

Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a good start to the new school year.

I can't believe that we have already completed 6 weeks.

Information for new parents: I will be sending out two newsletters each half term. My intention is to use it as a forum to let you know about things happening, making requests as well as giving 'gentle reminders'.

Additional letters are often sent home specifically for your child's class or regarding events happening at school, so please check Parentmail or your child's school bag. Your child will have the home school agreement and the ICT acceptable use agreement in their book bags today. Please take the time to look at these with your child and return signed by Friday 21st October.

We still have children coming to school without their clothing being named. Please try and check your child's clothing and name it if you can.

Thank you to parents who attended parents consultation on Tuesday and made child care arrangements for their children. A reminder to those attending on Wednesday next week to make arrangements for your children. Please don't bring them to sit in the library or wait in the corridor.

Remember we break for half term next week - Friday 21st October.

Best Wishes
 Sue Dury



THANK YOU



Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along to our welcome meetings. We hope it was useful in giving you an insight into some of the procedures and routines for your child's class.

Macmillan coffee & cake event

A huge thank you to you all for your support of our Macmillan coffee & cake. We raised over £320

Thank you to Mrs Shafe, Mr Horgan and Mrs Turner for organising and all staff who helped with the serving.



ABSENCE REMINDER

If your child is absent from school for any reason please contact the school office as soon as possible on the **first day** of absence to let us know.



If your child is absent due to sickness or diarrhoea please keep them home for **48 hours** from the point when they have no further episodes.



If your child is just feeling under the weather or has a slight cold please send them to school. We will always contact you through the day if we feel they are struggling.

Charities this year

We will be supporting these charities this year.

- Macmillan Cancer Support
- Children in Need (November 18th)



- Comic Relief (March 24th)



‘Ickleford Parish Council would like to present a copy of the recently updated ‘Discover Ickleford’ footpath map leaflet to each pupil at Ickleford School. The leaflet includes a colour map which clearly shows the footpaths, bridleways and byways across the parish in a clearly defined layout. The hidden beauty of Ickleford and its flora, fauna, history and buildings that also includes suggested walks, along with a written description of what you may observe on route, is clearly explained on the opposite side of the map. We hope that the map and information about the natural beauty of Ickleford will contribute to your enjoyment of our environment.’

The leaflet will be in your child’s book bag today.



GENTLE REMINDER -

Please do not drive into school at the start or end of the school day to drop children off.



Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking at the beginning and end of the day for school drop off and pick up. We are receiving complaints that driveways are being blocked.

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to the Y6 & Y5 children who took part in the NHSSP Olympic Legacy Event I this year.

We took part in wheelchair basketball, dance, handball, reporting, hi 5 netball, sitting volleyball and design & create.

It was a super day and the children had a great time. They were a pleasure to take and were a credit to themselves, you and the school.

Thank you to Mr Martin and Mrs Deacon for organising and supporting the children at this event.

WELCOME

I have the pleasure of welcoming Mr Hill our Pilgrim Partnership trainee this year.

Mr Hill will be working in Y5 this term and the summer term and Y3 during the spring term. I am sure you will all wish him well in his training.



**The Pilgrim
Partnership**
Personalised Teacher Training

Toys in school

Please do not allow your child to bring toys into school. This includes top trump cards and notebooks and pens.

We are finding we are dealing with increasing squabbles and upsets over lost or broken toys brought from home.

If your child brings a toy from home we will ask them to put it in their school bag until the end of the day and take it home.

In some circumstances we may find it necessary to contact you and ask you to collect the item from school.

Dates for your diaries

October - Respect

Monday 3rd

- Y5 – Harvest Service @ St. Albans Abbey

Monday 10th

- Black History Month Drama Sessions – KS2

Tuesday 11th

- Parent Consultations - 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Wednesday 12th

- Girls football ESFA competition

Thursday 13th

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Tuesday 18th

- Around the World Drama Workshop – R/Y1/Y2/Y3

Wednesday 19th

- Parent Consultations - 4:00pm – 7:00pm

**Monday 24th – Friday 28th
– HALF TERM**

November - Peace

Saturday 5th

- PTA Firework display

Friday 18th

- Children in Need

Tuesday 22nd

- 7:00pm – School Play Performance

Wednesday 23rd

- 1:45pm – School Play Performance

Thursday 24th

- 7:00pm – School Play Performance

Saturday 26th

- St Katharines Xmas Fayre

Monday 28th

- OCCASIONAL DAY

December - Love

Wednesday 14th

- 6:00pm – Infant Nativity Performance

Thursday 15th

- 10:00am – Infant Nativity Performance

Friday 16th

- 2:30pm – Christingle Service

Monday 19th

- 7:00pm – KS2 Carol Service

Tuesday 20th

- Xmas Lunch
- 2:00pm – Theatre Group – Sleeping Beauty

Wednesday 21st

- 1:30pm – Assembly
- **2:30pm – FINISH**

January - Hope

Thursday 5th

- New Term starts