

# Ickford News

Sadly, the year is flying past and, sitting on the playing field yesterday afternoon in the company of Penelope and Faye from Class 1 I took the opportunity to reflect on how much each child changes during their time at Ickford.

The two girls were so full of conversation, Penelope engaged me in a discussion about shapes and Faye the merits of the Dandelion. We then joined other infants in exploring a pathway behind a tree (where, I was told, numerous diamonds are to be found) and watched while Lui explained the demise of a dead bird hidden amongst the fallen branches.

When the weather improves in the summer term, the whole place transforms and everyone seems happier. It is fantastic to let the children out onto the school field and to watch them run and play games with their friends and I realise we are very lucky to have such a lovely location.

In a couple of weeks we shall be electing this year's May King and Queen and celebrating the coronation with traditional dancing. Mme Basnett is Minister for Entertainment and she has the dubious honour of organising the event so heed her notices carefully or risk her Gallic wrath! This year the dancing will be on a Friday preceded by a French Café and the Celebration Assembly so ensure you make the time to stay around to support the dancers and let's keep our fingers crossed for sunshine.

I have written quite a lot about the sterling work our PTA committee are doing this year and the substantial amount of money they have already

raised but I also want to give special mention to this week to our sponsors whose names (or at least company names) you see on the second page of the newsletter and on the bottom of our notepaper.

Our sponsors support us in different ways but each one makes a contribution to school funds through their actions. Most have children in the school although the children of some such as Cormac Murphy of Intuitiv and Mark Gleed of Haztier Concrete, have now left but the families continue to sponsor the school.

I am very grateful to them particularly as we cannot offer a great deal in return apart from a 'plug' every now and then in the newsletter and some minimal advertising space. So, if you do need, electrical work, your heating serviced, your car fixed, new windows, a website designed or a concrete base put down. Do look at the names on the next page and mention us if you call for a quote. Furthermore, new sponsors are always welcome so if you think you can benefit from getting your name out in the community or by having an association with the school, then let me know.

It is bank holiday weekend so hopefully the sun will shine and we can all take some time to relax. The next few weeks will be very busy and for some of the children very important so a rest will be of benefit to everyone.

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	SATs Week
25 <sup>th</sup> May 8.40am	French Café & 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 weeks School Lottery winner was Tracy Dixon, congratulations!

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>



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