

# Headlines

29<sup>th</sup> March 2019



## Dear Parents,

Whether we are in or out of Europe makes no difference to us at Ongar! We keep working hard, learning lots and having fun – especially when the sun shines!

We are approaching the end of the Spring Term and are already looking forward to our events next term. There will be letter coming out in the near future but a heads up is below:

The week of the 13<sup>th</sup> May is **SATs week** for KS2 and Miss Watts and I are already putting in place arrangements for the actual tests. The children have absolutely nothing to worry about – just keep on working hard and listen to the advice they are given.

On the Friday of SATs week (the 17<sup>th</sup>) we will be **recording a professionally engineered CD** to celebrate **50 years of Ongar!** The children will be performing tracks from the last 50 years as a whole school and as classes. The CD will be available to buy. Look out for the letter coming soon.

The week after is our **Local History week** and again there will be activities in school and around the school for all the classes. On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May the whole school will be heading off and every child will be visiting the place their house is named after, so ... Brooklands to Brooklands, Painshill to Painshill etc. We are very excited about **the BIG trip** and have some great activities planned.

And then ... on the Friday (24<sup>th</sup>) we will be inviting all parents to come and join us for a **big picnic tea** in the afternoon, again to celebrate **50 years of Ongar.** We hope to perform a selection of our CD songs and the dance we perfected for the dance festival.

WOW! We are desperately hoping for lots of sunny days!

Some of these events have a cost implication and as always we try to keep this as low as possible. If this causes you concern don't hesitate to come and talk to me.

In the meantime, have a good weekend. Mrs T L Good

Last Saturday morning, a group of children from Year 3 to Year 6, boys and girls, went to Notre Dame School, in Cobham, to take part in a **Cross Country running event.**

Starting at 9 o'clock the Year 3s and 4s ran over 1.6km. The girls team of Molly, Sophia, Maya, Millie and Evie all ran brilliantly. In a race of 70 runners they came in 56, 57, 48, 47 and 53 respectively. A great result for the girls - none of whom come to Running Club so they had had no practice. The boys team of George, Nathan, Lucas, Kamran, Justin and Jason all put in a huge effort to finish 59, 55, 65, 30, 76, 85 respectively out of a huge field of 90. Unfortunately, Charlie was unable to race on Saturday but he came to support his team mates – Josh, Dexter, Adam and Alfie who finished in 53, 54, 29 and 57 in a race of 60 runners. Finally, approaching midday came the Year 6 races. Again, unfortunately we couldn't put out full teams. Lucy represented Ongar by herself and produced a fast, well-paced run to finish in a fabulous 12th position. Jordan and Oliver ran for the boys. With amazing symmetry Oliver came in 12th after running at the front for most of the race. Jordan, running in his final event, ran really well. He put in a great last-gasp sprint to improve his last year's position by over 20 places to 46. I was very proud of everyone who took part. They thoroughly deserved their cookies at the finish post. Thank you to all the parents for the transport and the support you gave all the children.

## Sport at Ongar

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March a football team from Year 3 visited Cleves School for an indoor 6-a-side football festival. It was the first time the group had played together for the school and there was much (and I mean much) excitement!

There were 6 teams in the festival – Ongar Place, Cleves A and B, Holy Family, Grovelands and Sayes Court.

The standard of play was very good and there were some very entertaining matches throughout the afternoon.

Ongar's afternoon was very successful. They managed to beat each of the other 5 teams across the afternoon. Leo scored 3 goals, Cooper and Oliver 2 each and Matthew also scored from a defensive position.

The 2 goalkeepers, Eric and Kieran, alternated matches and did a good job only conceding 1 during the afternoon. This was helped by fantastic defending from Matthew and Nathan.

It was really exciting to watch the boys play with such skill. Although no results are officially recorded I think this performance represents an 'unofficial festival' victory.

Well done Year 3!



Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Infant Music Festival
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Rock Steady Concert
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Dance Festival
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	PTFA Easter Egg-stravaganza
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	End of term – school finishes 1.30. Return Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 8.55am

Swimming starts again after Easter. Please see the letter to find out what day your child is swimming.