



**Dear Parents,**

We've made it – nearly!! There are lots of tired and weary faces around today, testament to the fun times and all the excitement we have had over the last few weeks.

At Ongar we have reintroduced all our Christmas traditions and even brought in some new ones. I hope you have managed to attend and enjoy at least one.

We couldn't have done as many fun things without the support of parents – thank you.

Thank you to our lovely PTFA who arranged the Christmas shopping extravaganza, the Christmas card order and Once upon a Christmas. – amongst other things.

And finally a huge thank you to every member of staff, once again, who have gone above and beyond to provide a safe and happy place for children to learn and have fun.

I hope everyone has a fantastic break and a great time over the Christmas period. See you on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023(!) at 8.55 am.

Happy Christmas! Mrs T L Good

We are looking for extra staff in our Kitchen – please contact Twelve15, <https://itstwelve15.co.uk/> or speak to the Office.



Thank you PTFA for paying for the tickets for the pantomime – we had a fantastic time!



**Christmas Dinner**

Christmas Dinner was excellent this year. It was so lovely to see all the children in their colourful jumpers enjoying their meal together with crackers and festive biscuits. Thank you to Sandra, Michelle and Kris for a lovely meal.



**Year 3**

From the first day back Year 3 will not be met at the front by Mrs Reed but will go round to the back playground with the rest of KS2. Mrs Reed will be on the gate for the first couple of days to greet them.

Well done to YR and KS1 for a wonderful Nativity. You were all fantastic!



**Nursery Concert**

It was lovely to see the smallest members of our school take to the stage for their Nursery Christmas Show. Miss Jackson led them beautifully in the four songs they performed and it was lovely to hear their voices and see the actions they had learnt. Well done Nursery.

Christmas can be a difficult time of year for some people please see the list of help available in the email with headlines attached.

Description	Date	Time
Last Day of Term Finish	16/12/22	13:30
Return to school	03/01/23	8.55am
INSET day – school closed to children	20/02/2023	

**Carol Concert**

Thank you to everyone who made the Carol Concert at St Paul's church on Wednesday really special.

There was a lovely warm feeling inside the church as we listened to children recite some beautiful readings and sing some traditional, and not so traditional, songs. A particular well done to the soloists – who were superb!

Thank you to Rev. Ben and Trevor from the church who opened our concert, controlled the lights, music, words and closed the evening.

Finally, Mrs Meyer – amazing as always!

