

Headlines

21st July 2016



Dear Parents,

It's the end of the school year at Ongar, my fifth year here! We have had a week of events and some teary goodbyes!

As we get to the end of the year I would like to thank everyone who has supported the school this year. Our parents who regularly come in and help, Angela Brown who has been hearing readers in year 4 for us, the amazing PTFA, our fantastic Governors and of course all of the children.

I also want to say a very special thank you to all the staff who continue to work with such energy and enthusiasm ensuring that our children get the best experience we can offer.

I wish each and every one of you a fantastic summer, I hope the sun shines and you return to us in September relaxed, well and ready to take on another year.

All best wishes Mrs T L Good

Well done to MacArthur House who received the most House Points over the course of the year and were rewarded with some extra playtime today.

Well done to the MacArthur house captains – Henry and Mikey. Thank you to all our house captains for your amazing work this year – Ben and Amber, Louis and Oscar, Max and Claudia

Sport at Ongar

Well done to our girls rugby team who brought home our final trophy of the year!

Well done to Amber, Annabel, Claudia, Freya, Phoebe, Faye S, Faye P and Gemma. Thank you to Mr Knott for organising and Mr Edgley for the coaching earlier in the year.

Year 6 Leavers

Our year 6 performed a very moving leaving assembly and talked passionately about their time at Ongar. At one point I thought we might have to swim out of the hall for all the tears being shed by children, staff and parents. In the leavers assembly I said (amongst other things!):

"I have never met a class with so much individuality; they ooze with uniqueness and have so many quirks. They are a class of 28 children that are so disparate and diverse that you wonder how one classroom can ever contain them ... and to be honest sometimes it doesn't!

However, this class is also full to the brim with the most genuinely likeable, empathetic, enthusiastic and all round fantastic children. They embrace life and they include each other – as one of them said earlier - they're like one big gang.

Every single one of these children is ready for secondary school, all the experiences that they've embraced and enjoyed at Ongar have got them ready. As teachers we can make the arrangements, prepare the learning, organise the events but it is the children who are the spark. They ignite the moment and make it special. This class is full of sparks. I am absolutely sure are going to create a blaze of glory wherever they go next and in whatever they choose to do.

Year Six, you have made me laugh and cry (sometimes on the same day) but I am going to miss you so much, we all will. I am so proud of you. Good luck, you will be great!"

I am delighted with our Year 6 SATs results – although they still need to be verified.

	Reading	SPAG	Maths	Writing
School Expected +	71%	82%	82%	79%
National Expected +	71%	77%	75%	76%

Well done, everyone. More results next year

Staff Leavers

We say good-bye to two teachers this year.

Miss Copus came to us as a student teacher in 2015. She then took over the Year 1 class last year and has again taught Year 1 this year. At the end of last year we celebrated her marriage with her and this year as Mrs MacCormack she has added a sprinkle of glitter, a dollop of glue and a creative edge to everything we have done at Ongar. She has inspired the children in her class to be creative as they learn across the curriculum. She leaves us to join her husband in his new job in Luxemburg and we wish her luck and success in whatever she chooses to do. Thank you, Mel.

Mrs Salmon is our SENCo. She has worked tirelessly to ensure that all the children at Ongar get the help and support they need to do their very best both academically and socially. She has been a great support to me and our TAs and I know that she has helped some parents a huge amount. Thank you, Lindsay – see you in the playground.

Also thank you to Mrs Reed who is a fantastic TA and will be joining us next year as a fantastic student teacher! You'll be great!

We also say goodbye to Mrs Harris who will be starting her maternity leave a little early as she has been poorly. We wish her well and hope to see her for a visit in September.

Achievers

All our children are achievers but today we had our final assembly. Well done to the children in each class who were awarded the final achievement certificates of the year.

At the end of the year we also present two very special awards. The first award is the Endeavour Award which is awarded to a year 6 child who has tried their best throughout their learning journey. Our 2017 winner is Caitlyn Denyer – a delightful girl whose quiet and gentle nature shines through in everything she does. She is kind and considerate of others and even when she is finding things tough will support her class mates. She is a great friend. Well done Caitlyn.

Our second special award is the Tom Sewell Citizenship Award. This is a plate that was donated by Mr and Mrs Sewell in memory of their son, Tom, and is awarded to a year 5 child who shows empathy and compassion and a sense of community. This year this special award went to Kieson Msamu – a boy who has a big, generous personality and spirit that shines through when you get to know him. Everyone knows Kieson. Everyone can be Kieson's friend. Congratulations, Kieson

Dates

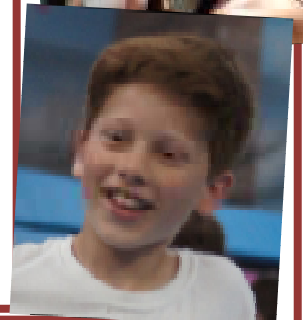
Thursday 20 st July	School ends 1.30pm
Monday 4 th September	INSET day School closed to children
Tuesday 5 th September 8.55am	Autumn Term Starts

Attendance 100%

Elisha Baxter-Fowler	Year 2
Reuben Liu	Year 2
Oliver Unwin	Year 2
Lauren Powell	Year 3
Thomas Sussams	Year 3
Daniel Wilkinson	Year 3
Kimi Gunner	Year 5
Malique Osbourne	Year 5
Faye Straker	Year 5
Harrison Cheney	Year 6
Freya Hatchwell	Year 6
Amber Stoner	Year 6

Well done to Year 3 who won the attendance cup for the highest attending class this year. Over 97%!

Thank you to our Head Boy and Girl this year, Harrison and Abigail -and to our Deputy Head boy and girl Josh and Zara. You have been great this year.



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