide different planting areas and raised beds for the children perhaps on a plot per class basis and most likely in the area next to the climbing frame. Again, any budding Monty Dons are welcome to get involved with the project.

There are a lot of events coming up and some important dates for your diaries on the next page. Please make a note of them and enjoy your weekend.

Mr Ronane

# Ickford News from the office

## Dates for your diary...

2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Nurse in for YR - Vision, height & weights
13 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week
21 <sup>st</sup> May 9am	Class 1 Assembly
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 9am	Guitar Assembly
24 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30am	May Dancing
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
11 <sup>th</sup> June	School Photos
21 <sup>st</sup> June 6pm	Summer Concert
4 <sup>th</sup> July 9am	KS1 Recorder Assembly
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre
11 <sup>th</sup> July 6-7.30pm	Open Evening & Art Exhibition
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Class 4 & 5 Play for grandparents & preschool children
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Class 4 & 5 Play - No preschool aged children
24 <sup>th</sup> July 9am	Leavers Assembly

## School Lottery

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



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