

Ickford News

I am the man who just invested in chickens and feels as though he should have bought ducks! The rain brings an air of gloom to the place but all guttering was cleaned during the week so thankfully, I do not have torrents running from the roof tops directly on to the ground like Niagara Falls as we have done in the past. Nevertheless, I imagine that the roads will be flooded in the morning so you may want to adjust your journey times accordingly. It is also important that every child wears a waterproof coat to school so that they can go onto the playground if necessary and do not get soaked when going home.

At the moment, my plans to put in raised vegetable growing areas on the school field for the children look likely to be put on hold. The long hot periods that we have had this year and last, must have erased the flooded field scenario from memory and at the moment we would have most success growing rice and calling it Ickford Paddy field! I think a drainage plan may be the next consideration unless I can find a way to train the many moles to carry water away in their underground tunnels!

As you will see in the 'Diary Dates', we are going to do everything we can to have face to face parent evenings in October in spite of the fact that most schools have already said they will not. I think that if everyone can follow some simple guidelines and a very strict timetable, we can have safe meetings and give you the opportunity to speak with the class teachers. I will send out final details and instructions again nearer the time, but I can let you know now that the meetings will be limited to exactly 10 minutes each and entry to each classroom will be by the

external doors rather than through the school. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to sit and look through the children's books before going in to the meeting as normally would happen but instead the teacher will show you relevant examples of your children's learning during the meeting. If we all work together, I am sure we can make this a success and hopefully by the time of the February meetings we may be back to normal.

So much is different but we are made of tough stuff at Ickford and one of our core values, as the children should be able to tell you, is determination! You will see that on the next page, we have decided to publish the names of those children who were given awards at the Celebration Assembly on Friday as a way of sharing success and a reminder that there are some really good things going on, albeit behind closed doors. The list only includes the certificated award winners but don't forget that many children would have been included in the Golden Book and others brought in awards gained outside of school like Jackson Marriot who shared his recent success at Quad Bike Racing, a young man working hard both inside and outside of school.

I was concerned to read in the news this week that poor Donald has caught Covid-19. You may have missed this information but here is proof



I started with ducks so thought I should finish with one. Gosh I hope you weren't thinking of someone else!

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
3 rd November	Y6 Secondary Transfer Testing
5 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.

This Weeks Celebration Assembly

Hall of Fame:

Music Award:

Isabelle Saunders

Isla Thomas

James Harris

Matilda Stow

Noah Samuel

PE Award:

William Wallace

Anabel Stevens

Sam Pierpoint

Rose Dighton

Zara Luckhurst

French Award:

Beatrice Johnson

Beatrix Holliday

Orla Kerry

Anna Kerry

Noah Samuel

German Award:

Finlay Addis

Latin Award:

Cassie O'Kennedy

Headteachers Award:

Stella Anzarouth

Harry Weeden

Emily-Jay Friday

Darci Turrell

Jake Fletton

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