

Headlines

7th October 2016



Dear Parents,

We had a lovely response to our EXTREME READ competition – I've held off announcing the winners because we've had so many other things to report on Headlines. I am pleased to tell you that our winners were Louisa Hart, Dexter Perry, Jessica Bamber, and Reece McMorris. With a special mention to the Pages and Sparkes joint entry – Maisie, Emily and Freya – Prizes on Monday in assembly!

ONGAR RULES!

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



Year 6 transfer to secondary school

The deadline for applications is 31 October 2016, but Surrey recommends parents apply by 21 October, before the half term holidays. Parents who miss the deadline reduce their chances of getting one of their preferred schools, please apply online by visiting surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

Ongar Values ... PEACE

This week I read Peace at Last by Jill Murphy in assembly and asked children to make sure they allow themselves some peaceful time to think about their ambitions and goals.

Kitchen

Mrs Brill is working very hard to try and organise the installation of a small kitchen that children can use to cook in. The quotes we've had so far are astronomical and we're looking for anyone who can help us – kitchen fitters, kitchen suppliers or benevolent millionaires!

All the photos will be laminated and put up in our library which we are trying to improve. We have already invested in some very comfortable beanbags and are planning to improve our book selection and computer system.

Illness

You can tell we're four and half weeks into term because this is when children (and adults) start flaking and sharing germs and illnesses. Please can you remind your children to cover the mouth and nose when they cough and sneeze and how to use a tissue properly. Can we also remind parents that if a child has sickness or diarrhoea they cannot return to school for 48 hours.

Parents Evening

Parents evenings will take place on Tuesday 18th 3.40pm until 6.00pm and Thursday 19th October 3.40pm until 7.00pm. The sign up sheets will be available outside school from Monday or ring the office between 10-2pm to make an appointment. This parents meeting is an opportunity to find out how well your child has settled into their new class and to discuss their attitude to learning so far. Appointments are 10 minutes long.

PTFA News

The PTFA have managed to secure 60 cut price tickets for Snow White at Woking theatre on 14th December. Please return the slips that went out today or contact Anita Kewell – ptfa@anitak.co.uk

Governor Vacancy

On Wednesday you will all have received a letter and nomination sheet for Parent Governor. Please take the time to read this and consider whether you or another parent you know have got the skills we need. There is more information on the website.

Dates

All week	Bikeability Year 6 children who have signed up.
Thursday 13 th October	Y5/6 Football match v St Charles Borromeo
Friday 14 th October	FS and KS1 Harvest assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20 th October	Parents Evenings

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