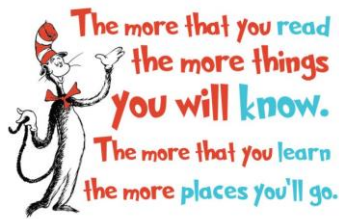


Ickford News



Above is the opening message from our workshop on Reading and Phonics that took place this week and was, much to my delight, well supported not only by parents but also several members of staff. The Cat in the Hat has it right, reading opens up a wealth of other worlds and enables us to feed our minds, our imaginations, our thoughts and our opinions. Those of you who did not attend this week or those who have attended in the past and want a refresher, can find the slides we used on the school website within the Parents and Parent Resources tabs. I am hopeful that we shall have a film of Miss Vukomanovic saying the phoneme sounds very soon so that this becomes a useful tool for you and benefits the children.



Talking of imaginations and places, the picture may give you a little insight into the fun being had on the school field whilst the sun is shining. This Den is impressive and it is great to see the children's resourcefulness and pride in

their creations. I love the fact that the base below has blackberry juice signs to let the other children know who the incumbent landlords are!



Normally we would be looking forwards to and preparing for our Harvest Festival that takes place in the Ickford Village Church of St Nicholas. Sadly, we have had to cancel this event due to the Covid-19 crisis and I shall miss the sound of children singing 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter' and 'All Things Bright and Beautiful', traditional hymns that reflect our bucolic setting and bring to life the beautiful setting of the ancient church.

Each year we collect food and produce for the local charity helping the homeless and hungry and it is a concern that many charities will be short of funds at this time with so many events cancelled. I have decided that we shall still make a collection of non-perishable foods and donate them to the church by October 8th. If you have any spare tins of food, bottles, jars of packaged goods that you could donate, would you please send your child in with a donation and we shall make a collection in the school office to pass on to the church.

Though the shadow of Covid is still omnipresent, the school has been a remarkably happy place all week and I am delighted that attendance remains high and all children and staff remain healthy

and happy. It is important to keep your children attending school and to combine caution with common sense. Unless a child has real Covid symptoms trying to get a test is unnecessary and probably, in the current testing climate, a waste of time. At this time of year, lots of children get colds have coughs and a temperature, this is perfectly normal and we can manage this with good personal hygiene and some TLC.

Have a good weekend

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

24 th Sept	*Reminder* No Y3/4 Badminton
8 th October	*Reminder* No Y3/4 Badminton
20 th October	Flu Vaccinations for all year groups
20 th October 4pm-6.30pm	Parents Evening
22 nd October 4-6.30pm	Parents Evening
26 th – 30 th October	Half Term
2 nd November	Y6 Secondary Transfer Testing
4 th November	Y6 Secondary Transfer Testing

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.

Entry to breakfast club will be via **Gate A** by the Recreation Ground. Please let your child come in independently.

Road Closures

Please make sure you are aware of road closures around the village and that you adjust your journeys accordingly.

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We have received a donation from Giuseppe Salustri a Physiotherapist in Kensington London. Giuseppe has just opened a new practice and has donated

some money to the school as a friend so I thought I would give him a plug. I can highly recommend him and if you mention me or Ickford School he will give discount.

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