

Ickford News

The sun certainly makes a difference to mood and, as it has had its 'hat off' for most of this week, high spirits have been evident. Our French Café and Celebration Assembly were testament to this and a pleasure to behold. It is great to have parents back and the commendation of successes in front of an audience means a great deal to the children and the staff. Thank you to everyone who took note of last week's newsletter and put labels in uniform and to everyone who has had to pay attention to the Covid rules. Our risk assessment has been updated (again) and from Monday, children who test positive on a Lateral Flow test will only have to isolate for a maximum of 5 days and even less if they test negative again after 3.

I would also like to thank the parents who volunteered to listen to groups of children read in school and who finally got the chance to come in and start. Giving up some regular time is not always easy to do but I know how much benefit to the children this attention can be so it is great to get this up and running.

Our 'hero' of the week award should probably go to Mr Preston who, even if it was under the instruction of his wife, came in one morning and installed a track mat in front of the entrance gate in order to reduce the impact of wet mud and slippery ground underfoot. The Louboutin wearers will, I'm sure be delighted that their heels are safe!

This week also saw the return of Mrs Honey in role as the Victorian school mistress which, I can assure you, puts the fear of God into everyone! Class 4 was taken back in time to the age of chalk and slate, nail inspections, needlework (for the girls) and the ever present, sinister threat of the cane and the dunce's cap. All of the children played their parts superbly and Mrs Winfield adopted a rather matronly dour demeanour in full costume. I am sure that when the children

visit Holdenby House their knowledge of the past will be further enhanced and hopefully, many will be inspired to continue a study of History later on in their academic journey. It is a fascinating subject to study and helps us to understand our own and others' cultures, gives us an insight into how issues we face today came about and helps us to understand and plan for change. I thoroughly recommend a history book to anyone struggling to find a book to read or looking for inspiration to write something, draw something or design something.



(Please see the website for more pictures)

We have now received the report back from the recent Ofsted inspection and it should be attached to the same Parentmail as the newsletter. The timing of the inspection was not ideal but, we have no choice but to accept its judgements and to look forwards. Personally, I would have preferred inspectors to have widened the scope of their scrutiny and to have looked at a greater variety of things on offer. Nonetheless, I have to accept that, like the Victoria era, it's history and we can learn from it and use it to inform change for the better.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

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| 20 th January | Outdoor Learning Bird Feeders |
| 27 th January | Class 3 Trip Ufton Court |
| 3 rd February | Class 4 Trip Holdenby House |
| 4 th February | French Cafe |
| 10 th February | Outdoor Learning Lighthouse |
| 18 th February | Bank Holiday |
| 21 st - 25 th February | Half Term |

School Lottery

A winner within school every week!

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>



Breakfast Club

Please remember to book your child's place for breakfast club with the school office by Friday at midday for the following week.

Entry to breakfast club will be via Gate A by the Recreation Ground.

This Week's Celebration Assembly Hall of Fame:

Music Award:

Ella-Rose Cantwell-Wilkinson

Ella Aben

Zak Flood

Amelia Hargreaves

Darci Turrell

PE Award:

Henry Preston

Bryony Ellis

Barnaby Potter

Stanley Johnson

Phoebe Merritt

Orla Kerry

Percy Jenkins

Dominic Green

Darci Turrell

French Award:

Ruby Dighton

Jude Barnes

Zak Flood

Phoebe Merritt

Sophie Pennock

Nathaniel Wakelin

Deutsch Award:

Daisy Coke

Latin Award:

Matthieu Wolff

Chloe Parsler

Headteachers Award:

Caleb Mortimer

Xavier Flood

Florence Arnold

Sophie Vorotyntsova

Anna Kerry

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