

# Ickford News

On Monday, at approximately 1pm, I was approached by a group of children carrying axes and roaring at the top of their voices. My first instinct was to run but Jago (Class 3) who happened to be standing by my side, insisted that I stand and fight. Thankfully, by the time the next hour had passed it was all over and most of the axe wielding children had either been killed or forced to surrender their weapons. After a discussion with Jago, it was agreed that we would let the surviving children live providing they agreed to become Christians and live some distance away. By 3.30pm I was back in my office but not, as you may imagine (or most likely not) preparing to write some difficult letters to parents, instead I was reflecting on the success of our Class 3 trip to Ufton Court to learn about the Vikings and Saxons and Alfred the Great's (Jago) victory over Bagsecg (Eleanor) the Danish King at Ashdown.



A great day out like this running around woods and playing make believe serves to remind me how childhood was once, in the days when children got most of their

entertainment from such activities. Nonetheless, the world changes (I will leave you to decide whether for better or worse) and myself and a number of parents, got a bleak reminder of this on Tuesday evening when we attended the workshop on e-safety and protecting both adults and children from the dangers of the on-line world.

The presentation was given by a serving Police Officer working for the Local Authority and it highlighted just how important it is to educate children and parents about the dangers lurking out there. Mrs Addis has included some useful information and websites in the **News from the Office** and you should all have received a magazine sent home with the children. Although the turnout was fairly high, I only wish we could have seen more parents there. I am currently planning to have a professional come in and speak to the children as part of our continuing programme of e-safety.

Finally, the term is disappearing rapidly and there is a lot going on in the next few weeks. Not only are there rehearsals for Nativity and Carol concerts, we also have a Badminton Competition next week and a home Netball match against Brill. Please keep an eye on your diaries and also try to support your PTA who are particularly in need of help at this time of year.

Mr Ronane

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## Dates for your diary...

27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons
30 <sup>th</sup> November 9am	Guitar & Ukulele Assembly
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Carducci Workshop (KS2)
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm	KS1 Nativity for whole school, grandparents and siblings
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year R – Year 4 Flu Vaccinations
7 <sup>th</sup> December 6.30-7.30pm	KS1 Nativity (No pre-school aged children)
*8 <sup>th</sup> December 5.30-7pm	Christmas Fayre
12 <sup>th</sup> December 9am	French Assembly
*14 <sup>th</sup> December	*Christmas Lunch
14 <sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm	KS2 Carols at St Nicholas Church, Ickford
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school trip to Pantomime
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec – 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	First day back to School

\*Date/time change

## School Lottery

Last week's lucky lottery winner was Emily Davis!

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>

## E-Safety

Following on from the e-safety evening on Tuesday, below are a few links to some interesting websites that you may wish to look at:

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/> (These people have the powers to remove unsuitable pages from the internet)

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/>

<https://howsecureismypassword.net/> (test how secure your own passwords are)

<https://net-aware.org.uk/#> (NSPCC site that keeps you up to date on all the social networking sites)

## Raffle Tickets

There are raffle tickets for the Christmas Hamper Draw available to buy from the School Office prior to the Christmas Fayre on the 8<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book.

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