

Headlines

11th November 2016



Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week at Ongar and the children have been learning a huge amount. It was lovely to walk around the school yesterday with one of our new Governors, Mrs Grace. Because Mrs Meyer is returning to her native South Africa for a couple of weeks in order to celebrate a family event we've started our Christmas singing a little earlier than usual. It was great to see all of Reception and KS1 taking part and enjoying the songs we've chosen. KS2 classes were looking a little dangerous; Year 5 were wielding hockey sticks as part of a PE lesson, Year 6 were snatching partners away from each other as part of a PSHE game but most worrying was Year 3 who had children brandishing knives and axes and discussing skinning rabbits – fortunately it was all part of their history learning and under the watchful eye of Miss Wells!

ONGAR RULES!

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

Christmas card orders need to be back by Monday 14th November.

Year 6 Junior Citizen

On Wednesday Year 6 took the coach to Thorpe Park. They had been invited to take part in the annual Junior Citizen event which is organised by different agencies throughout Surrey. The children learnt about all different types of safety and how to make a 999 call. However, it was a little disappointing that so many of them were tempted to follow a stranger when they were offered a theme park ride! All of those who went were well behaved and once again a credit to the school. Thank you to all the adults who went.



PTFA News

Preparations are well underway for the Christmas Fair and tickets are available from your class rep and after school.

Raffle tickets have been sent out; please purchase to be in with a chance of winning.

We are still collecting bottles for a bottle tombola and we are also looking for some delicious cakes for the cake stall – see poster over. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday!

At Ongar we love learning out of school. We have to request a voluntary contribution for these trips as we are unable to pay for them with the school budget. If paying for a trip causes you a worry don't hesitate to come and talk to me in confidence.

Sport at Ongar Place

On Thursday 11th November the football team took part in the ERPSSA Under 11 7-a-side football tournament at Royal Holloway. We were due to play against 3 other schools but unfortunately 1 team did not arrive. This meant we played each of the other teams twice. We lost twice by a goal to nil to a very strong St Ann's Heath team who have won the competition on a number of occasions previously. We managed to beat local rivals St. Paul's twice though by scores of 1-0 and 2-0. This put us through to the quarter finals where we played St Cuthbert's. This was a tough game in which both teams had chances to win but ended in a 0-0 score line. Both teams pushed forward in extra time but it was St Cuthbert's who managed to scramble home the decisive winning goal. The team (Max, Louis, Kieson, Harrison, Mikey, Oscar, Ben and Henry) played incredibly well and this represents the first time that an Ongar team has progressed from their group in a football tournament. Well played boys!

Ongar Values ...
Responsibility
In assembly the children heard the story of the scorpion and the frog and thought about responsible behaviour.

Photos

Individual photo proofs went out this week. They need to be back by Friday 18th November .

Dates

15 th November	Year 5/6 football match
15 th November	Governors Resources and Children and Learning Committee 6pm
15 th November	PTFA meeting Jo Tellings house 7.30pm
16 th November	Qwicksticks Tournament Y5/6
17 th November	Year 2 Pizza Express Visit
17 th November	PTFA Christmas Fair 7pm

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