

Ickford News

Anxious not to be seen as 'complacent' I am sitting in the office on a Sunday evening enjoying the glow of the Christmas lights against the white of the snow and reflecting on the events of last week whilst planning those of the next.

As I have come to expect from Miss Vukomanovic and the KS1 team, the infant Nativity was a joy to behold. I am sure that everyone, young and old, who packed the hall on two occasions would agree with me that it was incredibly well organised and performed. It is incredible how such young children memorise dialogue, lyrics and stage directions in a relatively short time period and put on a performance worthy of applause. I had the privilege of speaking with Amelia Chapman's Great Grandmother who has known the school for many, many years and told me that, 'It gets better each year' certainly no complacency on Miss Vukomanovic's part.

On Friday evening as many of you will know, the Sports Hall was transformed by the PTA for the Christmas Fayre and what a great success it was! Although the final total of money raised has not been

announced yet, I will venture to say that it is not that important. Not that I am ungrateful or that the money does not matter, rather it is the sense of community that this event manifests that is the most valuable outcome.

I was delighted to see so many of this years new parents there and also so many pupils and parents from the past. Everyone seemed to enjoy the variety of stalls, many run by the teachers and a Christmas ambience was created with the help of our neighbour Kate Billimore and the Great Milton singers and a supply of mulled wine. The whole evening was rounded off with the rendition of carols around the tree or, as Mrs Stanfield said (perhaps fuelled with mulled wine) a "Good old sing song!"

My sincere thanks to Richard, Ben, Victoria, Niki of the PTA committee and everyone who helped out and made the evening a success. Let's not forget Father Christmas himself who took time out of his busy schedule just to be at Ickford.

I have sent out a parentmail but in case you have not had a chance to see it yet, we propose to be open as usual tomorrow in spite of the inclement weather. I am

exceptionally proud of the fact that the staff at Ickford have all been in contact today and all have the same desire to carry on as best we can. Please ensure that the children have warm coats and Wellington boots because we will be taking advantage of the snow to go out and explore.

Hopefully, you will have had a good weekend and we will see you tomorrow. One week left but lots of learning to do. The hard work of the teachers and support staff continues, complacency is not a word in their vocabulary.

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

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| *11 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 |
| 15 TH December 2.30-3.30pm | Celebration Assembly |
| 18 th Dec – 2 nd January | Christmas Holidays |
| 3 rd January | First day back to School |

*Date/time change

School Lottery

Last week's lucky lottery winner for the second time was Popsie Wootten.

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