

# Ickford News

The week has flown past and although a great deal got completed, I find myself having run out of time and weighing up the options of staying really late or accepting defeat. Those who know me will be laughing because the final two words of that sentence are not something I find easy! The last teacher has just said 'goodnight' and I am really appreciative that, despite a call to arms from their Unions and an email from me to assure them that they can and must do what they feel necessary, none of the teachers want to go on strike. I am fortunate, indeed we are fortunate, because some schools are going to have to manage quite significant disruption in the coming weeks if the industrial action goes ahead.

This is a short half term but packed with many events. Most important of these for parents will be the Parent/Teacher evenings coming up on the February 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Although these are not compulsory, I would really encourage you (as I always do) to attend. There may only be a short period of time available for each meeting but nevertheless, it is important time and an opportunity to discuss the recent tracking data that you received and any area that your children may need support in.

There are plenty of things happening for the children as well. Year 2 will be attending a multi-skills festival next week at the John Colet School in Waddesdon which I hope they will enjoy. Pre-Covid, infant multi skills was a competitive event (which we had won several times) but now it is rebranded as 'participation'. Hopefully, all of the children will get the most out of the experience and Miss Southgate and Mrs Ellis will feel less pressure when returning to school!

Thankfully, some sports remain competitions and we have the Year 5/6 Badminton festivals at Waddesdon School next Wednesday and, in the following week, the first of our Netball league games. As reigning County champions in both sports, the pressure is on but I have great faith in the boys and girls and know that they will do their best and, regardless of the outcomes, they will be gracious in defeat and victory.

In the final week of the half term, it's Science week and, as usual, Mrs Honey has been working hard to ensure that this week is going to be full of activities to engage all of the children and to bring Science to life. The week will include lots of experiments in school as well as trips to the Oxford Science Park and our own in house Wonderdome!

Finally, please do check the school website occasionally. There is useful information on the site and I try to keep it updated as much as possible particularly when we review policies, procedures and curriculum mapping. I have also included a copy of the Home School Agreement under the Parent Information tab, an important document that is useful to look at from time to time.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

## From the Office...

### French Award:

Abigail Hird, Ella Cooke, Stella Stanfield, Molly Harding, Lyla Gill, Luna Russell – Dyson, Georgina Preston, Anna Roberts

### PE Award:

Joey Hawkins, Zeynep Konak, Izzy Parsler, Harry Middleton, Florence Arnold, Jago Miller

### Music Award:

Alex Nicholls, Vika Hardy, Asiya Hassine, Thomas Betteley, Abigail Hird,

### German Award:

Brayden O'Malley

### Latin Award:

Ella Cooke

### Headteachers Award:

Jacob Brookfield, Izzy Saunders, Andrew Robinson, Beau Marriott, Harvey Chapman

## Sponsors

