

Headlines

15th March 2019



Dear Parents,

Towards the end of last week I welcomed two local headteachers to Ongar to visit the school and look at the learning and teaching in all our classes as part of our annual review process.

Both Heads were very impressed with our school and our children and made some positive comments:

- Pupils were on task and showed positive learning behaviour towards learning. They worked collaboratively and were able to choose their own activities and resources to support their learning.
- Pupils were very positive about their learning, were able to answer questions confidently, and showed genuine enthusiasm for their learning after their teacher input.
- Children's books were well presented and showed a good level of motivation and engagement of pupils and a pride in their work
- Pupils were eager to discuss their reading and share their ideas for further improving their experience.

Thank you to Mrs Ford and Mrs Edwards for visiting and to all the children for doing so well.

Next week I am inspecting another school so will be out for most of the week. Mrs Pirie will be in school to answer any queries and I will be in touch with her. Have a good weekend, Mrs Good

Sport at Ongar – Football

On Thursday 14th March Ongar Place Year 6 football team visited Weybridge to take on St Charles' Borremeo- the last game for this group. Ongar took an early lead with a great strike from captain Oliver. St Charles struck back and then went into a 2-1 lead. The St Charles team playing with a direct approach made it hard for Ongar until they started to pass the ball skilfully. By half-time this had paid off and Ongar led 3-2.

The second half started well although St Charles' were unfortunate to concede through an own goal. Ongar scored 2 further goals to end up 6-2 victors.

The goals were scored by Oliver(2) – one a run from his own half, Charlie (2)- including one fantastic piece of skill to control the ball and then strike, an own goal and a magnificent effort from Lucy from her own half!

The team was Oliver, Madison, Toby, Matthew K, Joe, Lucy and Charlie.

A fantastic result at the end of the season- well played everyone!

Many thanks to all the parents who have transported and supported through the season.



Red Nose Day

It was lovely to see our School Council cheering up a very gloomy morning on the playground by telling jokes for donations this morning. Thank you to Mrs Brill for organising and to all the parents who gave money to this good cause.

My favourite joke so far today is from Maddie:
What's the difference between Crystal Palace and a cup of tea? The tea stays in the cup longer.
I don't know who she's getting at!!

Attendance

Mrs Reardon and I did the half termly attendance review this week and were a little disappointed with the level of attendance for some children. It is so important that children attend school in order that they make the progress they should and keep up with their friendships and learning. Two facts for you:

- a child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life
- 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs at all

Don't hesitate to contact us if we can help you or your child improve attendance.

Dates

Monday 18 th March	Year 3 Butser Farm trip
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 2 class assembly
Friday 22 nd March	Year 2 Cake Sale
Saturday 23 rd March	Cross Country
Monday 25 th March	Year 3 Football Festival