

## Ickford News



I have started with a picture for several reasons. Firstly, to thank and promote Ben Sayer for coming in to take the class photographs this week and judging by the quality of the picture above, I think you will be delighted with the results. I also think you will be delighted with the price because whereas last year the pictures from the photographer cost approximately £14, Ben believes that they will be something close to £5 each this year with the added bonus of all money going directly to the PTA fundraising for the new screens. Of course, I want to urge you to purchase them but I genuinely think these will be better than those produced in the past.

Those of you who were able to attend this morning's celebration assembly will know that Miss Vukomanovic provide one of the great surprises with the children singing the hymn Jerusalem after the prayer. I am reliably informed that the children have been practising this wonderful old hymn in preparation for the Football World Cup that begins next week but, my second reason for the picture start is that the picture evokes this 'green and pleasant land' immortalised in Blake's hymn and apt in any description of Ickford and the surrounding villages at this time of year.

The picture is of our Rugby Team and those of you who follow the game will

recognise that Jerusalem is a recognised rugby 'anthem'. Our team in the picture, played yesterday in an area tournament to gain qualification for a Country wide tournament that takes place on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Though they were undefeated in the tournament, they did draw one match and this ultimately cost them the chance of being winners overall. Nonetheless, they do go through to the County Finals and we will be hoping to be serious competitors in what will be a very tough competition indeed. Whilst the boys in the team have played quite a lot of Tag Rugby in our after school club, the girls only began two weeks ago (Cassie O'Kennedy in Class 3 has played all year and was unfortunately too young to play in the tournament but deserves a special mention for her determination and perseverance) so we hope that by June 21<sup>st</sup> they will be even stronger than they proved to be yesterday.

As usual the children were a pleasure to accompany yesterday and played in the true spirit of the great game. One example that stood out was when Cara Gibson did not hesitate to step in and play for an opposing school team when one of their players was injured. Hence, another reason for starting with this picture.

Hopefully, you will forgive me for continuing the Rugby themed links and picking up on the 'injured player' comment to sincerely thank those parents who have sponsored me to play at Twickenham the home of English Rugby tomorrow in aid of the RFU Injured Rugby Players Fund. If anyone would like to contribute, there is still time just follow the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/john-ronane>

Have a good weekend

# Ickford News from the office

## Dates for your diary...

14 <sup>th</sup> June 9am	Recorder Assembly
18 <sup>th</sup> –25 <sup>th</sup> June	Science Week
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Tag Rugby Finals Aylesbury RFC
21 <sup>st</sup> June 7.30pm	Secondary Transfer Parent Meeting
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Bernwode Music Festival
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Morning
29 <sup>th</sup> June 6pm	KS2 Summer Concert
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 9am	Class 1 Assembly
5 <sup>th</sup> July *6-7pm	Open Evening & Art Exhibition
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre
13 <sup>th</sup> July 9am	Ballet Assembly
16 <sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm	Class 4 & 5 Play
17 <sup>th</sup> July 7pm	Class 4 & 5 Play
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Assembly

\* please note time change



## School Lottery

Last week's School Lottery winner was Lucy Harding, congratulations!

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

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