Headlines



2nd February 2024

Dear Parents,

We have had a request from a parent that their child is not given sweets to celebrate their classmates birthday. I currently do not want to make a blanket rule about this as I feel that sharing a treat with their friends can make children feel special on their birthday. It is a long-standing tradition and creates a sense of celebration and community in class. We are already very strict about no sweets at break and lunchtime. Treats are given out and children are told that they cannot open them in school. I will include a question about this in the yearly parents evening survey. However, in the meantime I would ask that parents consider sending a healthy alternative alongside the sweets for children to choose if they wish. Many thanks, Mrs Good

PTFA Thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA meeting on Monday. The PTFA will be putting together a plan for the year and will be looking for volunteers soon.

We have noticed that some children are not being strapped into cars properly on their journey to and from school. Please can you ensure your child is strapped in securely.

Sport -Football

On Monday 29th January, Ongar Place took part in the ERPSSA Year 3/4 Indoor football festival at Cleves.

There were 6 teams taking part- Ongar Place, Cleves, Holy Family, Grovelands, St James' and Bell Farm.

There were some excellent players in all of the teams. The scores were not recorded from the event but I can tell you that our team managed to win, lose and draw some of their games! All of the players played at different points during the afternoon. In fact, the only player who played throughout was Hugo who was excellent in goal. The boys enjoyed the afternoon and are keen to play again! The team was Hugo, Henry, Lennon, Louie, Evin, Albert, Connor and Rocco. Thank you to the parents for helping with transport.

Dates for Diaries

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Description	Date	Time
Y6 Self Defence Course -	05/02/24	
Football Yr 5/6 vs Holy Family	06/02/24	15:00 - 17:00
Finish for Spring Half Term 3.20pm	09/02/24	
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 8.55am	16/04/24	

Sport - Sports Hall Athletics

On Friday Ongar Place took part in the **ERPSSA Sportshall Athletics** Championships. This took place this year at ACS Cobham- a fantastic venue. Ongar competed in track and field events organized for both boys and girls. We had a young team with representatives from throughout KS2. The competition was extremely tough and we managed to finish a very creditable 5th. Our children performed with great merit and there were some great shows of support for one another too. The girls managed to win 2 out of their 6 races. The girls were also the best at the speed bounce and our boys were third in the vertical jump.

Well done to all those taking part- Izzy, Summer, Lily M, Lillie G, Octavia, Callie, Myla, Skyla, Evie, Amy P, Harry, Gray, Robert, Henry, Lennon, Sol, Kieron, Louie, Zac, James L and Grayson.

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

Appointments for parents evening can be made up until 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 <u>admin@ongar-</u>

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.