

Headlines

5th January 2018



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to everyone I hope you had a good break and enjoyed the festive period.

We had a very busy last couple of weeks of term and it was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves and taking part.

This term is already being filled up with events and activities. Accompanying Headlines this week is our termly clubs letter which give children the chance to sign up to clubs run or organised by teachers this term. Please make a careful note of when clubs are running and if your child cannot attend one week please ensure the teacher is informed. Dodgeball is still running on a Friday evening, please see the fliers.

Last term we had our fantastic Healthy Living Sports Weeks and this term we are continuing to be active and 'have a go' by introducing a couple of new clubs. On a Thursday evening Mr Good has organised for an outside football coach to run the football club for KS2. This is open to any children in KS2 but is limited to 20 children. An additional paid club is also available for this half term and the 17th April on a Tuesday from 3.20-4.20. This will be run by Synergy Dance who ran workshops last year. This is currently open to all children costs £6.50 a session. Details are on the clubs letter.

Our choirs are now being held on a Thursday lunchtime in order to give more children the opportunity to attend. These are run by Mrs Pirie and Mrs Meyer and the children are working towards fantastic public performances, with other schools.

Science Days

Mrs Brill and Mr Knott are busy organising two fun packed Science Days for us on January 18th and 19th. On the Thursday we have 'Hands on Science' coming in to take workshops with all the children and on Friday teachers are organising some fantastic Science based events. We will be asking for a contribution of £4 from each child, further details to follow.

Medicines

Can I remind parents that it is at the discretion of the school that we administer medicines to children.

At Ongar Place our policy states that office staff will administer medicines that are prescribed by a doctor when a parent has completed a medication form. We will also administer Calpol or other paracetamol based solution if a medication form has been completed. No other non-prescribed medicines can be given by school staff.

Children's emergency medicines eg: epi-pens and asthma pumps are stored in the school office and accompany the children off site. It is parent's responsibility to ensure medicine is in date.

Have a good weekend

Mrs Good

Please make yourself familiar with our Snow Policy on the website which deals with what will happen if we have snow or other extreme weather.

Ongar Values ...
Respect.

We will be discussing this in assembly and in class this half term.

Staffing
Welcome to Mrs Masey who has joined us as a teacher in Year 2 and will be covering Mrs Cheney's maternity leave.

A huge thank you from all the staff for your generous gifts and good wishes before Christmas. They were very much appreciated.

PTFA News
School Disco tonight
4.30 – 5.30 Reception and KS1
5.45 – 6.45 KS2
See you there!

Dates

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| Friday 5 th January 2018 | PTFA School Disco |
| Wednesday 17 th January | G live concert |
| 18 th and Friday 19 th January | Science Days |
| 7 th – 9 th February | High Ashurst Year 6 |
| 20 th and 22 nd February | Parents Evenings – details to follow |

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