

# Headlines

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018



## Dear Parents,

Welcome back from half term to the second half of the academic year. Thank you to all the parents who attended parents evening this week. It is so important that we work together to support the children's learning and help them to have a fun and memorable time at school. If you were unable to come to parents' evening please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office to make an appointment after school to see the class teacher. At parents' evening a survey was handed out to parents. I have copied it onto the back of Headlines. If you haven't already filled it in please can you do so and return it to the office.

## World Book Day

World Book Day is next Thursday! 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 have planned for an author to come in on Wednesday to whet the children's appetite and have some activities planned for Thursday.

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 in the PPA room (through the green gates and down the side of the school by the pre-school).

## Ongar Values Compassion

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

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## 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. Please can we also remind you that the old style pound coins can no longer be used to pay for things.

## PTFA News

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



## Year 6 trip

Our Year 6's had a fantastic time away at High Ashurst! Well done to all of you and a huge thank you to Miss Watts, Mrs Gailor, Mrs Reardon and Mr Attenborough for giving up their time to be with them.

## Sad News

As some of you will have already heard our former Caretaker, Shaun O'Neil, died on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February. He had moved back to his home town of Newcastle in 2015 and had suffered with ill health. He died peacefully surrounded by his family including his wife, Jackie. Shaun worked at Ongar for over 14 years and was always a kind man. Those of us who worked with him have fond memories of him helping in the kitchen at Christmas dressed in his chef apron and hat, of tasting some of his delicious cakes and of him dishing out ice-lollies to tired teachers at the end of a summers day. The school will be sending a donation to his wife's chosen charity The Finchale veterans society.

## 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/w/d-content/uploads/Snow-Policy-Dec-16-TG.pdf>

## Diary

Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 assembly
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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