

The School Council Courier

A new name for your council newsletter

Spring 2018 digital edition

WELCOME

The spring is the traditional time for a tidy around and a 'freshen up' so we hope you like our new look newsletter with a new name: **'THE SCHOOL COUNCIL COURIER'**. It will be available in both digital and paper versions. We are still the same school council elected by you and we are still busy working on the ideas you give us. Please don't forget to put your ideas in our IDEAS BOX on the shelf in the foyer. Your thoughts and suggestions really encourage us...more on that later!

Just some of the new food technology resources



SCHOOL IN BLOOM

Following on from the success of the whole school **SPIRITED ARTS PROJECT** the school council wanted to find a way of keeping the wonderful, positive feeling that the exhibition generated going. After putting our heads together we came up with the idea of **SCHOOL IN BLOOM**. Using some of the money left over from our food technology fundraising, the council is planning to buy each class garden tubs, some soil and a selection of bulbs and seeds for you to plant as you wish. When you are happy with your class tubs they can be placed around the school for everyone to enjoy. Each class needs to remember to look after their mini garden – perhaps with a little help from Mrs Parmar's gardening club too.

The School Council ideas box



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

In our last newsletter we told you about the incredible total you helped to raise in order to buy new resources for the teaching of **Food Technology** in school. Well thanks to all your efforts the equipment has now been bought and is ready to use in class. As you can see by the photograph here, there are lots of different things available from aprons to chopping boards and from mixing bowls to a food processor.

Now it's over to you...we hope you enjoy cooking and baking something delicious.



*Ideas for the **SCHOOL IN BLOOM** planters*

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The school councillors will be **fundraising** again this spring and summer so thank you in advance for all your support.

We have already organised a school gate raffle which was a huge success with lots of people coming to see us to win a prize.

Later in the term on **Friday 25th May 2018** we plan to hold a **cake sale** after the country dancing celebrations.

If you would like to buy a tasty treat to share with your family & friends plates of cakes will be available for £1.00.

Look out for us too at the **Summer Fair** in June when we plan to set up a stall with something rather special on offer!

170 YEARS OF OUR SCHOOL BUILDING

2018 and **2019** are two very special years for our school. 2018 is the **170th year anniversary** of our original school building opening. The beautiful Victorian structure which houses our library, computer suite, the school offices and music rooms opened to the children of Ickleford in **1848**. 170 years later the building is still being used by us today.

While this birthday is exciting enough next year in **2019** our school celebrates an incredible time in its history. **180** years ago in **1839** the school was first founded...this is when the idea of our school was first born.

To celebrate the **170th year anniversary** of our school building this year the school council have a plan inspired by a suggestion placed in our ideas box in the school foyer. A while back Sophie from Y4 asked if we could hold a **whole school picnic**. We remembered this idea and think that is a wonderful way to celebrate this important date. So with your help later in the summer we will all be coming together for a big picnic to celebrate our **170th birthday**.



Our raffle at the school gate was very busy.



The children sold tickets and talked to everyone about their plans



*Our cake sale will take place following the country dancing on Friday 25th May 2018.
Come and see us at the school gate!*

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BIRTHDAY COMPETITION



Could you create a pen illustration of our school? Check out our new competition and give it a try!

There will be more details about the picnic event nearer the time but to get everyone in the birthday mood we would like to launch a **drawing competition**. We are asking you to **draw an illustration** of the front of our school capturing all the beautiful details like the diamond shaped windows and of course the school bell which is an Ickleford landmark.

The entries should be completed in **thin black pen** on a landscape piece of A4 paper. All entries should be given to your teachers by **Friday 17th May 2018**. The teachers will look at all the drawings and pick a winning Infant & Junior design. There will be prizes for the winners and we are planning a special surprise for the two successful entrants. Good luck!

AN INTERVIEW WITH MRS DURY

In each edition of the **School Council Courier (SCC)** we try to interview someone special who has a strong connection to Ickleford School. For this *new look* edition Mrs Dury very kindly gave up some of her time to answer our questions...



Mrs Dury being interviewed by the school council members

Max: **Where would you like to visit most on holiday?**

I like to go to places that are very hot. I have been to Mexico and I am looking forward to going to the Caribbean this year.

Annabelle: **How many people come to your office to get told off each week?**

Fortunately I don't have to speak to many children about their behaviour so there are very few. I probably only talk to three children every half term and sometimes it is the same children.

Lucie: **What are your favourite things about being a head teacher?**

My favourite thing is that I get to see all the children. I can walk around the school and visit each of the classes to see what they are learning.

Jamie & Emily: **What inspired you to become a Head teacher?**

I have been a head teacher for such a long time now! I decided that I wanted to help a school be as good as it could be rather than just work with one class. So I became a head teacher to work with all the children and staff in a school.

Braeden : What is the most challenging thing about being a head teacher?

That is a very hard question to answer! The most challenging thing is making sure that as a school we try to be the best we can and do everything that the government asks us to do. It is very hard because the government checks to make sure everything is right.

Nicholas: Do you like being in charge of all the teachers and staff?

I do like being in charge ...but I like to make sure that all the teachers are happy about what we are doing. I don't enjoy telling other people what to do.

Susie: Did you have a favourite subject when you were at school & do you still enjoy it now?

I had two favourite subjects when I was at school. I enjoyed both music and English. If I had to teach one now I would choose English.

Emily: What school did you go to when you were a child?

I grew up in Letchworth so I went to The Grange Junior School and then I went to Fearnhill Secondary School.



The coat of arms for Fearnhill school

Joseph: If you could add any new facilities to the school what would they be?

The one thing I would like to add would be an extra building for teaching. We could have food technology lessons in a special kitchen, whole class music lessons and different areas for groups to work in.

Molly: What are the things you most enjoy about being a head teacher?

I like being able to see all our children happy and doing lots of different things. I enjoy seeing a variety of activities, I like working with lots of different people and I also like being able to see what other schools are doing and seeing if we can share in their ideas.

Humphrey: If you could relocate the school to a new place where would that be & why?

I can choose anywhere? That's really hard. I would choose somewhere that is always hot with no cold weather or rain.

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COMMEMORATIVE PHOTOGRAPHS

As part of our celebrations of our 170 years anniversary we have found these photographs that contrast our past and present.



Present



Past

We hope you enjoyed this edition of the **School Council Courier** and found our new look easy to read. We will be back soon so please keep in touch with us.

Ickleford School drawing competition entry

Name & year group.....