

Headlines

26th April 2019



Dear Parents

Welcome back from the Easter break. I hope you all found some sunshine and some time to spend with your families. As we begin our final term of the year, we continue to work hard but we also put a huge emphasis on memorable moments – those times and activities that children will look back on as highlights of their primary school years. See below for details of our local history week and celebration of Ongar at 50. We also have an “aspiration week” which is at the beginning of being planned and, as always, there are sports days and the Year 5 and 6 production to rehearse and enjoy. There are also Year 6 and Year 2 SATs and the Year 1 phonics tests. At Ongar we approach these in a realistic and hopefully unstressful way. We encourage children to do their best but at the same time we recognise that the tests just provide an official snapshot of what children can do at a certain time, on a certain day and enable the school to be judged.

Hopefully every child will find something they can enjoy this term and remember and every parent can find an opportunity to visit and be involved.

It's a short week next week as we have Polling Day on the Thursday and Inset day on Friday. Children are not expected in school on Thursday 2nd May, Friday 3rd or Monday 6th.

Polling Day 23rd May

There may or may not be a polling day on Thursday 23rd May and once again Surrey have insisted that the school be used. However, I have insisted that **we are not closing** as we have our house trips going on that day and it would be impossible to rearrange or a cancel them without huge financial loss.

I will put in place any measures I think are needed to make sure the voters and children do not come in contact with each other but this may mean the children entering and leaving the school through a different gate or door. I will let you know.

INVITATION 50 Years of Ongar!



We would like to invite parents and families to join us for a picnic on the field on Friday 24th 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)

World Book 'Night'

Thank you to the select group of parents who came to Mrs Pirie's book club on Tuesday and to all of you who took a copy of the book 'Rosie loves Jack' – if you would like a copy please ask.

Swimming starts next week. I've tried to arrange it so that all children get a fair amount of swimming time so later in the term there may be a couple of swaps. Keep an eye on the learning letter to keep up to date.

We are still desperate for helpers – if you can help, even once or twice, please let us know.

Local History Week

If there is anyone who has any items, artefacts or memories of Ongar School or Addlestone over the last 50 years please contact Miss Watts as we would love to create a display for our history week.

Dates

Thursday 2 nd May	Polling Day - school closed to children
Friday 3 rd May	INSET Day – school closed to children
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May	KS2 SATS week. All Y6 children to be in school or contact Mrs Good asap.