

# Headlines

24<sup>th</sup> October 2019



## Dear Parents,

My goodness – how did that happen? We appear to have come to the end of the first half term of the year already! It has been a long and busy few weeks but I am delighted that all our new children (and staff) are now settled although I can see that some of them are a little tired. Tomorrow, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> is an INSET day and we return to school refreshed and ready on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Don't forget the clocks go back this weekend. Enjoy your extra hour and half term.

All best wishes Mrs T L Good

## ONGAR RULES!

We are gentle  
We are kind and helpful  
We listen  
We are honest  
We learn well  
We look after property

## School Development Plan

Every year we look closely at what the school needs to do to improve the experience and opportunities we give to our children. We ask governors, parents, children and staff to contribute to this. This year we are building on our 'School remains good' outcome from Ofsted in May by looking at the 6 development areas below:

**Development Area 1:** Embed a coherently planned and sequenced curriculum that supports all pupils to reach the agreed end point.

**Development Area 2:** Provide opportunities for all staff to further develop practice and subject knowledge

**Development Area 3:** Use appropriate assessment effectively to support the teaching of the curriculum.

**Development Area 4:** Prioritise reading to develop fluency, confidence and enjoyment.

**Development Area 5:** Broaden aspirations and promote the well-being of all members of the school community.

**Development Area 6:** Create a physical environment that enhances learning and achievement.

We have already started working on these areas and you and your children will be noticing some changes. For example, our introduction of accelerated reader, the improvement of the outside area, the gates, more playground toys and additional support in some classrooms.

Through Headlines I will try to keep you informed of other positive changes. If you feel there is anything you can help with please don't hesitate to let us know.

Chestnuts enjoying their first half term at school, look how much they have come on.



## Parents evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended parents evening this week and met with their child's class teacher to discuss how well they have settled into the school year. It is important that we all work together to ensure our children are happy safe and learning well. If you have further questions following your appointment please don't hesitate to contact the office who will endeavour to arrange a meeting or conversation with the teacher.

## Dates

Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET day School closed to children
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half term holiday
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Back to school 8.55am
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Height and Weight Check
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA Bags to school

## Year 6

If you have a child in Year 6 you need to apply for their secondary school place, either online at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) or on paper by telephoning 0300 200 1004 (Mon-Fri, 9-5), **by the closing date of 31 October 2019** at the latest.

If you have any problems don't hesitate to ask at the office.

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