

Ickford News

I was a little late for our staff meeting this week and when I did arrive, I was greeted by the site of several half naked bodies on the floor being resuscitated by members of staff. Usually, this only occurs after the staff Christmas party!

I stepped over bodies and took my place at the back of the room where I could watch proceedings and catch up on anything I had missed through being late (also similar to the Christmas party). Fortunately, not much and I was able to spend the next couple of hours with the team refreshing our First Aid Training under the guidance of a fantastic nurse Ruth who comes at regular intervals to do this. Unlike other schools who may have one or two first-aiders, I prefer to pay for all members of staff to be certified as I think it is beneficial not just in school but also in everyday lives. The course requires more than 6 hours attendance over two evenings and I am very grateful that all of the staff are prepared to take part in order to keep your children as safe as possible.

In addition to First Aid, Mrs Addis attended Health and Safety training this week, a company came in to carry out the routine check on fire extinguishers, alarms and emergency lighting and our Health and Safety Governor (Mr Johnston) came in to do his round of checks and to ensure that we are compliant with the necessary standards. All of these things (Mr Johnston excluded, huge thanks) cost quite a lot of money from our budget and go ahead continuously throughout each year.

We also had our first fire drill of the new academic year which, in spite of the new young intakes always being somewhat vulnerable to sudden surprises, we have

to do for obvious reasons. I am delighted to report that we evacuated the school and accounted for every adult and child in a time of 1 minute 29 seconds which for a new year is very quick indeed. We may have Covid-19 to worry about but I can't neglect the other obligations we have to keeping children safe.

I can do my best to keep them safe, but I do need your help to keep them dry and the sudden downpours this week highlighted the number of children who come to school without a coat. Now that the temperature is dropping and the weather changeable, please try to ensure that your children have a coat for school. I am looking into the possibility of supplying water-resistant macs that could be kept in rucksacks and we do have a school coat that is quite good value at £20.

I am really grateful to everyone who needs to drive their children to school because I believe you are doing your best not to upset the local residents. We took a bit of an attack on Facebook yesterday which, I think was a little unwarranted but still it worries me. Please remain vigilant about blocking driveways at drop off and pick up times. We may have a fully first aid trained staff but I'd prefer not to be sacrificed on the village green or tied to a ducking stool over the bridges!

Quote from Luna (Class 1) when I asked her if she wanted to sit down with the other children to eat her toast. "It's really quite interesting standing here and watching", I know how you feel Luna, I know how you feel!

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

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.

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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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