

# Ickford News

I had the opportunity to talk to a group of children about 'worms' on Thursday. If, like me, you remember when 'worms' were something that your mum wrote a note to the teacher about or accused you of having if you asked for second helpings then you may now feel slightly nauseous but, fear not, I was talking to the Street Dancers as they waited to perform in assembly and, as every self-respecting, modern thinker knows, the 'Worm' is a dance move.

The Street Dance Club is immensely popular throughout the whole school and watching the children perform with 'attitude' always makes me smile. However, whenever I watch performances I see those in the audience straining to see above heads to get a glimpse of their nearest and dearest so I have determined to try and improve our stage facilities this year.

The PTA committee and I had a very productive meeting last weekend and Ben Sayer, the new Chair, has got some great ideas about building on our existing community spirit as well as some potential fund raising activities for the

school. I am delighted that Ben and his team had no objection to putting a new stage at the top of a wish list and could see how all of the children could benefit from this for many years to come.

You should all hear from Ben in the near future as he outlines the plans that the PTA committee have come up with and I urge you to support him and the Committee in the new ventures. It is worth noting that I met with 'members' of the 'Committee' and not the 'PTA' and it is important that everyone is aware that all parents with children in the school are members of the PTA. The Committee and I agreed that the main purpose of the PTA should be to build a sense of community and belonging so, not everything the PTA does should be about making money but rather about being sociable and I am hopeful parents will find more opportunities to get together with other parents on relaxed occasions conducive to making friends.

Fundraising is however one of the most valuable functions that the PTA provide for the school and Ben has some good ideas for ways in which we can increase the value of the funds that we raise.

Last week we saw how powerful the collective parent body can be when you came to the assistance of Oliver Workman and his family. Oliver's mother has written a long letter of thanks to everyone which I shall post up somewhere in its entirety but for now here is an excerpt:

*"Dear Parents, Teachers and Children,*

*I don't know where to begin. The warmth and kindness we received on the night of the fire was truly overwhelming but in the days afterwards I could never have expected or imagined the support and generosity shown to us from all parents, teachers and children at the school, in a state of tears and despair, these feelings were changed to tears of appreciation and love, thanks to all of you...thank you and much love from us all at White Cottage."*

I have no doubt that the future for the PTA is bright and I am quite excited to see how it develops in the next few months. I wish Ben, Richard Shackleton and Victoria Johnston, every success as they drive things forwards.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Ronane

## Ickford NEWS from the office

### Dates for your diary...

23 <sup>rd</sup> May 9am	Class 1 Assembly
26 <sup>th</sup> May	French Café
26 <sup>th</sup> May	May Dancing – After Assembly
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	May Half Term
13 <sup>th</sup> June	School Photos
14 <sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm	Secondary School Transfer Process Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup> June 8.45am	French Café
23 <sup>rd</sup> June 6.30pm	KS2 Summer Concert
30 <sup>th</sup> June 8.45am	French Café
30 <sup>th</sup> June 5.30-8pm	Summer Fayre
*6 <sup>th</sup> July 5.30-7pm	Art Exhibition & Open Evening
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
14 <sup>th</sup> July 8.45am	French Café
18 <sup>th</sup> July 7-8.30pm	Class 4/5 Play

\* Please note date change

### Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

You have until **30<sup>th</sup> June** to bring in any vouchers that you collect; the collection box is next to the Golden Book in the front entrance.

### School Lottery

The lucky winner of last week's School Lottery was Sarah Cooke! The local

jackpot stands at £24, increasing as more people join!

Send the link below to friends and family to join:

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

### Summer Concert

Please note all Key Stage 2 (Classes 3, 4 and 5) children will be performing in the concert.

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