

Headlines

4th November 2022



Dear Parents

In some ways this week has seemed incredibly long. Just back from half term and the rain, the cold and the dark haven't been very pleasant.

However, in school we have seen some great learning. Yesterday Mrs Bullett, Miss Watts and I visited some classes to watch science being taught. We saw children learning some amazing vocabulary – including permeable, translucent, flammable - and were able to sort materials using these words. We also saw children investigating the effect of different surfaces on movement and children observing the decay of fruit and using natural objects they had collected from the forest to make art and investigate. It was a lovely afternoon!

Finally, I'd like to share some compliments from the photographer and the nurses who administered the flu vaccine. Both said how wonderfully well behaved our children were and how much they enjoyed being here! Have a good weekend, Mrs T L Good

Football vs Holy Family

On All Saints Day, the Ongar Place football team walked the short distance to play a local derby against Holy Family. There had been concerns as to whether the match would go ahead due to the torrential rain for most of the day, but conditions eased as the team arrived.

This match is always a very competitive one. Ongar started slowly trying to stay on their feet, on a slippery pitch, but gradually began to work well as a team with some very skilled football.

Ongar Place led 3-0 at half-time and managed to increase their lead in the second half to 8-1. Goals came from Oliver(3) Arthur(2), Ronnie(2) and an own goal.

Salvation Army

Every year, the Salvation Army offers help to families who may struggle to buy presents for their children.

If you would like to be invited to be included and have not already received a letter please speak to Mrs Good or Mrs Reardon in confidence



Photos

All the children who were in school on Tuesday had their photos taken. You should have received a slip with the order details on. If you have any questions please speak to Mrs Reardon.

As I announced before half term:
School will be closed to children on Monday 14th November

as I am required to hold a INSET DAY for all staff. Nursery will be open as usual.

Forest School

Some of you will have noticed the work that is being completed in our forest area at the front of the school. Mrs Bennett and Mrs Denyer have been busy preparing the area. They are now working with a group of children from Year 1 trying out some wonderful forest school ideas and taking learning outside. This week the children had a great time digging a hole, filling it with water and jumping in! They also discovered 'worm town' under one of the big logs and played lots of great games.

They will be continuing for the rest of this term. Next term we are hoping that budgets and funding allow us to have even more children experiencing Forest School – watch this space!

A reminder - if your children use the forest area before or after school please can you make sure they are supervised and that they do not drop litter. Thank you.

Description	Date	Time
Governors Mtg Resources & C&L	08/11/22	18:30 - 20:30
U-11 Football @ Royal Holloway	10/11/22	11:30 - 16:00
INSET DAY (except Nursery)	14/11/22	ALL DAY
Parents' Reading workshop	16/11/22	09:00 - 10:00