

Headlines

26th January 2024



Dear Parents,

Another busy week at Ongar with our first digital week of the year in Year 6 and 4 and lots of computing and learning going on across the school.

In Nursery our children have been taking advantage of the brighter weather and have spent lots of time outside.

Have a good weekend, Mrs T L Good

PTFA Our next PTFA meeting will be on **29th Jan at 7.30pm** in the school staff room. We are putting together the plan for our 2024 events and hoping to run a quiz, school discos and more, but we need your help. Everyone is welcome so if you'd like to get involved and support your children please come along and join us on the 29th January.

Football Match vs Sayes Court

On Tuesday 23rd January 2024 the football team walked the short distance to play a league match against Sayes Court.

The opposition were very strong and ran out comfortable winners-11-1. An excellent goal was scored by Ethan and despite the score line our player of the match was the goalkeeper, Ben, who made a string of fantastic saves.

At the end of the game I spoke to both teams and everyone agreed that despite the score our team battled until the very end - great determination, Mr Good

Dates for Diaries

| Description | Date | Time |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Digital Week Years 2/3 | 29/01/24 | |
| Y3 & Y4 Football @ Cleves | 29/01/24 | 12:30 - 15:00 |
| Full Governing Body Mtg | 30/01/24 | 18:30 - 20:30 |
| Parent Governor Nominations - cut off date/time | 02/02/24 | 12:00 |
| Y6 Self Defence Course - in hall/music room | 05/02/24 | |
| Football Yr 5/6 vs Holy Family | 06/02/24 | 15:00 - 17:00 |
| Finish for Spring Half Term | 09/02/24 | 3.20pm |
| Parents Evening | 19/02/24 | 15:30 - 18:30 |
| Parents Evening | 21/02/24 | 15:30 - 18:30 |
| Pantathlon @ Cleves | 22/02/24 | 09:30 - 12:00 |
| Surrey Youth Games Assembly | 27/02/24 | 09:30 - 10:00 |
| Y5 Football @ Royal Holloway | 29/02/24 | 11:00 - 16:00 |
| Dance Festival @ Notre Dame | 07/03/24 | 12:00 - 15:30 |
| PTFA Quiz Night TBC | 08/03/24 | 19:30 - 22:00 |
| Who Cares - NHS performance in hall | 13/03/24 | 08:30 - 11:30 |
| Y5/6 | | |
| Cross Country @ Notre Dame | 16/03/24 | 09:00 - 13:00 |
| Family Learning Week More details to follow | 18/03/24 | |
| Rock Steady Spring Concert | 21/03/24 | 14:30 - 15:30 |
| Nursery closed | 26/03/24 – 28/03/24 | |
| SATRO Electronics Workshop Y4/Y6 | 26/03/24 | all day |
| Easter Holidays finish at 1.30pm | 28/03/24 | |
| INSET DAY School closed to children | 15/04/24 | |
| Nursery open as usual | | |
| Back to school | 16/04/24 | 8.55am |

Governor Vacancy

You will have received an email or letter this week explaining we have a vacancy on the Governing Body and asking for parents to nominate themselves as a governor.

All members of the Governing Body have three strategic functions:

- developing the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school
- holding school leadership to account for the performance of the school and staff
- ensuring sound, proper and effective use of the school's financial resources.

No special qualifications are needed to be a governor except good interpersonal skills.

If you would like to have an informal chat with either me or one of our Co-Chairs of Governors regarding the role please do not hesitate to contact the office to make an appointment.

Parents' Evening 19th and 21st February 2024 - Online Appointment Booking

I would like to invite you to attend our Parents' Evening on either the 19th or 21st February. This is an important evening and provides you with an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss the progress your child is making.

We have an online appointment booking system through Scopay. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointment.

Appointments can be made from 4pm Friday 26th January and will close at 12pm on the 7th February. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.

Please use the Scopay app or Scopay.com to book your appointment, as you would to pay for trips. If you are not already registered with Scopay, please email the school office at admin@ongar-place.surrey.sch.uk to request login details.

If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office from the 29th January between 9.30 and 2.30 and we will be happy to make an appointment for you.