

Headlines

8th September 2017



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. Welcome back to what I hope will be a fantastic school year. I hope everyone managed to find some time to rest and relax during the summer holiday and enjoyed creating some memories together.

A very special welcome to our youngest new arrivals. 14 children started their time at Ongar on Tuesday 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'. I'm delighted that Alfie decided he would come back and give us 'one more chance on Wednesday' and found that he did like school after all!

All our staff are back, well and refreshed (I'm not sure how long that will last!) Welcome to Mrs Marwick who is teaching in Year 1 and Mrs Reed who will be spending time in Year 2 as she trains to be a teacher.

Reminder of Uniform

It has been lovely to see the children presented so smartly this week with shiny shoes and new haircuts! I know there have been some issues obtaining uniform from the shop. We are chasing this up.

Can I remind all parents that only small round stud ear-rings 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!

Our uniform rules are on the website if anyone needs a reminder. If you have difficulty in sourcing any of the required items please don't hesitate to speak to us.

Parent Information

All parents from Year 1 – 6 will receive a copy of the Parents Handbook today along with Headlines. The booklet contains important information about security and picking up children, medical needs, lots of practical points including lunch boxes, a uniform list and the Ongar Rules. I would be very grateful if you could take the time to read the booklet. If there is anything that needs clarifying please don't hesitate to contact us.

Staff News – Congratulations!

I'm delighted to be able to tell you that Mrs Cheney, who teaches in Year 2, is expecting her second baby in February. She will be with us for at least this term and I will let parents know when arrangements have been made to cover her teaching time.

Dates

Tuesday 12 th September	Swimming Starts – see letter
Monday 18 th September	Clubs Start
Friday 30 th September	Day of Languages

ONGAR RULES!

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

Ongar Values ...
PERSEVERANCE
this half term.
We will be
learning about
this in class and
in assembly.

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

This year one of our whole school focusses is Healthy Living. Mr Knott and Mr Good are putting together an exciting two weeks of events for the children at the beginning of October. I look forward to telling you more about this in the next couple of weeks.

Please look out for these letters today:

- Clubs Letter
- Swimming Letter
- Parent Handbook
- Curriculum Letter
- Learning Letter
- Diary Dates

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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