

Ickford News

This is the first week of the year in which I have heard the words 'Nativity' and 'Pantomime' mentioned (Oh yes it is) so I have to accept that Christmas is approaching and the term is flying by.

A certain rite of passage goes with the Nativity that makes it very important to the infants particularly the elder children in Year 2. Years spent treading the boards and learning stagecraft in Years R and 1 performing minor roles (sheep, throngs of angels, cattle) finally materialise into lead parts (Kings, Shepherds, Gabriel) and the chance to express thespian talents that being one of a flock so absolutely stifled! A couple of children have already told me the number of lines they have to memorise which, much to my amazement, they seem to do rather quickly and effortlessly. I am not sure enough years have passed for me to tell the story of the little boy who, when told we were going to have 'baby Jesus' in the school hall, sobbed because he had misheard and thought we were handing out Babybel his favourite, 'baby cheeses'!

It is the time of year when we receive many requests to look around the school

as application forms must be submitted by January. Unfortunately, due to being in the classroom, I have had to group appointments rather than carry out individual tours but it is always a pleasure to walk around the school with prospective parents as it gives me the opportunity to reflect and to extol the qualities of the staff.

Visitors are impressed by the children's attitudes to learning and their disposition as well as the breadth of the curriculum we are able to offer in such a small school. One of the ways in which we try to enrich the experience of the children is through excursions to places of interest and class 4 visited the Henley River and Rowing Museum yesterday and had great fun learning all about rivers as well as the setting for the Wind in the Willows. In a two weeks, Mme Basnett will be taking her class to Bletchley Park as part of their World War 2 studies and the following week, I shall take up my sword and shield at Ufton Court in Berkshire with my band of Viking marauders that is class 3!

Have a good weekend

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

13 th November	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons
16 th November	Class 5 Trip to Bletchley Park
20 th November	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons
20 th November	Class 3 Trip to Ufton Court
21 st November 7.30pm	Parents E-Safety Evening
27 th November	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons
30 th November 9am	Guitar & Ukulele Assembly
1 st December	Carducci Workshop (KS2)
4 th December	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons
5 th December 2-3pm	KS1 Nativity for whole school, grandparents and siblings
7 th December 6.30-7.30pm	KS1 Nativity (No preschool children)
8 th December 5-6.30pm	Christmas Fayre
12 th December 9am	French Assembly
*14 th December	*Christmas Lunch
14 th December 6.30pm	KS2 Carols at St Nicholas Church, Ickford
15 th December	Whole school trip to Pantomime

*Date change

School Lottery

Last week's lottery winner was Popsie Wootten.

If you would like the chance to win, and support the school, please click on the link below and get signed up!

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

School Website

Due to changes in staff, the website may not have been updated as frequently as usual. Please forgive us for this, we hope to have it back on track as soon as possible. Thanks you for your patience.

Uniform

If anyone would like to order a school coat or a boater then please ask Mrs Addis in the office. Boaters are permitted as part of school uniform and can be ordered through school.

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