

Headlines

24th February 2023



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all the parents who attended our parents' evenings this week. It is important for us to work in partnership to support children's learning and these evenings provide an opportunity to view your child's work and discuss progress. Of course, parents are always welcome to make an appointment at the office to talk to their child's teacher at any time during the year.

High Ashurst

At High Ashurst, Year 6 had the time of their lives while having fun and going on wacky adventures! On arrival, we first had an adventure walk through Headley Heath, which lasted for around 45 minutes. However, the fun didn't stop there. We headed to the challenge course and worked together to get to the end. This included balancing, and most importantly teamwork, which was a recurring theme during this residential trip.

On our second day, we did rock climbing and abseiling, woodlands skills and archery. Everybody faced their fears and was pushed out of their comfort zones.

On our last day we went to the high ropes course where we faced our fears again. It was a great experience.

By Annabelle and Sophie

Industrial Action

Next Thursday (02/03/23) members of the NEU (National Education Union) have voted to take industrial action and are proposing that they will strike.

Teachers at Ongar are sympathetic to the union's requests that a fully-funded increase in pay for teachers, which matches inflation, is agreed.

To take part in the strike action is a personal decision that will be made by individuals belonging to the NEU. While I can ask teachers if they are preparing to be absent themselves from school on the days of the strike, the law states that they are not required to tell me.

I am expecting minimal disruption at Ongar Place but it may be that I will have to give late notice of a partial closure. Please ensure that you have emergency child care in place if you require it.

I will inform you as early as possible if there are any changes.

Book Fair and World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 3rd March. Our theme this year is 'Bedtime stories' and children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas on Friday. There will be different book themed activities taking place throughout the day.

Every day next week the Scholastic book fair will be held after school. There will be a variety of books and stationary for sale and children will be able to spend the book token they bring home today at the fair.



HAF vouchers

Club4 will be running Holiday Activity Clubs for selected children this Easter. Look out for vouchers sent through Wonde to book a place.

Congratulations

Huge congratulations to Rosie in Year 5. She was awarded the Runnymede Civic Award this week for Young Volunteer of the Year. Well done Rosie, we are all extremely proud of you.



Dates

Monday 27 th February – Friday 3 rd March	Book fair in school all week
Thursday 2 nd March	Dance Festival at Notre Dame School
Friday 3 rd March	World Book Day celebration
Friday 3 rd March	Year 3 Cake Sale
Friday 3 rd March	PTFA Quiz Night
Monday 6 th March	Badminton festival

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