

# Ickford News

I was not sure what month it was this week. I saw a donkey arrive in the school playground and thought it must be April Mule's Day!



I didn't relish making an ass of myself so made some enquiries and discovered that our four legged friend was in school to meet the children in Class 1 who have been learning about the Easter Story. They all enjoyed the experience very much and we are very grateful to the Flood family for bringing him in. Looking at this picture, I should have negotiated a longer stay to see if he could deal with the long grass on the field!

My second thanks this week is for Mr and Mrs Johnson who stepped up with the offer of a ride on mower in answer to my Parentmail plea. I am really grateful that they brought the rather fancy mower down but sadly the grass is too long for even this to tackle. Fortunately, our school neighbour spoke to me this evening and he has some heavy-duty kit that he thinks will do the job so, hopefully, it will be cut this weekend.

Most of you will not know this man but he lives directly next to the driveway of the recreation ground and owns a white van. He is rather hard of hearing and conversations with him are invariably pleasant but quite loud affairs. I had a chat with him this evening and it was disappointing to hear that some drivers are still blocking his driveway at drop off and pick up times. This is a real shame as his driveway is very clear and in constant use and, to be honest I sympathise with him. Please avoid parking across his entrance and, if you notice someone doing this, please speak to them politely and ask them to move.

Next week is very important for the children in Year 6 who will be sitting their Standard Attainment Tests (SATs). Hopefully, the children will have a stress-free week buoyed by the

challenge and opportunity to measure themselves. They have a great teacher and I hope that they all show how far they have come on their own personal academic pathways. The success is not necessarily in the attainment but actually in the individual progress. I wish them all the best of luck and look forward to the week after when we have more important things to think about.

On Monday May 20<sup>th</sup> we contest the County Finals for Netball, on the Wednesday we compete in Tag Rugby at Years 3/4 and 5/6 and on Thursday we are off to the British Museum with Classes 4 and 5. This is a lot to think about and to prepare for but I am sure we shall give a good account of ourselves in the sports and also have a fabulous day out in London as well.

I think that Madam Basnett has rectified my mistake and set the Summer Fayre date at June 28<sup>th</sup>. We decided as a staff that we would like to make this year's Fayre a more sedate, gentle and fun affair with a traditional British Village Fete theme and I have conveyed this to Vicky and the PTA team. Hopefully, there will be lots of bunting, lots of stalls with games including a coconut shy and quoits, a cake stall, tombola, a BBQ and an opportunity to have a glass of Pimms. We do still need help but I am hopeful that, in making the evening shorter and well organised, some of you will be encouraged to get in touch with Vicky Evely and offer your services.

Stefanos Tsitsipas, is the number 8 ranked male tennis player who, famously joked about having the, "patience of a donkey" to win a match (audacious return to Equus asinus so that I can keep some sort of theme going). Well, if you would like to maybe see him and others like him in action at Wimbledon this year, you should enter a bid in my auction! I have, 3 pairs of tickets for Court Number 1 on Day 11, (Thursday July 11<sup>th</sup>) of the tournament that I shall sell to the highest bidder/bidders to raise funds for the school. This will be done by a closed ballot and the starting price for a pair of tickets will be £170. I shall organise the final details of the auction and send them out next week. This could be a good day being so late in the tournament and on a great court.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

## **Awards this Week**

### **French Award**

Hakan Konak, Lacey McClurg, Alistair Robinson, Emily Coxon, Pippa Hunting,

### **Latin Award**

Emily-Jay Friday

### **German Award**

Emily Aspden

### **Music Award**

Hakan Konak, Anan Roberts, Izzy Saunders, Harry Middleton, Jackson Marriott

## PE Award

Boden Crispin, Willa Goode, Alistair Robinson, Lucy Hird, Jack Turner, Poppie Klein, Aiden Barnes

## Head Teacher's Award

Riona Harrell, Oli Atkins, Luke Dungey, Lyla Gill, Aiden Barnes

## Sponsors

