

# Headlines

24<sup>th</sup> November 2017



## Dear Parents,

With only three weeks left of this term, we have begun preparing for Christmas in earnest! Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are busy rehearsing for the Nativity. 'A Twinkly Treetop Tale' will be performed on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm in the hall. The Key Stage 2 Carol Concert will take place the following week on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm at St Paul's Church. The singing is already sounding beautiful and the children are really looking forward to sharing these events with you.

We were visited by two local headteachers this week. They spent time observing and talking to children during lessons and at playtime. It was lovely to hear their positive comments about the behaviour and confidence of our children, as well as the way in which they are able to talk about their learning and the consideration they show for each other.

## ONGAR RULES!

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

## Ongar Values ...

### Trust.

This week we listened to the story 'The Tiger's Whisker' in assembly and thought about why it sometimes takes time to build trust.



Our Rocksteady bands have been busy rehearsing for their Autumn term concert this afternoon. We are looking forward to a rather noisy, but fun sing-a-long to some Christmas favourites.

On Monday, we will be welcoming Mr Hutton-Attenborough to Ongar Place. He will be working in Year 6 as he trains to become a teacher.

## PTFA News

On Thursday, the PTFA held the Children's Christmas shopping event. The children had a lovely time choosing just the right presents for their loved ones. These have been wrapped and handed out to children to hide away at home ready for Christmas day. A huge thank you to the team of PTFA members who organised the event and helped make the experience so enjoyable for the children.

The PTFA will be holding a New Year's disco for the children on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January – more details will follow soon.

## Sport at Ongar

On Monday, 8 children from Year 3 and 4 visited Guildford Spectrum to take part in the Dare to Believe challenge. This was one of a series of events around the country where children have the opportunity to take part in a range of Paralympic sports. The children took part in activities including seated volleyball, boccia, and goalball. The children took part with great enthusiasm and were a pleasure to take to the event. The children were Roxy, Lily-Rose, Josh W, Charlie P, Charlie V, Dexter, Callum and Dillen. Next month some children from Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in a similar event.



## Dates

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Class Assembly
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 5 trip to Sayers Croft
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Dare to Believe Multiskills Y5/6
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Café Community event at Jubilee

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