

Headlines

12th January 2024



Dear Parents,

It seems like ages since the beginning of term but as this is the first Headlines of the New Year let me wish you all a Happy New Year!

I would also like to thank anyone who contributed to end of year class presents or bought a little treat for staff – these are very much appreciated, as are the cards and good wishes.

We restarted the year with wet and windy weather but it didn't stop us getting on with our learning and embracing our new topics. Curriculum letters were sent out last week with an overview of topics and learning this year. There is more information on the website. This term is always a very busy term – some dates are listed below. Look out for more on subsequent Headlines.

Have a good weekend, Mrs T L Good

PTFA

Many apologies for the postponement of the PTFA meeting this Tuesday. The meeting will be rescheduled and we'll share the new date soon. In the meantime, if you are interested in joining the PTFA we are looking for a new secretary and volunteers to organise our Quiz night and school discos this Spring. If you'd like to help please email ongarplaceptfa@yahoo.com

I was delighted to welcome Ms Hannam into school on Friday. Ms Hannam is a colleague of mine and had a positive day looking at the learning and behaviour at Ongar. She was generally very impressed! Thank you to all the children who answered her questions and showed her their books.

Measles

We have one confirmed case of measles in the school. Vulnerable children and adults in the school have been informed. Please read the poster on the back of Headlines. If you have any concerns about your child please contact your GP.

Thank you to the **Perform** Theatre group who provided some wonderful workshops for YR and KS1.

Our Pupil Voice Group have kicked off the term thinking about Mindfulness. Here are their top tips:

Ongar's Top Mindfulness Tips

1. **Take a deep breath**
2. **Listen to calm music**
3. **Get some fresh air**
4. **Read a book**
5. **Use a fidget toy**

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Dates for Diaries

Description	Date	Time
Dodgeball @ Cleves	12/01/24	12:00 - 16:00
Digital week Years 1/5	15/01/24	
Cricket Y1 - Y5 @ Ongar	18/01/24	
Year 5 Cake Sale	19/01/24	08:30 - 15:30
Digital week Years 6/4	22/01/24	
Y5&Y6 Football @ Sayers Court	23/01/24	15:00 - 17:00
Sports Hall Athletics at ACS Cobham	26/01/24	12:00 - 16:00
Digital Weeks 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
Football Yr 5/6 vs Holy Family	06/02/24	15:00 - 17:00
TG EDI Zoom	06/02/24	16:00 - 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
PTFA Quiz Night TBC	08/03/24	19:30 - 22:00
Who Cares - NHS performance in hall Y5/6	13/03/24	08:30 - 11:30
Cross Country @ Notre Dame	16/03/24	09:00 - 13:00
Nursery closed	26/03/24 – 28/03/24	
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	

Can I remind parents that:

Children should not wear nail varnish to school. They will be asked to remove it or helped to remove it if they do.

Children should have a PE kit in school at all times.

Children need to either have no earrings in on PE days or be able to remove their own earrings and keep them safe.

Children should not wear oversized bows or other hair ornaments.

Prospective Parents

Many thanks to our ambassadors who did the tours for our final prospective parents on Wednesday. If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 you will need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2024. This is even if your child is in our nursery or has a sibling in the school.