

# Ickford News

Great double acts roll off the tongue, Laurel and Hardy, Batman and Robin, Mills and Boon, Bacon and Eggs, the list goes on but mine now includes Ben and Richard (add an s and a possessive apostrophe and it sounds like an artisan ice cream company) our dynamic duo leading lights of the PTA.

I am headlining these two gentlemen because of the sterling work they have done in leading the PTA in the past two years and breaking all records in relation to fundraising. This was discussed at a meeting of the Governing Body this week and Governors felt it important to reiterate the important role the PTA have played in recent years not only in raising funds but also in ensuring the sense of Ickford Community within the school and between the school and the villages. My aim is that money raised by the PTA is spent for the benefit of all children and, importantly, at the time when the parents who raise the money can see it spent. I feel very grateful, particularly when I spoke to a friend whose children are at school in Berkshire where the Headteacher has set up a compulsory payment system for parents each term just to maintain the school budget.

I know that there are many others who help Ben and Richard and yes, I love them dearly as well, but the 'dynamic duo' will certainly have left their mark when they decide to hang up their tights and capes! The challenge now is to ensure that we have other super heroes or heroines, waiting in the wings to carry on the good work.

There are other unsung heroines who must be recognised for what they do for the children and these are the dedicated



parents who come in and hear children read. This takes commitment and we have a group of dedicated women (sorry gentlemen) who give up some of their free time to do this. Every child loves to read to an adult and it is a great way to boost confidence so thank you ladies.

Homework must hit our headlines this week as I take this opportunity to remind you of the home school contract. Like it or loath it, we have some and therefore we appreciate that you support your children by ensuring they are completing it on time. I like the fact that the children have one week to complete the major part of their homework tasks but I am also aware that, in giving more time, it relies on a child being organised. Parents can really help their children if they encourage them to look at the tasks early rather than the night before it is due to be handed in. This ensures that if there is a problem, there is enough time to talk to the class teacher who will be able to help. Mme Basnett is a perfect example of this as she holds a lunchtime session for children who want to discuss their homework before handing it in. Helping your children to be organised now will be a lesson they will thank you for later in life.

Behind every super hero, there is a super woman and behind the aforementioned Richard is the wonderful Mrs Shackleton our music teacher. She has nurtured our ongoing relationship with the (world) renowned Carducci Quartet and managed to secure three workshops and a performance during this Spring Term. The musicians will be coming in and working with the children in KS2 and performing for the whole school and this is really is something the children should cherish. The Quartet are inspirational and we know from the past workshops we have had that they really engage with what we do at Ickford. The Cavatina Trust who

funds this opportunity has called them our 'Quartet in Residence' a huge honour for a tiny school in the countryside.

<https://carducciquartet.com/>



Have a good weekend, Mr Ronane

## Ickford News from the office

### Dates for your diary...

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| 24 <sup>th</sup> January<br>9am                        | Ballet Assembly  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> January –<br>1 <sup>st</sup> February | Science Week     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> February                               | Parents Evening  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> February<br>9am                        | Class 2 Assembly |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> February                               | Parents Evening  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> February<br>5-6.30pm                  | School Disco     |

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