

Headlines

23rd March 2018



Dear Parents,

Once again a busy week at Ongar with sports and arts taking place at every turn. I have been listening to the Year 3 and 4 rehearsing Jack and the Beanstalk for their production next week and am very much looking forward to seeing it. Have a great weekend and don't forget we finish for the Easter holidays at 1.30pm next Thursday.

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

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Choir

Thank you to our choir who performed beautifully at Mrs Edmondson's official retirement do on Wednesday after school and thank you to the parents who waited patiently while I waffled on. The singing sounded beautiful, as always. I think the tears that were shed by some members of the choir were just a taster of next week when Mrs Edmondson actually leaves us!

Leadership

Last Thursday Kieson, Becky and Luis from Year 6 visited the Dawnay School in Leatherhead to take part in the second part of their Gifted and Talented Leadership Programme run by Active Surrey - working alongside other students from across the county. They carried out a series of team building activities, practised presented to groups, designed new activities and worked on developing surveys- amongst other things! They had a very busy and useful morning and we will now be looking at developing these skills further in the summer term.

Look out for Football news after Easter!

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>



Skipping

On Wednesday, in support of the British Heart Foundation, and our own hearts, all the children took part in a skipping workshop. The day started with an assembly to remind children about the health benefits of skipping and why they were being sponsored. Each class warmed up with different running and jumping activities. Following this, they practised some skipping skills with their own ropes. It was great to see how lots of children had remembered and could still perform many of the 'tricks' they learned earlier in the year. After this they tried to skip for as long as they could. Their times were all noted. Finally, they had a class challenge which involved running in and out of a long rope. Lots of fun was had by everyone. We have re-kindled a love of skipping, kept our hearts healthy and hopefully raised lots of money for charity. Watch this space! Thank you Mr Knott for organising this.

Family Learning

Family learning cooking ended this week. Thank you to the parents who took part. We have other opportunities coming up so please contact Mrs Pirie if you would like to be involved.



Morning

Please can I remind parents that the priority for teachers and teaching assistants at the beginning of the day is welcoming children and preparing for learning. If you have an important message please pass it on as quickly as possible. If you need to discuss something please arrange a time when you can meet the teacher. Parents should not follow their children into classrooms but should go to the office and speak to the office staff.

PTFA News

Don't forget the quiz night tonight! Look out for the PTFA newsletter with important dates and information on it.

Diary

Friday 23 rd March	PTFA Quiz Night
Monday 26 th March 12 noon	Last day for parent nominations for governor
Tuesday 27 th March	7pm Jack and the Beanstalk Year 3 and 4
Wednesday 28 th March	7pm Jack and the Beanstalk Year 3 and 4
Thursday 29 th March	Last day of term finish at 1.30pm
Monday 16 th April	First Day of summer term 8.55am

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