

# Headlines

11<sup>th</sup> November 2022



## Dear Parents

Another busy week at Ongar. We have spent time thinking about Remembrance Day and the importance of understanding why things in history happened and the sacrifices of others.

Next week I am inspecting another school but please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Pirie if you have any queries or concerns.

Have a good weekend, Mrs T L Good



## Staffing

At the end of next week we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Turner who is leaving us to work at Royal Holloway. Mrs Turner joined us as School Business Manager in 2019. She very quickly established herself as part of our team, came to terms with Surrey's quirky financial systems and mastered all her other roles. She was amazing as we navigated our way through COVID, helping me make important financial and safety decisions. We wish her lots of luck as she moves on. Sally, we will miss your chocolate drawer, your unique handwriting style, your messy desk, your stories, your kindness and the laughs! Good Luck!

Mrs Reardon will be taking over the role of School Business Manager from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November and we will be welcoming a new face at the hatch. Mrs Zoe Hall will be joining us in the office as the new School Secretary.



## Photos

Last day to order individual photos is the 16<sup>th</sup> November – if you have any questions please speak to Mrs Reardon.

## Bags 2 School

Get sorting out those wardrobes and drawers this weekend. The PTFA are arranging a Bags 2 Schools collection on 30th November.

**School will be closed to children on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

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

## Junior Citizen

On Tuesday, Year 6 went to Thorpe Park to take part in the Junior Citizen Programme. They spent the afternoon learning how to keep themselves safe and healthy. St John Ambulance taught them how to put someone into the recovery position and the children had fun practicing on each other. The school nurses taught them about eating healthily. It was shocking to realise how much hidden sugar there is in our food and drink. The nurses recommended the NHS Food Scanner App that can show you how much sugar is in things we buy. Our children were very knowledgeable about road and rail safety but learnt a lot about keeping themselves safe around water, especially the importance of floating and how to show someone that you need help.

Unfortunately, we need to reinforce 'Stranger Danger' as most of the children were more than happy to go off with the 'strangers' to have a go on one of the rides. It was a lovely afternoon and all the children learnt some new things to keep themselves safe. As always, the children were delightful and well behaved – a real asset to our school. Well done Year 6.

Description	Date	Time
<b>INSET DAY (except Nursery)</b>	<b>14/11/22</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>
Parents' Reading workshop	16/11/22	09:00 - 10:00
Year 5 cake sale	18/11/22	After school
Y5/6 STEM Glider challenge	18/11/22	All day
Y5 Sayers Croft	23 – 25/11/22	