

# Headlines

17<sup>th</sup> May 2019



Dear Parents

Well what a week! Monday morning I drove in, thinking to myself "I just need to make sure the SATs go smoothly for the Year 6 children, practice for the CD recording, make some final tweaks to local history week and the rest of the week should look after itself." At breaktime I was in the staff room chatting about Ofsted and when we could expect a visit and then at 11 o'clock I knew exactly when they were coming - 8 am the next day!!

As many of you know, I inspect for Ofsted myself but being on the other side of an inspection is high stakes – no matter how much you think you know. However, our experience on Tuesday was very positive. Mr Blackmore the inspector was professional, courteous and very capable. He listened carefully to everything Mrs Pirie and I said and spent time in every classroom, spoke to children, governors, parents and teachers and looked at a range of books. It was a one day inspection so, in a few weeks time, we will receive a letter from Ofsted outlining what Mr Blackmore found in the specific areas he was looking at and his overall opinion of the school.

I would like to say thank you to all the children, staff, governors and parents who played a part in the process.

## Sport at Ongar

On Wednesday 16th May 2019, the Year 3 football team visited Cleves School for a friendly match following our success in the Cleves festival earlier in the term.

Cleves made a bright start and took a 2 goal lead by half way through the first half. Ongar then began to settle and had long periods of play with the ball in the Cleves' half. Ongar threatened the Cleves goal on a number of occasions, but it was not until 3 minutes remained in the game that Matthew hit a magnificent strike to make the score 2-1. Ongar continued to press but couldn't quite breakthrough for an equalizer.

It was a fantastic match and performance against very strong opposition. All of the team played in the right spirit and gave their all throughout.

The team was Matthew (capt), Leo, Cooper, Justin, Lucas W, Nathan, Kieran, Eric and Oliver.

## Physifun

On Friday 10th May, 9 children from Year 1 travelled to Manorcroft School in Egham to take part in the Runnymede KS1 Physifun festival.

This was an event run by Active Surrey and Fulham FC coaches. The children took part in lots of physical activity throughout the morning. They children engaged with others that perhaps they had not worked with very often and indeed worked well with children from other schools too. Although the aim was for the children to be active, the children were also encouraged to think about the Active Surrey values which are the same as those of Ongar Place.

It was on these values that the schools were finally judged. Ongar Place just came out on top and the school can now send some representatives to the County Finals for Physifun in July- well done Year 1. Thank you to the parents who helped with transporting the children.

The team was Molly-Rose, Alice S, Rudi, Harry, Kieron, Chloe, Florence, Rosie and Summer.

## Local History Week

We are kicking off the week with an assembly by Chertsey Museum and then have planned lots of exciting events. All classes will be completing a local walk (of varying distances) to visit a particular landmark or area and taking part in the big trip on Thursday. We will all be decorating an AddleSTONE (donated by Mr Medhurst) to bring home on Friday and we also have our picnic on Friday.

It is Polling Day 23<sup>rd</sup> May but the school is OPEN and everyone will be going on their house trips. Please be aware there will be four coaches parked outside the school first thing. All children need to enter the school through the front playground on Thursday. Breakfast club will be held in the library and children should come in through the front door for this.

50 Years of Ongar!



We would like to invite parents and families to join us for a picnic on the field on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm.

Bring a picnic for you and your children, bring cakes to go on the cake table to share.

Entertainment will be provided by the Year 3 and 4 dancers and a selection of songs, performed live, from our CD!

The children of parents who can't make it should bring a picnic and will eat with school adults or they can join their friends.

We look forward to seeing you all.  
(lunch will be as usual this day)

We were very disappointed that our CD recording had to be cancelled today due the engineer's illness. However, we have our fingers crossed that it will happen on Monday. Keep practising!