

# Headlines

29<sup>th</sup> September 2023



## Dear Parents

It has been a busy week at Ongar. Bizarrely, we have been making Christmas cards in classes, ready to send home next week and you will be able to order these if you wish. It has been wonderful to see the Year 6 out in Forest School with Mrs Bennett taking part in a wide range of activities. I popped out when the digging and pond making was taking place. As Mirabelle said they were living real life 'Holes'.

Have a great weekend,  
Mrs T L Good



Well done to all our children who took part in The **Ready, Set, Read!** Summer Reading Challenge 2023 at the library.

I received an email from the library that told me that this year saw the highest number of children taking part since 2015.

The staff also said, 'We promise you, every child did amazingly. Our brains aren't big enough to remember everything about over two hundred children, but our hearts are big enough to remember that they were wonderful.'

If your child hasn't yet completed the challenge, the library are giving out prizes until the end of this Saturday. Keep reading, Ongar!

## School Dates.

Description	Date	Time
Sports Crew Training Y6	02/10/23	09:00 - 12:00
Harvest Festival YR / KS1 Parents welcome	11/10/23	14:30 - 15:00
Prospective Parents Tours	12/10/23	all day
Parents Evening	16/10/23	15:30 - 18:30
Flu Immunisation - whole school	18/10/23	09:00 - 13:00
Parents Evening	18/10/23	15:30 - 18:30
Autumn Half Term	23-27/10/23	
INSET DAY No children in school	30/10/23	09:00 - 16:59
Y6 High Ashurst	01/11/23	all day
Individual Photos	08/11/23	all day
Y6 Junior Citizen	09/11/23	08:30 - 12:00
Y5/6 Road to RIAT	14/11/23	08:30 - 15:00
Governors Meeting - Resources/C&L	14/11/23	18:30 - 20:30
Bikeability Level 2	20-24/11/23	09:00 - 15:00
Sayers Croft Y5	22-24/11/23	3 days
Prospective Parents Evening	30/11/23	all day
Nativity	06-07/12/23	14:15 - 15:00
Carol Concert TBC	12/12/23	all day
Panto Camberley Theatre	13/12/23	09:00 - 13:00

Other dates will appear on learning letters and in headlines and are available on the website.

## Attendance

It is so important children attend school. Missing lessons and being late can really disrupt children's learning and their friendships. Please can I remind parents to call in preferably before school if your child is too ill to attend school. Please ensure you give a reason – we have vulnerable children in school and we need to inform their parents regarding some illnesses.

Thank you to all the parents who came to **the PTFA** meeting on Tuesday evening. There are lots of exciting things planned for 2023-2024 including a new website! Watch out for information coming soon. There are still lots of opportunities to volunteer and get involved – don't be shy!

## Year 6 Parents

You will need to apply for a place for secondary school. You can apply online. The closing date is the 31st October.

## Entry to Reception 2024

All of our prospective parent days are now on the website. If you or family you know have a child due to start school in September 2024 please call the office to book onto a tour.

## Harvest

Reception and Year 1 and 2 are beginning to prepare for our harvest celebration in October.

We have been asked by network foodbank to support their collection.

### SHOPPING LIST MOST NEEDED

Tinned fruit  
Tinned vegetables  
Tinned soup  
Tinned tuna  
Pasta sauce  
Sponge pudding  
Tinned custard  
Biscuits  
Long life milk  
Squash

### DONATE NOW!

Help by donating an item or two from the list to support people facing hardship.

You can also donate money to help to cover the costs of storing and distributing emergency food as well as delivering additional support and advice.



Children can bring donations in now.