

Ickford News

The final half term of the year and I can't help but feel it could be made or broken by the news on June 21st. My fingers are crossed that on June 25th we will be having a French Café followed by a Celebration Assembly, without masks and suitably spaced to create an atmosphere of normality. Unfortunately, I am anxious and yet to be convinced that we will not see further restrictions or, at least, a delay to opening up. I am struggling to envisage a Sports Day without the crowd and without the hotly contested parent races!

Talking of parent races, there have been times this week when we needed parents to race a bit quicker to collect children from after school activities. I understand that sometimes unavoidable delays occur but often teachers have lots of work to do and they shouldn't have to be waiting with children. It is also necessary to remind everyone to make themselves known to the teacher or staff member handing over their children. I know it is sunny but staff will not let a child go on the advice 'my mum's in the park', we would still like you to acknowledge collection.

This week saw our senior cricket teams in action in the Regional Cricket competition for Years 5 and 6 at Waddesdon Cricket Club. We entered three teams, a girls, a boys and a mixed and used players from Year 4 in some teams. Each team played well in the group stages against strong opposition from the likes of Broughton Meadow and Buckingham Schools as well as local neighbours Brill and Long Crendon and enjoyed some early success. The sun was at it's hottest after the break for lunch and when the second stages took place which made it a lovely place to be watching cricket with the backdrop of the Waddesdon Estate. Unfortunately, our girls team was not successful and our mixed team though victors over Brill, could not reach the

final. However, the boys played some fantastic cricket, managing to destroy a very vociferous Long Crendon team (sledging at this age?) and to overcome a determined Broughton Meadow in the final to take the overall winners title and secure a place in the County finals in July.

We are running out of time yet trying to get lots of things organised to make the best of this year for the children. You should have received a letter about an outing to Wendover Woods for the whole school which I hope will be a great opportunity for the children of every year group to mix, work together and to enjoy a day outdoors den building and exploring. Please ensure that you return the permission slip asap and that you pay via Parentmail. The PTA have subsidised the coach travel and some of the entrance costs so I hope that £4 is not unreasonable.

I have shown potential parents around the school this week and it has been a really uplifting experience. Although, I hear lots of doom and gloom stories from Headteachers of other schools and from the Local Authority meetings, I could only be impressed by the standard of writing across the school that I was able to show our guests. The teachers and children are really working hard to make up for lost time and I think they are doing a great job. I know that we may see a dip in attainment overall at the end of the Summer but I would not be surprised if the gap is smaller than we expected.

Talk of summer schools and catch up weekends are, in my opinion, unnecessary if the children are used to getting good teaching and know what is expected of them in the classroom. Please keep up with the reading at home and some mental maths and together we can ensure that no child gets left behind.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

23rd June	Wendover Woods Trip
23 rd June	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Festival
28 th June	Year 6 Longridge Trip
29 th June	Parents Evening
1 st July	Cricket Final
1 st July	Parents Evening
6 th July – 9am	KS1 Recorder Assembly
7 th July	Sports Day
9 th July – 2.30pm	Year 6 Music Recital
12 th July – afternoon	Class 4 & 5 Play
13 th July	Cricket Engagement Day
13 th July - evening	Class 4 & 5 Play
14 th July - overnight	Year 6 Camping
16 th July	Last day of Term

School Lottery

A winner within school every week!

If you would like the chance to win, and support the school, please click on the link below and get signed up!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ickford-school>



Breakfast Club

Please remember to book your child's place for breakfast club with the school office by Friday at midday for the following week.

Entry to breakfast club will be via Gate A by the Recreation Ground.



This Week's Celebration Assembly

Hall of Fame:

Music Award:

Jude Barnes
Jack Turner
Samuel Pierpoint
Henry Johnston

Zara Luckhurst

PE Award:

Finn Rouse
Edward Pentecost
Charlotte Wallace
Dillon Woods

Louis Raeburn
Isabella Cooke
Matthieu Wolff
Roxanne Wakelin
Gethin Walters

French Award:

Kirk O'Malley
Dylan O'Mahoney

Dillon Woods

Phoebe Boardman

Latin Award:

Jake Fletton

Headteachers Award:

Phoebe Gapper

Edward Pentecost

Stanley Johnson

Keira Murphy

Roxanne Wakelin



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