

Ickford News

I was very disappointed to miss the Harvest Festival today not least because I find the bucolic setting of the village church evocative of 'Cider with Rosie' and Keats' 'Ode to Autumn' two favourite literary works from my youth. I delight in the fact that Mme Basnett's class recite the poem and this, along with the harvest hymns always brings a smile to my face and a sense that all is good with the world.

Last Friday evening, I slipped relatively unnoticed into another rustic gathering when I joined the 'stalwart' supporters of the school and a few newly initiated at the PTA Barn Dance. I say 'unnoticed' but I confess this may be somewhat imaginary on my part as, although I thought to have timed my entrance to be late enough that dance partners had been settled and Mrs Shackleton's bow in flames from furious playing, I arrived just at the moment everyone had settled down to eat forcing me to take the long walk of shame through the hall to the bar.

Thankfully, my time in the spotlight was short lived as the band soon struck up and the floor was filled with 'supressed farm hands' taking their partners by the hand

and doing the 'foursome reel'. Complete salvation came when Mme Basnett turned up with her daughter and immediately threw herself into the fun enabling me to adopt the 'wallflower' status I have spent years perfecting.

I want to thank the PTA sincerely for organising the dance and in particular Ben, Richard and Victoria for being the driving forces behind what is proving to be a formidable fund raising and community building body. The PTA newsletter that went out this week was, in my opinion, impressive reading and to have achieved so much in such a short time speaks volumes for the efforts going on behind the scenes and the new ideas being implemented. I can only reiterate my thanks on behalf of the children and urge everyone to get behind the PTA and try to give some support.

Now fully ensconced at the 'coal face' in Class 3 I apologise if I have not been as visible as I would usually hope. I am delighted to say that I am enjoying working directly with the children and able to draw on the support of my fantastic team in challenging times.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

6 th October 2.30pm	Harvest Festival St Nicholas Church, Ickford
17 th October 9am	Class 4 Assembly
17 th October 4pm-7pm	Parents Evening
19 th October 4-7pm	Parents Evening
23 rd – 27 th October	Half Term
31 st October	School Photos
30 th November	Guitar Assembly

School Lottery

Last week's winner of the school lottery was J.R Hartley who is spending the winnings on a fly-fishing book.

If you would like the chance to win a life changing sum of money, and support the school, please click on the link below and get signed up!

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

Parking

Please make every attempt to park considerately at drop off and pick up times. Cars parked at the end of Bridge Road or opposite where the school bus pulls up, are increasing the risk of accidents so please try to avoid this spot in particular.

Christmas Fayre

It is early days yet but organisation for this year's Christmas Fayre will begin soon and the PTA would really appreciate anyone who can volunteer to help out. They would also appreciate any donations of raffle prizes from local business or indeed companies further afield so if you have any connections, now is the time to start smooth talking.

School Prospectus

Please note that there are some small changes in the prospectus which can be found via the website.

Snacks

The children are permitted to bring a healthy snack in to eat at break times but a number have started to take and eat such things as crisps and biscuits from their packed lunches. Please ensure that if your child has a snack that it is a healthy one and that it is separate from their lunch. Fruit is the ideal snack and we also have fruit in school for the younger children.