

Headlines

9th September 2015



Dear Parents,

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 new arrivals. 10 children started their time at Ongar on Wednesday in Chestnut Class with Mrs Brill and Mrs Mount, the rest will start next week. All 10 have settled incredibly well and have already attended an assembly and been out to play in the big playground. Mrs Brill and Mrs Mount are quickly learning all the names and idiosyncrasies of the children and learning how to tell all our twins apart!

We also have some children in other year groups who are new to the school and we welcome them and their parents.

All our staff are back, well and refreshed (or at least they were on Monday, they're looking a little more jaded today) We are joined this year by Mrs Leanne Marwick who will spend 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! 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 Mrs Edmondson.

We are hoping to have a revamp in our library this year and enable it to be used more by children and parents. We would really appreciate some parent volunteers who can help us. We already have the lovely Mrs Reed who will be helping but any other offers will be gratefully received – it only needs to be an hour or so a week ... Please contact the office or Mrs Pirie.

Clubs letter will come out today. We have a wide variety of clubs again this term including our ever popular running club, seen here at the end of last term.



ONGAR RULES!

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

Ongar Values ...

PEACE
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.

Well-Being Week

We have a very exciting week planned starting on the 19th September 2016. The focus of the week will be 'well-being' and will be about feeling good and healthy both physically and emotionally.

There are lots of events planned for all the children including Pete the Poet a visit from the PDSA about pet care, cooking, first aid training and also time for reflection.

On the Friday we will be having a MUFTI day. The children can come into school in their own clothes for a minimum donation of £1 each. The money we raise will be given to the charities that have supported us in well-being week including The Matthew Hackney Foundation <http://www.matthewhackneyfoundation.co.uk/> a very local charity that funds the counselling sessions for some of our children.

Dates

Tuesday 13 th September	Swimming Starts – see letter
Monday 19 th September	Well being week starts
Friday 23 rd September	MUFTI Day £1 donation
Friday 30 th September	Day of Languages

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