

# Headlines

21<sup>st</sup> May 2021



## Dear Parents

If we thought last week's weather was bad, this week was worse! While we will swim and be outside in rain showers we obviously cancel outdoor activities if there are thunder storms and lightning. Sadly we had to cancel Year 5 swimming this week. If you had paid in advance the money will be refunded soon or moved onto another account.

Apart from the weather it has been a great week at Ongar with lots going on. I hope you all have a good weekend, Mrs Good

## Ongar Place Chess Club Update from Mark Josse

Chess is a great game to help with problem solving, decision making and calculation and the Ongar Chess Club, run by Mark Josse, is in full flow on a Wednesday morning. New members who joined this term have settled in well and are in round three of the termly tournament. During the past year the club has flourished in and out of school with a number of the players now taking part in online competitions via Surrey Kings Chess club. Here is an update of recent achievements:

- Ongar Place School took part in triangular matches against two other local schools in spring term. Well done to Harry & Oliver, Simran & Rhea, Sam, Rueben & Kieron and George who made up the Ongar team on the day.
- 8th Surbiton Chess club Invitational event 6th May 2021 was jointly won by Kieron and Reuben. They finished ahead of 40 other players winning 9 matches out of 9 and 9 out of 10 respectively.
- British Chess League (4NCL) runs on a Thursday evening online between 6 and 7pm. Kieron and Rueben have represented Surrey Kings Chess in Div 5, Kieron recently won a trophy for Best Under 8 performance 2020/21.
- The first school tournament of the year, run as part of chess club, had 15 children taking part. Trophies were awarded to the top 3 players and small prizes given to all participants: 1st George 6/7, 2nd Rhea 5.5/7 and 3rd Simran 5/7

The club has good numbers and is a success story during what has been a difficult 12 months. If you would like to go on the waiting list to join contact Mark at [mark.josse@surreykings.com](mailto:mark.josse@surreykings.com)  
Mark Josse -Ongar Place School Club & Surrey Kings Chess.

## Support with food costs

The Government Winter Support vouchers should be emailed to those who receive them next Thursday. If you need support and your child does not get low income free school meals, don't hesitate to contact Mrs Good- we may be able to help.

## Parking

Once again I have been contacted by one of our neighbours about parking. A parent blocked her drive with their car and made her late for her an appointment. Please park considerately.

## Year 6

Year 6 and staff had a fabulous time at High Ashurst yesterday. The children were excited but well behaved and it was so lovely to be able to take them out! Look out for a report and photos in Headlines and on the website next week.

## Community Support

We are delighted to be selected by Waitrose to receive a £250 gift voucher as part of their 'Give a Little Love' campaign. The money will be used to support breakfast club purchases and to also provide ingredients for our cooking lessons so that all our children can learn everything from simple cooking skills to budgeting shopping and cooking a two course lunch. Thank you to Liz from Waitrose who came in to listen to our needs – hopefully we'll see you in store soon!

## Next Friday is Sports

**Mufti day.** For a donation of £1 to go the Matthew Hackney Foundation children can wear sports kit. However, please ensure sensible footwear and obviously no studded boots!

**PE days** – wear kit

Y3 Monday

Y4 Tuesday

Y5 Tuesday

Y6 Monday and Friday

Year R, Year 1, Year 2 should bring their kit into school in a bag as usual. They will get changed at school.

Swimming days:

YR Thursday am

Y1 Wednesday am

Y2 Tuesday pm

Y3 Thursday pm

Y4 Wednesday pm

Y5 Monday pm (aerobics)

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