

Ickford News

The first newsletter of the academic year is probably the most difficult to write and I am aware that too much optimism may come back to haunt me at a later date. A little voice in my head sounds like a police officer, "Remember that anything you say now may be used in evidence against you..." So, I shall try to maintain a restrained tone this week lest I find myself accused of, counting my chickens before they had hatched!

However, you will have to indulge my mood a little as I am very positive about the start to the year and what lies ahead. Our two new members of the teaching staff, Miss Foster and Miss Mordente were in during the holiday preparing their classrooms and making sure that they were ready to hit the ground running and I am delighted that they have joined the team at Ickford.

They were not alone as every teacher was in at various times during the summer preparing for the new year and this inspires a certain amount of confidence in a Headteacher. In spite of our high standards, no-one is complacent and everyone is looking to ensure the best outcomes for their classes this year.

We have a confident new intake in Miss Vukomanovic's class and it seems that parents are already redundant in the mornings and at liberty to leave. I look forward to next week when the first full line appears on the playground and the children begin their first experience of Wake n Shake.

The unusually dry weather has enabled us to make use of the school field at the start of this term, and I chose to sit out there during break time on the first day expecting to see some rather nervous looking 'newbies' being chaperoned by older brothers and sisters or their more experienced peers. Imagine my surprise when most of the new intake roared past me into the throng of older children only for one, who I now know to be Harry, to stop run back to where I sat, slam his water bottle down on the table in front of me with the words, "Oi, look after that!" Two hours into the first day and I had been reduced to the role of water carrier.

I am beginning to envy Mme Basnett whose reputation, due to the amount of siblings we have in this year's intake, goes before her and has her feted like royalty on entry to the Class 1. No doubt, having had their first French lesson, there are a few Reception parents already fed up with being regaled with the virtues of Mme and the strains of, "Un, deux, trois...". (I am joking Mrs O Kennedy and she is not old)

Let's hope then that the year is another successful one. The turnout for the 'meet the teacher' evening was high so expectations will have been shared and non-negotiables clarified. Your commitment to our school is paramount to its success and to the well-being of the children.

Enjoy your weekend,

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

18 th September 7.30pm	Phonics Workshop
27 th September	Class 4 Victorian Day
4 th October	Class 4 Trip to Holdenby House
8 th October 2.30pm	Sports Day
11 th October	YR-Y5 Flu Vaccinations
22 nd -26 th October	Half Term



I hope to draw everyone's attention to the fact that one of our parents, Mr Aspden is a very accomplished Choir Master and musician and, amongst many other things, he organises, teaches and conducts the Thame Children's Choir. They rehearse every Sunday and joining them provides an opportunity for any child above the age of 7 to enjoy singing and to meet new friends. <http://tcc2.org/>

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