

# Ickford News

I am not someone to whom asking for help comes naturally and, having referenced Tesco in last week's newsletter, I feel somewhat embarrassed that this newsletter will probably read as a plea for yet more assistance from a parent body that already does and donates, a great deal. However, such is the nature of funding for a small, successful, rural school, I am obliged on behalf of the children to seek help wherever I can get it. I included the adjective, *successful*, because it is a fact that, were we less so, I have no doubt that we would be able to get more in the way of funding or maybe even a share of the profits from the housing developments in the village. With that in mind (and yes, I have braced myself for a response from Mrs Angry of Ickford who likes to argue in the local paper that the school has availed of limitless funding in the past) I am trying to design some science investigations for the children involving the aeronautical possibilities of pigs!

On Friday afternoon, Jackie Thomas (PTA Chair) and I met with Chef Larry and members of his team to discuss arrangements for the Summer Fayre on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Those of you who have been involved with Ickford during the past 8 years or so will know that Larry is our very own Michelin starred Chef and his generosity has enabled us to raise significant sums of money towards school projects and equipment such as, interactive screens and the PE equipment cabin. Larry is very close to opening a new restaurant in London but in the meantime, he is determined to help us as much as he can and he has offered to provide the food and drinks at this year's Fayre.

Recognising that the food will probably be the 'star' attraction, Jackie and I have decided that rather than a Summer Fayre we shall make the event a Summer BBQ with the food and drinks central to the evening and a focus on a social get together rather than too many side stalls. That is not to say we won't have a tombola or some fun and games but we want more of an evening picnic than evening where we pick your pockets! So, bring a blanket will be the order of the evening and maybe your own salad. I will leave it to Jackie to publish Larry's menu very soon but, trust me, it will be a Friday night delight!

So, to the help. If anyone knows where I can locate the following please let me know:

- A temporary portable bar
- Two rice cookers
- A gas BBQ
- Marquee

This is not a request for freebies, I am happy to pay but I'd like to think we can get a good deal. I know Jackie is going to be using all her charms to convince someone that the evening could be their opportunity for DJ stardom (you have been warned) and local hero status but I shall leave that to her.

Next week, we are hopeful that all of Year 3, 4 and 5 will be able to attend a multi skills event at the Aylesbury High Grammar School. It will nice to get so many children taking part and to give them all a chance to try out different games. The cost of the coach to get

everyone there is prohibitive but I want to go ahead and I know that Miss Holmes has set up Parentmail for those who can donate towards this.

It seems a while ago but there are some pictures of the Coronation Party on the Website for everyone to see. My apologies for the delay in getting them on there but the teachers have to go through all of them to ensure we do not include children without permission to be included.

Finally, we will be competing in the Buckinghamshire Athletics Association School Sports again this year and we have an Athletics after school club on a Thursday after school. If there are any children in KS 2 that competed last year and are hopeful of making the team again, it would be good to see them on Thursdays.

Enjoy the sunshine.

Mr Ronane

## **From the Office**

### **French Award**

Lizzy Landragan, Jacob Alfrey, Harry Middleton, Evie Evans, Max Smith

### **German Award**

Sam Pierpoint

### **P.E. Award**

Molly Parry, Harrison O'Mahoney, Bruce Dingle, Barnaby Potter, Harry Weeden, Ella Cooke

### **Latin Award**

### **Music Award**

Molly Parry, Poppy Rhodes, William Barber, Emily Aspden, Gwilym Walters

### **Headteacher's Award**

George Middleton, Luna Russell-Dyson, Bryony Ellis Oliver Jolliffe, Sophie Vorotyntsova

## **Sponsors**

