

Headlines

15th December 2017



Dear Parents,

So we've nearly come to the end of 2017 and the end of our Autumn Term. It seems to have absolutely whipped by! Last week at the Governors meeting I gave a report to Governors telling them about everything we'd been up to since September and it was lovely to be able to report how well the term has gone including our healthy living sports weeks, family learning week, our productions and assemblies, outings and learning. Thank you to all the staff for working so hard to make things great for our children and thank you to all the children for taking part in all aspects of school life.

We all hope you have a very happy Christmas and a good start to 2018. We will see you back in school on Wednesday 3rd January at 8.55am as usual.

Best wishes Mrs T L Good

Ongar Sports

On Thursday last week the football teams travelled to Hershams to play Bell Farm. The Year 6 team was again left with 6 players and were well beaten by 8 goals to nil. However they continued to persevere despite the score line- I was proud of them all- Kieron, Aaryan, Zain, Faye S, Phoebe and Flynn.

The Year 5 team played in a good contest too. They lead 1-0 at the break in an even first half when Toby had to make some good saves. During the second half Ongar began to take control and although Bell Farm did have chances Ongar managed to stretch the lead and ran out 5-0 winners with a hat-trick from Alfie and a brace from Ollie- excellent performance!

The team was Ollie W, Madison, Lucy, Jordan, Alfie, Charlie P, Matthew K and Toby. The Year 5 will have finished top of their group this term and will qualify for the league next term. The Year 6 team will, where possible, take part in friendly matches.



Christmas dinner ...

We had such fun on Tuesday wearing our Christmas jumpers and enjoying a marvellous Christmas Dinner courtesy of the lovely Mrs Sherwood, Sandra and Marie. Thank you ladies!



Nativity

Some of our school governors came to see the nativity last week. Mrs Osborne emailed afterwards: *'What a wonderful experience. I was so impressed with how every one of the children were so involved and gave their absolute all. The singing and dancing were approached with great enthusiasm and I was impressed at how the children remembered their lines and delivered them in strong, clear voices. The Ongar teaching team were amazing to pull off such a polished performance with such young children and I think that the spontaneous, loud applause from the audience showed what a fantastic job they had done!' I couldn't agree more.*

Carol Concert

The Carol Concert was amazing this year. The children sang beautifully telling the story of Christmas through traditional songs and modern songs. The words, which were clearly read by some of our Year 6 children linked Christmas to one of our key messages this term – get involved, have a go. Well done to everyone especially our soloists. A huge thank you to Miss Watts for organising the readers and playing the piano(!), to Mrs Hart for organising the sound and visuals, to all the staff for supporting the children so well and especially to Mrs Meyer who put the whole thing together.



Panto

We all enjoyed the panto, Peter Pan, on Wednesday this week – especially poor Mr Attenborough who became the Dame's love interest very early on. We're hoping that it won't put him off teaching as a career and he will come back to finish his time with us next term! The children were exceptionally well behaved and took part with great enthusiasm. Roll on next years!!

Snow policy - <http://ongar-place.surrey.sch.uk.gridhosted.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Snow-Policy-Dec-16-TG.pdf>

Dates

Friday 15 th December	School finishes 1.30pm. Return Wednesday 3 rd Jan.
Friday 5 th January 2018	PTFA New Year Disco – see posters.

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