

Headlines

18th November 2016



Dear Parents,

There has been a real buzz around school this week as children have got on with their learning and enjoyed their time in school. I invited two local headteachers to our school on Wednesday to look round the classes, observe some lessons and talk to children and staff members. I am delighted that they were both very impressed with the warmth, politeness and achievement of our children and they commented very positively on our school environment, displays and resources. Comments like this always make me feel very proud!

Miss Watts has also been busy this week. She invited teachers from other schools in to see her teach and has been visiting other schools to watch others as part of a Lesson Study project organised by our Confederation. Well done to Year 6 for putting up with all those adults in your room!

ONGAR RULES!

We are gentle
We are kind and helpful
We listen
We are honest
We learn well
We look after property

If your child has vomiting or diarrhoea they need to be kept at home for 48 hours from their last bout of illness. This is guidance from Public Health England and is used to help stop the spread of infection. Many thanks

Year 2 Pizza Express

On Thursday, Year 2 visited Pizza Express in Chertsey. After washing hands, putting on aprons and hats, everyone was given some dough. The children had to knead and stretch the base before adding tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese. The pizzas looked fantastic as they came out of the oven and the children were all looking forward to taking them home for dinner. The adults had a go to, but some of their pizzas were a very funny shape. The children were all beautifully behaved and had a super time. At the end of the visit Harvey commented 'This has been more than fun – this is the Best!' and Luke is now considering a future career at Pizza Express. Thank you to Mrs Shields and Mrs Liu who accompanied Yr 2.

PTFA News

On Friday 25th November, during the school day, we will be holding **Children's Christmas Shopping Event** where children get the opportunity to secretly buy a present for members of their family. Please see the letter from the PTFA and the posters for further details.

At Ongar we love learning out of school. We have to request a voluntary contribution for these trips as we are unable to pay for them with the school budget. If paying for a trip causes you a worry don't hesitate to come and talk to me in confidence.

Thank you to the PTFA for once again holding a fantastic Christmas Craft Fair. It was well attended and the stalls all looked fantastic. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated and helped. They'll be a full report from Laura next week.

Coming Up
Quiz night
20th January
Pamper Evening
10th February

Ongar Values ...

Responsibility

We had a Squash and A Squeeze in assembly this morning! Thank you to the children who acted for me!

Please park considerately – it is not nice when the office has to field complaints that our parents are parking across driveways!

Sport at Ongar Place

Representatives from Year 5 and 6 attended a Quicksticks (Hockey) Tournament at Surbiton Hockey Club on Wednesday afternoon. The team played 5 matches and despite stiff competition managed to draw and win a game. Everyone had a great afternoon and enjoyed playing this new sport that we are trying to develop at the school. Thank you to parents for transport and Mrs Gailor foreverything hockey.

Have a fantastic weekend
Mrs T L Good

Dates

Thursday 24 th November	Football match Year 5 and 6 against St Cuthberts
Friday 25 th November	Children's shopping event PTFA in school hours
Friday 25 th November	Year 5 Cake Sale
30 th Nov - 2 nd Dec	Year 5 Sayers Croft

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Children's Christmas Shopping Event

FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

Your child will have the opportunity to choose and buy a present for Mum, Dad (or any other adult) and siblings on Friday 25th November during school hours. They can choose gifts for £1 or £2 and they will come home gift wrapped before the end of term. (Where else will you find such a bargain?) Your child will then have the delight of hiding them ready for Christmas morning.

Please send money in a named envelope on or before the day. Please write an indication of how many gifts that money should cover and how many presents are for males, females, boys or girls, so that we can offer your child some assistance if necessary. Children will be going in class groups for this exciting Christmas shopping event.

Many thanks for your support.

Ongar Place PTFA