

Ickford News

Twelfth Night will soon be upon us and so as not to tempt fate or bad luck, Mr Dawson has kindly taken down the Christmas lights. I admit I rather liked them and shall miss their festive glow when I leave this evening.

The New Year promises a great deal and I am delighted that Mrs Charnock has joined us as a teacher. She is very experienced but nevertheless joining a new team is always a little daunting so please help her to settle in and make her feel welcome.

You should receive the autumn term assessment reports for your children today and, as usual, I have sent an accompanying letter that explains the attainment descriptors that we use at Ickford. It is very important that you read this and that you understand it so I would encourage anyone who finds it confusing to get in touch and I will be happy to explain it in greater detail.

We have only completed one of the three school terms and it is important to remember that the children should make more progress throughout the rest of the academic year. However, if you have any concerns about the current rate

of progress that your child is making then I would encourage you to consider what you can do to support your child.

Firstly, you can come and join us for a workshop that will be held in school soon (date to be announced) that will give some advice about supporting children at home. Secondly, you can keep encouraging your children to read every night and engage them in conversation about the books they read and finally, ensure that they make every effort to complete any homework including learning spellings and times tables.

I imagine that these are the customary suggestions that most teachers would give as advice but I would add another. Ensure that your child gets an adequate amount of sleep during the week so that they come to school with the energy to learn. Days at Ickford are full and the children need stamina to be able to concentrate. Sleep is as important as exercise and good nutrition for a healthy childhood and success in the classroom.

If you would like to discuss the progress report, please make an appointment to see me or the class teacher.

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

20 th January	KS2 Cross Country
6 th February	Parents' Evening
8 th February	Parents' Evening
9 th February 5-6.30pm	School Disco
12 th -16 th February	Half Term

School Lottery

Last week's lucky lottery winner for the second time was Roy.

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>

Parking

Some of you may have witnessed a rather unsavoury altercation with a school's neighbour this morning that resulted in one of our parents being subjected to quite a strong tirade of bad language. The catalyst for this event was parking at dropping off time.

I do not in any way condone the actions of the neighbour but I do want to draw

attention once again to the need to be very aware of the residents' driveways when parking near to the school.

I understand that most of you would prefer to drop off as close to the school gate as possible particularly if you are just dropping the children and not staying on the playground but for the sake of a few extra minutes I must request that you consider parking further away and walking the short distance to the gate.

I am trying my best to maintain positive relationships with the local community as this is beneficial to the school and the children. I can only do this with the help of the parents.

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