

Ickford News

In my last newsletter, I requested that the children come back energised and full of determination and I am delighted that, for the great majority, this was the case. It has not been the easiest of terms from a working perspective but our celebration assemblies often serve to remind me of how good our school is and how fortunate we are to be part of it. One of the academies founding Members, Mr Bill Laar, was in attendance today and although, having known Bill for a long time, I recognise that he is probably the most passionate optimist I know, I believe him when he said he was almost moved to tears by some of the children's achievements noted in assembly. Bill has visited hundreds of schools in his lifetime so, when he says he thinks we are the best school in the country, I consider it high praise indeed (although I am not sure I'd agree). In fact, I know that if you stop getting better you start to get worse and when you get to where you had the vision to be, you then need to change the vision in order to keep moving forwards.

We have four values on which we try and base school life and which every child knows: kindness, honesty, respect and determination. The children are encouraged to consider these in everything they do and to try and become manifestations of them both in and outside of school. This is certainly not easy (for any of us) and we are certainly never perfect but I am hopeful that the constant promotion and reward for the values, combined with the support from parents, ensures that they are deep rooted in the children. I had a message from a Secondary School Headteacher this week who wrote, "you send us terrific kids" and I know that at the end of this year, many secondary schools will be fortunate to receive Ickford children who are, kind, honest, respectful and really very determined not only to learn more but also to overcome any challenge put before them.

You will have seen the poster and read the emails so all you need now is to get the T-shirt! This can only be obtained if you actually come to our Summer BBQ and, if you offer to help out, I hear you get a special T-shirt! Larry the Chef has been in again this week and he is keen to rise as much money as possible so he is bringing a 'brigade' of Chefs and a cocktail expert so that you can enjoy a mojito or two with a high-class Friday night take away. I am trying to clear the field and prepare the grounds so that you can find a comfortable spot with your blanket but not too comfortable that those who have a few more cocktails decide to spend the night! Please come along and support the event and bring the neighbours with you.

I have to thank Mrs Smith (Babs Class 2) for coming in and taking class photographs this week. These will be available to purchase very soon and if your child has represented the school at sport this year, you should be able to see them in a team photograph in the sports section of our website.

I am hopeful of good weather next week as we have two cricket teams in a tournament. There is nothing like the sound of willow on leather and cries of "Howzat!" to help one imagine an idyllic countryside summer so I am looking forward to watching the children take part in an event that will be exactly that... nothing like the... although if I could have a few mojitos, you never know.

Have a good weekend.

Awards this Week

French Award

William Jones, Luke Dungey, William Barber, Jack Turner, Amelia Hargreaves

German Award

Harley Hudson

P.E. Award

Harry Jolliffe, Benji Herratt, Oliver Atkins, Ronin Reeve, Babs Smith, William Barber, Edward Pentecost, Emily Aspden, Zak Flood, George Jones, Percy Jenkins, Neve Woodley

Latin Award

Beau Llewellyn

Music Award

Lacey McClurg, Grace Beckett, Isabelle Parsler, Stella Stanfield, Kathryn Hargreaves

Headteacher's Award

Millie Snelling, Ella Mbofana, Xavier Flood, Stella Stanfield, James Kenda

Notes from the Office

Please ensure that you put your child's names in every piece of uniform.

Please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school if necessary.

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