

# Ickford News

I am sorry, just when you thought you had escaped the weekly ramblings of a rapidly ageing Headteacher, they pop up and ruin your Bank Holiday! If I am brutally honest (moi?) I was going to skip this week but I had coffee with two, very formidable, ladies this morning who chatised me for my attitude and reminded me of my duty.

The ladies in question were Mrs Ellis and Mrs Snell (now you see my point) who are themselves, walking talking paradoxes. On one hand, you don't mess with either! A withering look at assembly from Mrs Snell has reduced grown men to snivelling wrecks and if they were to turn to Mrs Ellis for sympathy they'd most likely get told, "Wake yourself up my boy," in those dulcet Zimbabwean tones. However, on the other hand, they are like magnets for the children and I daresay, there is not a child in the school who doesn't have the fondest regard for both.

They are 'champions' for the children in every respect and not a day passes when they haven't checked in on someone or made an extra effort to share their time or pass on a few kind words. In the classroom they are a fantastic support for the teachers and the children but both go way beyond this, particularly in the extra-curricular activities they provide for the children and the invaluable support they give to me.

This weekend, Mrs Ellis has collected a bag of books from the Book House in Thame. These are books that have been sponsored by Parents and donated to the school through our partnership with the shop. Remember that the Book House will give 20% discount to Ickford Parents when you purchase through the link on our school website. I love this bookshop and I am so pleased that it still exists as an independent book seller. There is something magical for children in being able to walk around the shop and see such a selection of great books for all ages.

Congratulations are, the order of the day, for the children who represented the school last week in a Badminton Tournament at the Kingsbrook School Aylesbury. We took a girls' team and a boys' team and, I am happy to say, won the tournament overall. Other schools had some useful individual players and, at one point, our girls had to regain their composure having lost a game, in order to eventually win convincingly. The children were a pleasure to take and demonstrated all of the sporting values that we take for granted at Ickford.

Like, I imagine, some of you, I am fed up with the rain and the impact it is having on school life. I cannot remember a year when we have not been able to get out on the field by May but, having walked around this afternoon, it is just too boggy to use at the moment and will need a few really hot sunny days in order to dry out sufficiently. Nevertheless, I am sure that by July it will be good to go and ready for the Summer Fayre the date of which is now likely to be July 5<sup>th</sup> and not the 12<sup>th</sup> as previously advertised. I am hoping that changing the date will enable more people to come forward with offers of help in organising and setting up the fayre this year. It is imperative that we get as many people as possible to share the load, as they say, "many hands make light work."

See you tomorrow,

Mr Ronane

## **Awards this Week**

### **French Award**

Tobias Wood, Ella-Rose Cantwell-Wilkinson, Finn Rouse, Barnaby Potter, Stella Stanfield, Beau Marriott

### **Latin Award**

Evie Evans

### **German Award**

Eliza Gapper

### **Music Award**

Maya Warren, Robyn Barnes, Babs Smith, Lucy Hird, Eliza Gapper

### **PE Award**

Henry Hurn, Edie Turner, Ethan Crispin, Beatrice Johnson, Iyla Hitchcock

### **Head Teacher's Award**

Hakan Konak, Zeynep Konak, Asiya Hassine, Oisin Harrell, Jackson Marriott

## **News from the Office**

### **Important Dates**

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Netball County Finals | Monday May 20 <sup>th</sup>    |
| KS2 Summer Concert    | Friday June 21 <sup>st</sup>   |
| Sports Day            | Thursday July 18 <sup>th</sup> |

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