

# Headlines

13<sup>th</sup> October 2023



## Dear Parents

It's been a wonderful week at Ongar – my highlight was watching the Harvest Assembly! Well done to Year R, 1 and 2 you were amazing! Thank you to all the parents who turned out and were so appreciative. Have a good weekend. Mrs T L Good

## Staffing News

I am really sorry to have to tell you that Miss Minto, Year 3 class teacher, will be leaving us at the end of this term due to her personal circumstances.

We will all miss Miss Minto very much. She has been with us since the beginning of her teaching career and has added so much to our school. I am sure that you all wish her well.

It is always very disappointing when a teacher has to leave midway through the year and this is the first time in a long time that it has happened at Ongar. It is tricky trying to recruit midyear but I am putting all my energy into finding an appropriate teacher for Year 3 for after Christmas. I will keep the Y3 parents informed.

## Year 6

Our trip to Jubilee on Wednesday was all about sports. We played lots of different warm up games like Toy Story Tag and Stuck in the Mud which included lots of different balances and we also played Head, Shoulders, Knees and Cones. We played a game called Bench Ball which is like dodge ball but if you get caught you have to stand on the other team's bench. To get off the bench your team have to throw the ball and you have to catch it. At the end, we played a big game of basketball. It was an amazing trip and we were very lucky to have been invited. Everybody enjoyed it thanks to Mr Griffin and Mr Lewis the JHS PE teachers. Written by Rosie and Rhea.



## Lost Property

We have SO much lost property in school. We will be putting it out on tables at the end of the day today and next Friday. After that it will be disposed of or given away. Anything that is named is returned to the child's class.

Thank you for bearing with us as we changed the drop off arrangements for Years 1 and 2. They seem to be working. We will stick with them for the time being.

Can I remind parents that the back playground is not supervised until 8.45am. Year 3 – 6 children should not arrive on site or be left alone on site before that time.

## Parking

As the weather gets colder and wetter more parents are driving their children to school. If you are driving please can you be very aware of other road users and our children as they walk into school.

Can you also take care to park sensibly and not block our neighbours driveways or the gate.

## PTFA

Thank you to everyone who has donated £1 for non-uniform day. It is lovely to see all the children in their own clothes

I know that everyone is struggling for money at the moment and this includes the school – our budget has been cut and wages and energy costs have gone up! It is the PTFA fund raising that enables us to provide 'extras' like the forest school sessions, new reading books, sports kit for our teams and subsidies for the panto trip. Thank you to everyone.

Our next big PTFA children's event is our Christmas Shopping Event on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Don't forget to check out the new PTA events website

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/ongarplace/>



## Parents Evening

Parents evening is next week the 16th and 18th October. 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 look forward to seeing you all.