

Headlines

9th March 2018



Dear Parents,

Well, it's was great fun last week trying to predict if it was going to snow and if the children would be safe and warm at school and everyone's journey's would be safe. Thank you to everyone for being so supportive when we had to close on Thursday and Friday. Listening to some of the children's stories about sledging and building snowman it would appear that everyone found something to do! Hopefully that's the end of the 'Beasts from the East' but I have left the snow policy details below.

World Book Day

Last Wednesday Billy Bob Buttons came in to hold two workshops with Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6. The children enjoyed listening to him talking about how he became an author and how he writes his books.

Sadly, world book day fell on a snow day. I know that some teachers did dress in their pyjamas all day and read books but unfortunately we're not now going to be able to do this at school as we are so busy for the next few weeks.

Thank you to all the children who entered photos of themselves in their favourite reading place – they have made a lovely display in the library and thank you to everyone who has supported the book fair. For all the sales that we make Scholastic Books contribute some money to the school and we will use this to keep our library stocked up.

PTFA News

The Quiz night was cancelled last week but it has been reorganised for Friday 23rd March. Please see the PTFA letter for 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>

If you did not receive a text and an email last Thursday morning please check that your contact details are up to date.

Year 6 Assembly

Thank you to our Year 6 who presented their assembly last Tuesday. It was great to hear about the full range of all the subjects they have been learning and to hear them singing about SATs! The pictures they showed from their time in High Ashurst show that they had a very adventurous time away. Well done – it won't be long until your leaving assembly.

Last Day

Today is Mr Attenborough's last day. He has been working with Year 6 for the past few months as part of his teacher training course. He has been a real asset to the school and is clearly at the beginning of a promising teaching career. I'm delighted he has secured a job for next year, even though it is not at Ongar! Good luck Matt, hopefully you'll pop back and see us.

Concerns

Please can I remind everyone that posting on social media or discussing sensitive issues in the playground is not a way of solving anything. There are also issues around confidentiality, libel and slander.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have concerns about your child's learning or time at school. Either the class teacher, Mrs Pirie or myself are available to speak to every day.

Sport at Ongar

A group of girls from Years 3 and 4 have been busy with sporting activities over the last couple of weeks. Firstly they visited Cleves School to take part in a Futsal festival. This a game like football played indoors with 7 players and a ball that is less bouncy than usual. The girls took part in a series of drills and then played a few mini-matches. They had lots of fun and were even encouraged to dance between matches!

On Tuesday we travelled to the Excel in Walton to play in the first Year3/4 Girls football tournament. There were 5 schools taking part and Ongar played them all. In the last group game Ongar played local rivals Darley Dene. Darley Dene took an early lead but Ongar fought back with 2 goals from Beth to claim a fantastic victory. We then played a play-off game against Manorcroft and were beaten 1-0. Ongar finished 4th.

What was pleasing about the afternoon was the attitude that the girls showed. The organisers from Surrey FA commented on their spirit, smiles and general cheeriness.

The girls enjoyed both afternoons and look forward to further sporting activities for the school in the future. The group was Rosie K, Beth R, Jess B, Lauren P, Queenie D, Roxy F, Molly F and Lola P.

Best wishes
Mrs Good

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Diary

Monday 12 th March	Dare to believe Event Year 5 and 6
Wednesday 14 th March	Chestnut trip to Gatton Park and 9.15 am Y2 Assembly
Wednesday 21 st March	British Heart Foundation – Sponsored Skip