

Headlines

7th September 2018



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year. It was lovely to see all the children back and to welcome some new children across the year groups. A very special welcome to our youngest new arrivals. 12 children started their time at Ongar on Wednesday in Chestnut Class with Mrs Brill and Mrs Mount, the rest will start next week. All the children have settled incredibly well and we had lots of enthusiasm and no tears. The children have been to assembly, had a tour of the school and are already proving to be excellent helpers.

This year is an exciting year at Ongar Place School as we will be celebrating 50 years of Ongar! Ongar opened as a school in 1969 and has gone through several changes since then. Staff are already planning some exciting events to celebrate and I hope you will get involved too.

If any parents know someone that attended Ongar as a child, please pass on our email address and ask them to get in touch with us. We would love to hear any details of the school and the area and include them in our celebration.

One of the first things we are doing to celebrate is to rename our school houses and I would like to give parents and children the opportunity to choose the category we get our new names from. At the bottom is a tick list of categories if you want to express a preference send it back and it will be included with the children's vote.

ONGAR RULES!

We are gentle
We are kind and helpful
We listen
We are honest
We learn well
We look after property

ONGAR VALUES

Teamwork
Honesty
Self Belief
Determination
Passion
Respect

A big THANK YOU
to all the parents and
children who gave
members of staff cards
and gifts at the end of
term. All were very much
appreciated.

Healthy Living and Sports

Last year one of our focuses was on getting children moving and competing. I'm delighted to say that we were awarded the Active Surrey Silver School Games Award! Well done everyone.

Reminder of Uniform

It has been lovely to see the children presented so smartly this week with shiny shoes and new haircuts!

Can I remind all parents that only small round stud earrings are allowed to be worn in school and children have to be able to remove these themselves for PE and swimming. Hair accessories should also be small and discreet and used for tying long hair back, not for decoration!

In September we move back into winter uniform but if children still want to wear shorts they are welcome to. Our uniform rules are on the website if anyone needs a reminder.

We welcome DBS checked parents into school to help with all manner of activities. If you are available please let the class teacher know.

Have a good weekend
Mrs Good

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Please look out for these letters this week:

Clubs Letter, Swimming letter, Curriculum Letter, Learning Letter, Diary Dates and Data Letter

We are going to rename our houses ...

If you would like to vote for a category for the new names to come from please tick below and return this slip to school. Any sensible suggestions for what the names should be, will be considered!

The new houses should be named after:

Local Landmarks Rivers Points of the Compass Authors Mountains Castles

Suggestions of names: _____