

# Headlines

10<sup>th</sup> January 2025



## Dear Parents,

Christmas seems like forever ago but I hope you all managed to find some fun and rest during the break and have started 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.

It has been freezing cold this week but that hasn't stopped us getting on with our learning and embracing our new topics. Curriculum letters will be sent out today with an overview of topics and learning for 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

## PE Kit

At the end of last term we sent a letter out about PE Kit in KS2. From this week children should come in wearing their PE Kit on the days they have PE. Teachers will have told children when this is. This was very successful this week as it saved time and avoided the issue of forgotten kits.

However please can I ask that children wear the school PE kit as far as possible; **black or burgundy joggers, burgundy shorts and white t-shirt and a school jumper or cardigan with trainers.**

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

### Can I also 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.

Earrings should be plain studs.

Long hair should be tied back and children should not wear oversized bows or other hair ornaments.

## Diary Dates

Description	Date	Time
Surrey Cricket Coaching starts	13/01/25	08:30 - 15:00
PTFA Meeting TBC	13/01/25	19:30 - 21:00
Carbon Monoxide Workshop Y3	14/01/25	09:30 - 12:00
Carbon Monoxide Workshop- Y2	14/01/25	13:00 - 15:00
Applications Close YR	15/01/25	all day
Carbon Monoxide Workshop- Y5	15/01/25	09:30 - 12:00
Carbon Monoxide Workshop- Y6	15/01/25	13:00 - 15:00
Y3/4 Football Festival @ Cleves	27/01/25	12:30 - 15:30
Full Governing Body Meeting	28/01/25	18:30 - 20:30
Y2 Cake Sale - After School Today	31/01/25	15:20 - 15:45
Break the rules day	14/02/25	all day
Finish for Half Term at 3:20pm	14/02/25	
Half Term Holiday		
Return to school 8.50am	24/02/25	
Parents Evening 1	26/02/25	15:30 - 18:30
Parents Evening 2	27/02/25	15:30 - 18:30
Y1 Cake Sale After School Today	28/02/25	15:20 - 15:45
Dance Festival	06/03/25	12:00 - 15:30
Y5 Football tournament@ RH	13/03/25	11:30 - 16:00
Year 2 Fire Safety Officer Visit	13/03/25	13:30 - 15:00
PTFA Quiz Night	14/03/25	19:00 - 22:00
U-10 Football Match vs St Cuthbert's	19/03/25	15:00 - 17:00
District Cross-Country @ Notre Dame	22/03/25	08:30 - 14:00
PTFA Disco	02/04/25	all day
Rocksteady concert	03/04/25	14:30 - 15:00
End of Term Finish at 1.30pm	04/04/25	
Easter Holidays		
<b>INSET day. No children in school</b>	<b>22/04/25</b>	
Children return to school 8:50am	23/04/25	

## Welcome ...

... to our new starters in Nursery who have begun their time at Ongar in a very grown up and independent way. It was lovely to see them playing and learning with the other children.

... to Mrs Emma Alexander who has started as an Early Years Practitioner in Nursery.

... to Ms Chaudhry who has very successfully taken over as the Year 5 teacher.

We are possibly looking for a part time school TA to work 1:1 with a child please speak to the office if you are interested and have relevant experience.

## Prospective Parents

Many thanks to our ambassadors who did the tours for our final prospective parents on Wednesday.

If you have a child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you will need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2025, even if your child is in our nursery or has a sibling in the school.