

Headlines

13th January 2023



Dear Parents

Welcome to the first Headlines of 2023 – it seems like we have been back at school forever!

We have an exciting term planned both sports wise and event wise. Please see below for dates.

If you find that during these bleak months you have some extra time on your hands and would like to come into school to help hear readers or to volunteer for another role please don't hesitate to contact the office. There is always something to do!

Have a good weekend

Mrs T L Good

Reading Workshop Tuesday 17th January, 9.00 at school – Everyone Welcome



Lunchtimes

We are delighted that so many children are having a hot meal at school. However, this has led to our lunchtimes being very busy! Over the next couple of weeks we are going to try out different ways of KS2 coming in to eat so it is not always the Y6 who are last. We will be asking the children to see if things improve.

School Places

If you have a child who was born between 01.09.19 and 31.08.20, the closing date for applications to Surrey for a place at Ongar is 15th January. Even if you already have a child in the school, you need to apply.

Family Learning Week

We are inviting parents (one parent per child) to come and join your child in school from 9 am – 10.30 am on a specific day during the week of the 30th January. Please see the flyer and return the slip to book your place.

Pantathlon

On Monday, 10 children visited Jubilee High School to take part in the Pantathlon competition. This is an event where children take part in 6 different challenges and work as a team to score points for their school.

Many of the team had taken part in this event before and were able to reassure the first-time participants. The team was Emily, Theo, Owen, Bunty (Year 6), Harry, Lara, Alice S and Molly (Year 5) and Riley-James and Teddy (Year 2).

The team were impeccably behaved and a credit to the school achieving fantastic results.

There were 6 teams in the event St George's, Thames Ditton, Chandler's Field finished 4th, 5th and 6th. Manorcroft were 3rd and Ongar Place finished in an amazing 2nd Place. St Paul's ended up winners. The team all received certificates and medals as well as a team trophy which were presented in a school assembly.

Well done to the team and thank you to those who accompanied our pupils.

Description	Date	Time
Parent Reading workshop	17/01/23	09:00 - 10:00
Y4 Cake Sale after school today	27/01/23	15:20 - 15:30
Family Learning Week	30/01/23 – 03/02/23	09.00 – 10.30
Y6 High Ashurst	08/02/23 – 10/02/23	
Spring Half Term	13/02/23 - 17/02/23	
INSET DAY	20/02/23	
Parents Evening	21/02/23	15:30 - 18:00
Parents Evening	23/02/23	15:30 - 17:00
May Day Bank Holiday	01/05/23	
Coronation Day Bank Holiday	08/05/23	
KS2 SATs week	09/05/23 - 11/05/23	
Chestnuts Gatton Park	10/05/23	
Chestnuts cake sale	12/05/23	
Local History Week Starts	22/05/23	all day

Sporting Dates for Diaries

We have lots of sport arranged for the Spring term. Children will receive separate letters if they are taking part in these events. Please note that these dates are subject to change and there may be additional events added

DATE	EVENT
Monday 16 th January	Girl's Cup Quarter-Final @ Cleves
Monday 23 rd January	Dodgeball tournament (Yr 6)
Monday 30 th January	Lower KS2 football tournament @ Cleves
Wed 1 st February	Badminton festival @ Cleves
Mon 6 th February	Sports Hall Athletics @ Xcel Walton (Yr 5/6)
Wed 22 nd February	1 st Steps to Leadership (Yr 2) @ Ongar
Tues 28 th February	Cup Quarter-Final @ St James'
Thursday 2 nd March	Dance festival @ Notre Dame (KS2)
Wed 15 th March	Football @ Thorpe Lea
Sat 18 th March	Cross-country @ Notre Dame (KS2)
Monday 20 th March	Football vs St Cuthbert's