

Headlines

20th January 2023



Dear Parents

Parents' Evening 21st and 23rd February 2022 - Online Appointment Booking

I would like to invite you to attend our Parents' Evening on either the 21st or 23rd February. This is an important evening and provides you with an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss the progress your child is making. There will also be an opportunity to look at some of their work. The appointments are for parents to speak to the teacher, if you bring your children with you they must wait with you and not go into any other areas of the school.

We now have an online appointment booking system through Scopay. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointment.

Appointments can be made from 4pm on the 23rd January and will close at 12pm on the 9th February. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.

Please use the Scopay app or Scopay.com to book your appointment, as you would to pay for trips. If you are not already registered with Scopay, please email the school office at admin@ongar-place.surrey.sch.uk to request login details. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office from the 24th January between 9.30 and 2.30 and we will be happy to make an appointment for you.

I hope you all have a great weekend. Mrs T L Good

School Review

I was delighted to welcome three local headteachers to school last week. They spent the day in school visiting classes and talking to teachers and children. All three heads were really impressed with our children – in terms of their behaviour and their learning. We know how good our children are but it is lovely to have other people telling us!

Forest School

Despite the cold, Forest School started for the rest of Year 1 and Year 2. They were wrapped up warm and loved being outside and taking part in all the activities arranged by Mrs Bennett. Times are being arranged for the rest of the school!



Girl's Football Quarter-Final

On Monday 16th January the girl's football team visited Cleves School in Weybridge. We knew this was going to be a tricky match. As the match started it was clear that the Cleves were a very experienced team. They had much of the ball but the Ongar team defended resolutely.

Ongar managed to get to half-time with the score still 0-0. Ongar had a few breakaways when it looked like they could pressure the Cleves goal but Cleves still dominated and despite some fantastic saves and great defending Cleves took the lead with 5 minutes remaining.

Ongar tried to push for an equalizer but they just couldn't manage it. It was a very brave performance which all of the girls should be proud of.

Well done to Lily M (Captain), Summer, Esther, Ella H, Ella K, Izzy W, Issy P, Mia and Freya.

Family Learning Week

Last week we sent out an invite for one parent (or relative) to join the children in school for a lesson. Please return to slip as soon as possible so we can organise space and chairs!

Reading Workshop

Thank you to those parents who attended the reading workshop on Tuesday.

We are delighted with how well children in Year R, 1 and 2 are responding to our new reading lessons. The more parents know and can support the learning, the more confident and able the children will become. We are always looking for volunteers to read with our children – we offer training and support, if needed.

We send reading books home now for most children. You would not believe how expensive these books are (I wish I'd developed the scheme!). If one is ruined the whole set has to be replaced. I reiterate the teachers comments last week that while these books are at home, parents are responsible for them and they should be returned each day in the same condition they were sent home in. We will need to charge in order to replace lost or damaged books.