

Headlines

30th November 2018



Dear Parents,

I have been peering through the window at the weather all week thinking about our Year 5 children and staff who have been on their residential trip to Sayers Croft. I think they avoided the worst of the rain and the wind and have had a great time. I look forward to welcoming them back this afternoon!

PTFA News

The Christmas cards have been delivered to the school and will be given to the children this afternoon.

Tuesday 11th December. FS and KS1
'Once Upon A Christmas'

Thursday 13th December

Whole school Children's Christmas Shopping.

Sport at Ongar

On Friday 23rd November we sent our first all girls football team to a play a match against Ashley school in Walton. The team were made up of a few Year 5's that included Jessica B & Rosie K and the rest of the team were Year 6; Erin, Heidi, Sophie, Hattie & Lucy.

Both teams played very well throughout the game but sadly Ongar lost 6-0. They had never played as a team before and had no training together but despite this they improved and showed great teamwork and determination.

Ongar had over 4 shots at goal but unfortunately they were saved or hit the goal post.

The girls are looking forward to their next match.

Thank you to the parents for taking the children to the match and thank you to Mr Good for organising the match.

By Erin

Staffing News

We will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Matchett at the end of term. As well as working here Mrs Matchett has been busy taking accountancy exams and is now ready to take off from Ongar and find herself a high powered job! Victoria has been at Ongar for 7 years and is able to turn her hand to anything – we will definitely miss her artistic contributions!

Welcome to Miss

Minto who joins us in Year 6 from Brighton University for the next couple of months to complete her teacher training.

Have a good weekend

Children of the Dump

On Tuesday John Busby came into school and took assembly for all our children. He spoke about the charity 'Children of the Dump'. He works hard to raise awareness of the difficult lives some children in Manila in the Philippines have; scavenging the rubbish dumps in order to find food and things that can be recycled. John also met with our school council and was very impressed with our children's empathy and the questions they asked.

We have decided that on the 18th December, Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day, we will ask for donations that we can pass on to Children Of the Dump. I realise this is a very expensive time of year for everyone but even 50p can make a difference. Please send your spare change in with your child on the 18th.



www.childrenofthedump.org.uk

How Long???

Mrs Hayward and Mrs Sherwood were both invited to the County Hall this week as they have worked for Surrey for 25 years.

Mrs Sherwood has been employed by Commercial Services and has been in our kitchen for most of this time, preparing lovely school dinners for many, many children.

Mrs Hayward is a very valued member of Ongar Place staff and I had the pleasure of writing her citation:

'Annette joined Ongar Place Primary School as an administrative officer.

Now school business manager, she is absolutely key to the strategic direction, smooth running and efficiency of the same school. She is relied on by many and provides great support to her colleagues and the children of the school. On behalf of all the many staff, pupils and families of Ongar Place Primary School, both past and present, I would like to thank Annette for her hard work, dedication and long service.

Dates

6 th and 7 th December	YR and KS1 Nativity 2.30pm school hall
Thursday 13 th December	KS2 Carol Concert St Pauls Church 7pm
Friday 14 th December	Whole school to Panto
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas lunch. Wear a Christmas Jumper - donation please

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