

Ickford News

It has not taken long to get back into the 'swing of things' and we are certainly up and running. Although I was amazed to see our newest additions, the children in the Early Years, attend the Celebration Assembly this morning, I was not surprised. Anyone who knows Miss Vukomanovic should not underestimate what she can achieve with the little ones and the confidence that she instils in them. It may take a while for them all to learn the 'Wake n Shake' routine and the school prayer but sitting through 20 minutes of awards is no mean feat when you're only 4 years old! In fact, it seems to be more difficult for some of the adults to sit through the whole thing (and that is my gentle way of asking those who attend to refrain from having their conversations throughout).

This week Miss Vukmanovic and I held an evening workshop to introduce parents, particularly those for who this may be a first child, to the synthetic phonics system used in school and an overview of supporting reading. Whilst the evening was a success and the feedback very positive, it was disappointing that many new parents did not come particularly as

we made the meeting at 7.30pm to try and accommodate those who work or need to wait for partners to arrive home. As always, once the word spread that it was a 'useful' session, parents ask if it could be repeated and, whilst I can try and hold another, it will not be easy.

Thankfully, the Secondary Transfer tests (11+) are over and the children in Year 6 can forget them and concentrate on their learning in school. Though we try to create a relaxed atmosphere during the testing sessions, I always have great sympathy for the children as there seems to be so much pressure on them. Passing simply gives a little more choice when it comes to moving to Secondary School and not passing is certainly not anything to be concerned about especially as there are very good comprehensive schools on the doorstep. I hope the children do well but I know that they will succeed wherever their future takes them.

There will be lots more to write about as the term progresses but for now, please keep your eye on the diary dates and, have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

20 th Sept 7.30pm	Netball Club for Y6 and above starts
29 th Sept 7-10.30pm	PTA Barn Dance
6 th October 2.30pm	Harvest Festival St Nicholas Church, Ickford
17 th October 9am	Class 4 Assembly
23 rd – 27 th October	Half Term
31 st October	School Photos

School Lottery

Last week's lucky winner was Naomi Hawes. To raise more funds for the school, please let all your friends and family know about the school lottery, just share the link below:

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

Coats

The school coats are available from the school office and cost £20. They can be bought **with** or **without** the school logo!



Art Club

After speaking to Gerri from Little Masters Art Club last night she has informed me that she does still have a few spaces left for children to join. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Addis in the office.



French Cafe



Mme Basnett will host a Café on Friday 22nd of September at 8.30am on the playground. Please come along and enjoy a croissant and a coffee!