

# Headlines

8<sup>th</sup> June 2018



## Dear Parents,

Our last half term of the year! This week we welcomed our new reception children into the school for a lunch and swim session – lots of the older children were remembering when they had done that! Time seems to go so fast but at Ongar we try to make the most of every moment!

## ONGAR RULES!

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

## Sport at Ongar

On Tuesday the tennis team visited Fordbridge Park in Ashford to take part in the Year 5/6 Spelthorne tennis tournament as a guest team as Runnymede don't have their own tournament. It was a good afternoon as Ongar were able to play against many different schools. Ongar played in a group of 5 teams. Each match consisted of 4 'rubbers' or matches. The scores were as follows:

Ongar 4 Ashford Park C 0

Ongar 3 Staines Prep B 1

Ongar 4 Ashford Park B 0

Ongar 4 Pippins A 0

These great results meant the team qualified for the final where they played the defending champions Staines Prep A. The rubbers were hard fought games and the final score was 2 - 2. There was then a countback on overall points and Ongar ended up victorious by 6 points! A fantastic achievement and a lovely trophy for the cabinet too!

The team of Alfie, Lucy, Oliver and Madison will hope to retain the trophy next year as they were also a year younger than many of the players. Well done!

## Dinner Money

When Mrs Sewell completed the school accounts this week, it was noticed that some people have quite large debts for dinner money. Surrey requires school dinners to be paid for in advance. I would ask everyone to check their accounts and pay any money owing.

## Staffing News

Our lovely Mrs Harris will not be returning from maternity leave and will instead be moving back to her native Newcastle with her two boys, Frazer and Willis, and her husband. Mrs Harris is a fantastic teacher and was a great support to me when I started at Ongar - all those years ago! I hope she enjoys her time with her family and eventually returns to teaching so that other children can benefit from her skill and enthusiasm. I will inform you when I have finalised the staffing for next year.



## School Development Plan

Each year I spend time with staff, governors and children thinking about how we want to develop the school even further next year.

I would also like to ask parents to contribute to this process. Attached to Headlines this week is a chart that asks your opinions about our school and for any ideas you may have for development areas. Please can you fill this in and share your ideas.

The sheets are anonymous but if you would like to discuss anything further please don't hesitate to contact me.

## PTFA

The PTFA are busy organising our first ever Bingo and Curry Night for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Please buy tickets and support this event – it's bound to be fun! £12 a ticket contact your class rep, the office or Jodi Dunne – [jodidunne@gmail.com](mailto:jodidunne@gmail.com)

## Dates

Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photographs
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Sponsored Dance a thon
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Bingo and Curry Night PTFA
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Choir visit to the Opera

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