

# Headlines

9<sup>th</sup> February 2018



## Dear Parents,

Can you believe that half the school year has gone already. It seems to go faster and faster every year. Everyone in school is looking forward to a week off and hoping that the weather stays bright. We'll see you back on the 19<sup>th</sup> February for the second half of the year!

## Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings for this term are **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 3.40pm – 5.50pm** and **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 3.40pm – 6.50pm**. At the evening the teachers will share your child's mid year report with you which will show their attainment, progress and target. There will also be a survey available for all parents to complete.

## Sport at Ongar

Last Thursday some children from Years 5 & 6 represented the school at the Elmbridge Indoor Athletics Event in Walton. Ten teams took part and although we didn't achieve as well as we would have liked, all the children tried their best in all the events and really enjoyed the competition.



## World Book Day

World Book Day is fast approaching and we are busy making plans for the 1<sup>st</sup> March. The dressing up theme for the day is 'Bedtime Stories' so we would like the children to come to school in their pyjamas and dressing gowns or a onesie.

We would like to invite parents and grandparents in to read to groups of children from 9.10 – 9.40 am . If you can spare the time this would be fantastic

The book fair will also be open that week and children and parents are invited to come and browse or buy books at the end of every day. There will be more details after half term.

When choosing snacks for the kids, look for 100 calorie snacks two a day max  
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Respect

## Payments

Our payment system, the School Cash Office, has been upgraded and now contains new features. Look out for these when you next use it. We are hoping that more families will pay on line now. If you need any further information contact the school office after half term.

## Competition

As part of our involvement with Active Surrey we would like to encourage children to take part in a design a flag competition – see over for all the details. The entries will need to be returned to school by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018.

## PTFA News

Quiz Night  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
March 2018.  
See one of the PTFA reps for tickets and details.

## Snow Policy

Please make yourself familiar with our Snow Policy on the website which deals with what will happen if we have snow  
<http://ongar-place.surrey.sch.uk/gridhosted.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Snow-Policy-Dec-16-TG.pdf>

## Year 6 trip

Our Year 6's have been braving the cold at High Ashurst and they seem to have been having a lovely time. I'm sure they will tell us all about it when we come back after half term.



## Diary

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| 9 <sup>th</sup> February                       | Year 6 return from High Ashurst                    |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> February - | Half Term back to school 19 <sup>th</sup> February |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> February | Parents evening (see above)                        |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March                 | World Book Day Book Fair in school all week        |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March                   | PTFA Quiz Night                                    |

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# Design a Flag Competition

Much of the inter-school sport Ongar Place takes part in is organised by Active Surrey. They organise many events during the school year and this year will be holding a Spring Festival in April.

Also, April sees the Commonwealth Games taking place in the Gold Coast, Australia. This consists of 17 sports and 4 para sports. The theme of Games is **'where anything is possible'** and athletes are encouraged **'to share the dream.'**

*'Every athlete has a dream. A dream of marching into the stadium. A dream of meeting and perhaps even beating their idols. A dream of standing on the podium with a medal around their neck as their flag is raised and their anthem sung. It's a dream they want to share with every person in the stadium. With their family and friends. With the World'*

At the start of the Games each country parades their flag around the main arena. Active Surrey are organising a competition to design a flag **which showcases the children's sporting dream for the future or goal for their school team.** Each flag will be judged on its creativity, individuality and illustration of the theme.

**At Ongar Place we would like the children to design their own flag.**

**This should be A4 sized and can be produced by hand or on a computer. The designs should have the name of the child, age and year group on the back and Ongar Place will send the entries off to be judged.**

**The entries will need to be returned to school**

**by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018.**

**We look forward to seeing some fabulous entries.**