

# Headlines

5<sup>th</sup> May 2023



## Dear Parents,

A short week at Ongar this week because of the bank holiday but no less busy.

Like every other primary school over the next few weeks we are looking at how well our children are progressing. Year 6 have their KS2 SATs next week, Year 2 are doing some 'special papers' and the rest of the school will have some assessments before half term. Some of these assessments are dictated by the Government, some we do to help children understand how tests work and some we do to give us information for reports. In truth all our teachers know exactly where the children are and what they need to do next.

All we ask of our children is that they do their best and possibly get some early nights! If your child is in Year 6 and can not attend school one day next week please let us know at the earliest opportunity so we can make adjustments to the timetable.

Have a good bank holiday weekend – enjoy the Coronation! Mrs T L Good

## Staffing News

I am very sorry to have to tell you that Mrs Reed will be leaving Ongar Place at the end of the Summer Term. She has been with us forever! Both of her children came to the school, she then worked as a TA, came back as a student teacher, covered classes for us and then the minute we had a vacancy she became the wonderful class teacher she is now.

We are very fortunate to have been able to appoint immediately to take on the class teacher position Mrs Reed leaves. Miss Hale spent 6 weeks in Year 6 earlier this year where she impressed all of us. She is keen to return to Ongar and, yesterday, Governors and I appointed her as a class teacher. She will be starting in September but we look forward to seeing her over the next few weeks.

I have yet to decide on which year groups teachers and TAs will be in but, as usual, there will be transition mornings in June.

## Swimming

Swimming is really getting underway now. It was lovely to see some children enjoying the water this afternoon. Thank you to our parent helpers – if anyone else would like to volunteer please speak to the office.



## Coronation

Today we are celebrating the coming Coronation of King Charles III. A big thank you to the parents who volunteered to take part in King Charles' Big Help Out by building sheds, painting playground equipment, planting bulbs, preparing scones, organising the library and helping in classrooms. We had an assembly this morning to learn about King Charles and the Coronation.



## Learning

I loved seeing this activity when I was wandering around school yesterday – Year 4 making seed paper. It looked wonderfully messy and fun AND will benefit the environment! What more can you ask of a lesson?



## Dates

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs week
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	YR Gatton Park Trip
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	YR Cake sale

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