

# Headlines

13<sup>th</sup> January 2017



## Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week at Ongar and the children have all been working hard. We were all very excited at seeing the snow begin to fall this morning, though the sprinkling we had didn't allow the children to build the snowmen they'd been hoping to and we were just a little disappointed when it had all disappeared by lunchtime. During this cold weather, please make sure that children have appropriate kit for outdoor PE and clubs.

## ONGAR RULES!

We are gentle  
We are kind and helpful  
We listen  
We are honest  
We learn well  
We look after property

## Clubs

Most clubs began this week for the Spring term and it was lovely to see so many children involved in such a range of creative and active activities. We now have two choirs – one for KS1 children and the other for KS2 and both have already begun preparing for performances later in the year. Mrs Tuttle's Sewing club remains popular with increasingly intricate creations being made. Some of the Year 1 and 2 children are enjoying spending time discussing their favourite books in the library with Mrs McCormack in Book club. Our sports clubs are popular and hopefully some of our teams will be able to compete in matches this term.

## Ongar Values ...

### APPRECIATION

Children have been talking in class and creating displays about what they are grateful for and how they can show appreciation.

## MAC Assembly

Next Tuesday, MAC the squirrel will be joining us for assembly. He will be encouraging the children to 'Make Attendance Count' and talking to them about how important it is to be in school on time every day.

## PTFA Quiz Night

The Quiz night takes place on Friday 20th January 2017 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 and are available from PTFA reps.

## Author visit

On Tuesday, the author Billy Bob Buttons visited KS2 to talk about the planning process he uses when writing his books. It can take up to nine months from the initial idea to having a book published.

He also read an extract from one of his books. His enthusiasm for writing was infectious and lots of children have been inspired to start writing. Who knows, we may have a future award-winning author in our midst!

## Snow

Fortunately, we were not affected by the snowfall this week. However, in the event of extreme weather conditions it may be necessary for the school to close if staff and children are not able to come into school. Our school website [www.ongar-place.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.ongar-place.surrey.sch.uk) will be updated regularly in severe weather.



## Reception Applications

If you have children who are due to begin school in September 2017, this Sunday, January 15th is the final day for applications to Surrey County Council.

## Dates

Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January (after school)	School Council toy sale in aid of Children in Need
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	MAC Assembly
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 3.30pm	High Ashurst meeting for parents
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 9.15-9.45	Year 6 assembly
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm	PTFA Quiz Night

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