

Headlines

5th April 2019



Dear Parents,

It's the end of term! Thank you for all your support this term. We break up today at 1.30pm and return to school at 8.55am on Tuesday 23rd April. I hope you all have a great break and get to enjoy some sunshine and some family time. Mrs Good

Infant Music Festival

Last Friday Mrs Pirie, Mrs Meyer and myself took our infant choir over to Jubilee theatre to perform in the STAR infant music festival. We joined children from The Grange, Darley Dene, Stepgates and Meadowcroft to perform 'The Enormous Turnip'. The children had been practicing at school with Mrs Meyer and then after just a 90 minutes rehearsal with the other schools we were able to produce an amazing show with singing, narration and a little bit of acting. Thank you to all the parents who came over to see us perform and were a great audience. Thank you to Mrs Meyer and Mrs Pirie for putting the show together.

Sport at Ongar

Last Thursday a team of Year 5 and Year 4 footballers entered a 7 a-side festival (organised by Mr Good) held at Royal Holloway. There were 17 schools split into 4 groups. In our group we had 5 teams and so played 4 matches. Our team was a brand new team so sorting out positions and tactics was a bit tricky at the start. In our first game we deservedly lost 2:0 but after that, and a few tweaks to our formation, our performances improved. All of the next games could have easily gone our way with a little bit of fortune on our side. The last games were: a loss, 1:0, a draw, 0:0, and finally a 3:1 defeat, which although looking like a bad result it was the game in which we played our best football. All the boys enjoyed themselves despite the results. Thank you to the parents for transport and support.

Staffing News We only wished Mrs Masey goodbye as she started her maternity leave two weeks ago and on Wednesday this week she produced a baby boy, Jake. Many congratulations to Mrs Masey and her husband, to big brother Luca and to Nanny, Mrs Hayward!



Dance Festival

I was very lucky to accompany 20 children from Years 3 and 4 to the County Finals Dance Festival on Tuesday. The children looked fantastic in their Ongar kits and performed their dance celebrating 50 years of Ongar fantastically well. They also had the opportunity to take part in a workshop with a professional dancer and put together a dance with 3 other schools. We didn't get through to the finals (that are being held in Stoke!) but we did have lots of fun and the children were beautifully behaved. A special mention to Charlotte who won the values medal for our school.

Thank you to Mr Good for organising and Mrs Reed for joining us and to our great dance team!

Today is **Mrs Hayward's last day** at Ongar as she leaves to start her retirement. Mrs Hayward has been Ongar's School Business Manager for many years and has worked in Surrey for over 25 years. She is fantastic at her job and has kept the finances, premises and personnel of Ongar on track and well organised! I have really enjoyed working with Mrs Hayward over the past seven years. She is astute, knowledgeable, good fun and is able to keep me in line! We will miss her very much but wish her lots of good luck and happy times.

Pupil Parliament

On Wednesday we, Camran, Daniel and Oliver from Year 5, hobbled to the council offices in Addlestone, to take part in Pupil Parliament to answer the question 'Is using technology healthy?' The Mayor, deputy mayor and pupils from Jubilee High School were there. There were 7 schools altogether and each one made a presentation then we voted on the best. We came 2nd to St. Pauls but they made a very good presentation, we were also allowed to ask the Mayor some questions. (Unfortunately, she refused to answer questions about Brexit.) We had a great morning, though we were disappointed that at the end there were no biscuits left!

PTFA

Thank you to the PTFA who put together some Easter themed events yesterday for all the children to take part in. There was much jollity as the younger children completed their Easter activities and the older children designed egg moving devices. Thank you to all the volunteers – we are already looking forward to next term's events.

Dates

Friday 5 th April	End of term – school finishes 1.30.
Tuesday 23 rd April	Return to school 8.55am
Tuesday 23 rd April	Book Night – parent event
Thursday 2 nd May	Polling Day - school closed to children
Friday 3 rd May	INSET Day – school closed to children
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	KS2 SATS week. All Y6 children to be in school or contact Mrs Good asap.

Ongar Place Sports Kit

We have been sorting out our school sports kit this week that children wear when they are competing and we are a few bits missing. Please can you check at home and see if you any and return it to the office. Many thanks.