

Headlines

8th September 2023



Dear Parents

Welcome back to school for the year 2023-2024 – and a very special welcome to those children and families who have just joined us in Nursery and in School. It was lovely to see so many children smiling as they came in on Monday.

As I walked around the school, classes were settled and children were beginning to get to know their new teachers and were starting their work for the Autumn term – Miss Watts has already introduced the children to some assessment papers! In our first whole school assembly of the year we talked about change and I indulged myself by showing photos of my children as babies and as grown ups!

This week you will be sent curriculum letters – outlining what your child will be studying this year, the first learning letters of the year and some flyers from clubs. The club letter has already gone out to parents and these will be sorted out next week.

Next week I will send out a full list of dates that have been arranged so far for this term. However, I would ask you to take note that we have an INSET day on Monday 30th October and the school will be closed to children while staff have first aid training. Nursery will be open as usual.

If there is anything else you would like to know please don't hesitate to speak to myself, Mrs Pirie or our office team.

Have a great weekend, Mrs T L Good

Welcome to our new Chestnut (Reception) children. 10 of them joined us this week and got put to work very quickly. We will be joined by the remaining 20 next week.

Typical

Isn't it absolutely typical that the minute we are back at school the sun shines! Children are reminded to drink water, wear hats and if it is too hot outside break times and lunchtimes are indoors. Please help us by ensuring your child has sun cream applied, a full bottle of water (no juice) at the beginning of the day – they can refill it during the day.

Until half term the children can remain in summer uniform

<https://ongarplace.ovw2.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=57>

New Staff

We welcome Miss Hale to our team as our new Year 4 teacher and Miss Sullivan joins our Nursery team. Mrs Robinson joins year 1 and will be a teaching assistant some of the week and a teacher some of the week. Miss Knott joins our teaching assistant team and is working across the school.



Amber's Summer

Amber had a wonderful summer with Mrs Pirie and her family. She went to Scotland on holiday and stayed on a farm. She made friends with some donkeys and sheep but we know that she prefers Ongar children.

She went to lots of café's and even had a sleepover with Mrs Staunton.

Amber turned three in August and celebrated with a special doggy ice cream. She is delighted to be back in school and has already made friends with our new children.

Look out for more Amberlines later in the term

