

# Ickford News

"The sun has got its hat on, hip, hip, hip, hooray..." How wonderful to begin the summer term when it actually feels like summer and what a great start it has been.

Immediately, the school is buzzing again and the children have come back with renewed enthusiasm. I am relieved of toilet cleaning duties as we managed to secure a new cleaner (actually one of our old cleaners but now employed directly by the school) and the teachers no longer have to clean their own classrooms. I would like to thank Lucy Edmans again for her help when things got desperate.

The Celebration Assembly this morning was an extended affair due to the high number of awards given out particularly those achieved over the holiday period at the numerous clubs there are for children in the local area. We also handed out the medals and trophies from the cross country events that took place at the end of last term. Next week, it is the turn of the KS1 children who begin the athletics season with an indoor event at Waddesdon Secondary School and we are hoping that the two teams entered will emulate the success of previous teams who have won this event.

I am also hopeful that the great majority of you will be celebrating the annual school report that your child would have been sent home with today. Most of you will already know that the report is sent out after Easter so that we can inform you of some areas that your children need to focus on in the final term in order to make the most of the year. It is important that you engage with the targets and support your children in whatever way you can to achieve them.

You should also have noticed (because you will have signed it) that the new Reading Record books have arrived and been given to every child. I think you will agree that the quality of the record is superior to the 'yellow' book we have used to date and that it is something the children can value. This book will become a significant document as we shall now be using them to inform the assessment of reading and, where necessary, to highlight targets and focal points for the children to concentrate on. They are expensive for us to purchase so I would ask that you ensure your children look after them and keep them safely in their bags when not in use. Lost or damaged records will incur a charge to replace them.

I must apologise (second one this week!) to those of you who have ordered boaters for your children. Unfortunately, the supplier has not been as prompt as I would like with the delivery and I am trying to source more as quickly as possible. Not only do they look very smart but they are also the ideal sun hat. They are not restricted to the girls and I am more than happy for any of the children to wear them.

I must put out a cry for help on behalf of the wonderful Mrs Shackleton our music teacher and the person responsible for organising (as well as preparing the musicians) the Summer Concert in June. This event is in its third year now but each year we have to rely on some extra help to provide some refreshments for those who come to watch. Ideally, I am hoping to attract a small group to oversee the production of some canapés that could be served on the evening. If you have an inclination towards the production of 'fancy, finger, food' and would like to be part of a team then please make yourself known either to myself, Mrs Shackleton or Mrs Addis.

Finally, our wonderful PTA committee are straight back in to action tomorrow (Saturday) with another car wash at school. This time, now that there has been some practice, a slicker process is promised and, with the introduction of an extra pressure wash and the good old chamois leathers, cleaner cars too! If you are in the area or fancy a drive to school to get the car spruced up for the summer then please drop by and avail of the service. You know it makes sense.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Ronane

## Ickford News from the office

### Dates for your diary...

8 <sup>th</sup> May 9am	Class 3 Assembly
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 - SATs Week
25 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30am	May Dancing
28 <sup>th</sup> May - 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half Term
7 <sup>th</sup> June	School Photos
14 <sup>th</sup> June 9am	Recorder Assembly
29 <sup>th</sup> June 6pm	KS2 Summer Concert
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 9am	Class 1 Assembly
5 <sup>th</sup> July 5.30-7pm	Open Evening & Art Exhibition

### School Lottery

Last week's School Lottery winner was Roy, congratulations Roy!

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>

