

Ickford News

Ooh la la, it is only week 2 and we have managed to enjoy a French Café. Thank you to everyone who came along in support and particularly to Monsieur Ellis and Madam Roberts for their help. It is a lovely way to get parents to stop for a while and chat as well as a successful way of raising a few pounds towards school resources particularly for languages. We are very fortunate to have two very able language teachers in school Miss Daly and, of course, 'she who must be obeyed' and we value very much the opportunities to learn that we provide. Madame Basnett has led languages for many years at Ickford and I am delighted that this year, she will be back teaching French to Class 1 again.

Our newest co-curricular club, Debating, began this week and is being offered by Mrs Reeves, one of our Trustees and who, in spite of having numerous children, appears to have some free time! It has taken almost a year to get this club started and we have fostered a link with the South Hampstead High School who have a Debating Hub and offer advice and support for schools. I am convinced that, if we can persevere with this initiative it will help children to develop in different areas of literacy as well. It is an excellent preparation for persuasive and discursive writing and speaking aloud enhances confidence and self-esteem. Furthermore, not only does it support children to express and justify their own opinions, but it also provides a platform for them to consider the views and feelings of others. I am confident that Mrs Reeves can enthuse the children and really looking forwards to watching them taking part in a debate.

Next week, we have the evening workshop for parents to cover supporting children to read at home and how our programme of synthetic phonics works in school. We have run this successfully since my time at Ickford and I would recommend it particularly for parents with children in the Early Years and to anyone who is involved in supporting children to read in school or maybe has a reluctant reader that they struggle to motivate. It begins at 7.00pm and should be finished by 8.00pm so do come along if you can.

I am sure many of you will have read some Parentmails from school today pertaining to important requirements in school. Forgive me for mentioning them again in these pages but I try to ensure that, by whatever means, I can ensure that everyone gets messages.

Firstly, in the interests of safeguarding mobile phone use is prohibited in school and in particular in the school hall. Photographs must not be taken during assemblies and only with permission at school performances.

Secondly, it is imperative that we have a complete record of contact numbers in school including someone who can be contacted if neither parent is available. It is preferable that the additional contact/s is able to come to school and collect a child if an emergency occurred.

Lastly, can I remind everyone that, if you arrive after 9.00am, you must bring your children to the school office and ensure that you sign them in as present. Children must not be left to come in on their own.

I thank you in advance for your support in these things. As I am sure you can see, safeguarding is a huge responsibility for schools and keeping the children safe is my priority.

There is also an AGM of the Parent Teacher Association next week in the Recreation Ground Pavilion building at 8.00pm. I know you will have had notification from Jackie the Chair but I would urge as many of you to go as possible. The PTA does some really sterling work and I think we shall be needing their support in fund raising even more in the coming years. I think they have wine at their meetings so maybe that's an added bonus and if they don't well maybe take some and start a trend!

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

Awards this week

French Award

Annabel Whittall, Zuzu Younis, Ella Aben, Matilda Ousley, Elin Roberts

German Award

Jack Turner

Latin Award

Elin Roberts

Music Award

Ottie Goode, Drew Wyse, Willa Goode, Bella Hawkins, Frank Wilkinson

PE Award

George Tinkler, Jack Evans, Benji Herratt, Finn Rouse, Beatrice Johnson, Shriya Ramanathan, Nancy Gardener

Head Teacher's Award

Freya Jones, Lizzy Landrigan, Sophie Potter, Anabel Stevens, Oisin Harrell

Important Dates

Wednesday 25 th September	Phonics and Reading Workshop 19:00 – 20:00
Thursday 3 rd October	Class 4 Trip to The Ashmolean
Monday 21 st October	Parents Evening 16:00 – 19:00
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents Evening 16:00 – 19:00

Tuesday 5 th November	Year 5&6 Swimming Starts (6 sessions)
Thursday 21 st November	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 2 nd December	Class 5 Trip to Bletchley Park
Monday 9 th December	Afternoon Showing Nativity 14:00
Wednesday 11 th December	Evening Showing Nativity 18:00
Monday 16 th December	KS2 Carol Concert
Wednesday 18 th December	Whole School Trip to Pantomime
Wednesday 18 th December	Last Day of Term

Sponsors



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