

Headlines

8th December 2017



Dear Parents,

We are all working very hard to cram in everything Christmassy before we finish on the 15th Decemehr. This week has been great fun with the Nativity and the Carol concert rehearsals. There has also been some great sporting events taking place.

The Nativity

As always I loved watching the Nativity the Reception children and Year one and two perform for their parents – it always makes me feel like Christmas has really begun. This year I have to say the singing was absolutely amazing and a Twinkly Treetop Christmas has probably never been performed with so much enthusiasm and enjoyment. Thank you to all the parents who attended and made costumes and listened to the songs and lines at home. Thank you to the teachers who worked so hard to make it lovely for everyone. A special thank you to Miss White, Poppy Wilson White's mummy who generously made some delightful costumes for some of our cast.

Sayers Croft

It was lovely to welcome back the Year 5 children this week who had been to Sayers Croft. The photos and stories tell me you had a fantastic time! Their attitude and behaviour throughout was a credit to themselves, parents and school.



Have a great weekend Mrs Good

Leaders

On Thursday, Kieson, Becky and Luis from Year 6 visited Echelford School to take part in the first part of a Gifted and Talented Leadership Programme. They were joined by 20 other children from around Surrey. They were lead through the morning by Tim from Create Developments who encouraged the children to think about and apply their leadership skills in a fun and engaging way. All three, as well as Mr Good and Mrs Reardon, had a fantastic time and the children are looking forward to using their skills as well as the next training in the spring term.

Staffing News

At the end of last week Mrs Edmondson was honoured for her 25 years' service at Ongar Place Primary School by Surrey. This is an extract of what was read out: Carol has worked at Ongar Place Primary School for 25 years. She is the face of the office and provides a warm and friendly welcome to all visitors, children and staff. In her role as school secretary Carol's organisational skills ensure the smooth running of the school. The five headteachers she has worked with have valued her input and vast knowledge. Families rely on Carol, teachers turn to her and the children know that if they go to Mrs Edmondson when they are hurt or feel sad she will patch them up and make them feel better. On behalf of all the many staff, pupils and families of Ongar Place Primary School, both past and present, I would like to thank Carol for her hard work, dedication and long service.

Ongar Sports

Dare to Believe – Year 5 and 6

On Tuesday, 9 children from Year 5 and 6 visited Surrey Sports Park to take part in the Dare to Believe event. The children took part in a range of Paralympic events – some of which were new to the children such as Boccia. The children were encouraged to think hard about the values of determination, honesty, passion, respect, self-belief and teamwork. The children were rewarded with an award for how they had shown great teamwork. Well done to our team- Jenson, Fran O, Ollie G, Matteo, Archie, Rosie G, Olivia S, Matthew K and Luis. Football report next week!

Christmas dinner ...

On Tuesday 12th December Mrs. Sherwood will be cooking up a Christmas dinner for us all. We would like to invite all children to wear their **Christmas jumpers or tops** with their school uniform trousers or skirt to add to the festive feel.

A huge thank you to Mr Glanvill for donating a massive Christmas tree to the school and for going to collect it for us. It looks very impressive in our school hall and we're very pleased. Many thanks.

PTFA News

The school disco has been reorganised for Friday 5th January. See posters for details.

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.

Dates

Monday 11 th December	KS2 to walk to St Pauls to practice Carol Concert
Tuesday 12 th December	Christmas Dinner. Christmas Jumpers
Tuesday 12 th Decemehr	Carol Concert St Pauls Church 7pm. Children in uniform please
Wednesday 13 th December	Whole School Trip to Pantomime
Friday 15 th December	School finishes 1.30pm. Return Wednesday 3 rd Jan.

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