

Ickford News

If the success of the Summer BBQ and Fayre can be measured according to the volume and degree of chatter amongst the clearing up volunteers the following day, then it must have been a good evening! Our motley crew this morning, said very little to each other but got about our work in a rather subdued and foggier fashion than I have known in the past suggesting a late night and perhaps a little over indulgence in all things alcoholic.

I do hope that everyone who came, adults and children, managed to enjoy themselves during, what turned out to be, a glorious, summer evening interlude between very cloudy and wet days. Larry and his team ensured we were well fed and sufficiently refreshed. He even managed to entice Mme Basnett, resplendent in fuchsia, pink silk, to serve the burgeoning queue, perhaps as a way of soothing the mood of the customers forced to wait for their arancini balls, burgers and chips. Mind you, I am not sure the Ickford faithful were quite ready for caviar served on a heart shaped waffle although, I am very grateful to the Caviar King for turning up and donating his luxury wares to the cause.

Fortunately, I do not have an inbox full of complaints from the residents (still time) even though Mr Harrell, our resident DJ, could not resist the opportunity to use his smoke machine on full power as he 'scrubbed' and 'mixed' his way through a varied playlist that had the late crowd dancing with abandon into the sultry night. I am really grateful to Mr Harrell as the music tent seemed a lonely place at times but the chosen tunes, really enhanced the atmosphere and kept everyone (including the Irish Dancers) happy.

Once again Jackie and Tank went beyond the call of duty in organising everything and the collective commitment to the event not only from those that helped set up the field and run stalls but also everyone who turned up and parted with their cash in such times of enforced austerity, was humbling. I am really grateful to everyone (including the teaching staff) and can assure you that any money raised is going to be used towards improving the facilities for the children in Class 1, thank you all.

It is full steam ahead (I wonder how long before we can no longer use that phrase without having to explain modes of transport from the past) as we enter the final weeks of the year and hurtle towards the summer holiday. Please remember to send the children in to school in their PE kits on Monday instead of Wednesday, as we have switched things around next week in order to prepare for Sports Day and to ensure that all of the assessment of learning is carried out thoroughly and on time. We will, as most of you are very aware, be continuing to teach right up until the end of the term and I want to make sure that, when we do sit down after the last child has left the building on July 20th and reflect, we can be confident that we have done our best for all of them.

I want to reiterate my thanks to everyone who made the Summer BBQ and Fayre a special event and hope that you all enjoy the rest of the weekend.

Mr Ronane

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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.

Please make sure that your child is in PE kit on Monday July 10th.

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