

# Headlines

19<sup>th</sup> April 2024



## Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final term of the year. I hope you had a restful Easter break and managed to make the best of the weather. We have already made a good start to the term and the children have settled back well. Please look out for the curriculum letters for your child which will tell you what they are learning this term. Have a good weekend, Mrs T L Good

## Thanks to everyone who returned the Parent Survey last term.

We had 70 responses. Findings were overwhelming positive in all year groups and there were some lovely and some useful comments. The questionnaires were anonymous but as always, if you would like to discuss anything don't hesitate to contact me.

	agree/ strongly agree	disagree	don't know	no answer
My child is happy	70			
My child feels safe	70			
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	65	1	4	
I receive newsletters and information about what my child will learn during the year.	69	1		
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly	64	2	3	1
The school has high expectations for my child.	69		1	
My child does well at this school.	70			
The school lets me know how my child is doing.	66	3	1	
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	68		1	
There are opportunities for my child to take part in activities outside of the school curriculum	68		2	
The school supports my child's wider development	67	1	2	
Ongar Place is well led and managed	67	1	2	
I feel I could approach leaders if I needed support	68	1	1	
I feel part of the school community	67	2	1	
Would you recommend Ongar Place to another parent?	Yes 68 No 0			2

## Main findings

### A strength of Ongar Place is ...

Community and well-being	12	Staff	12
Communication	5	Values	2
SEND	3	Behaviour	2
Leadership	5	Facilities	3
Education /Curriculum	8		

### A further development for Ongar Place would be ...

Environment	3	Minibus	3
Communication	2	Curriculum	4
More events involving parents	4		

## Staffing News

I am delighted that we have recruited an experienced teacher who will be starting at Ongar Place in September 2024, Mrs C Dreher. Some of you may know her as an ex--parent of the school! It is yet to be decided which year group she will be working in as we do sometimes move teachers around but there will be opportunities for the children to meet her before the end of the year, during our transition days.

**ONGAR PLACE SUMMER FETE**  
**Volunteers needed**  
**PTFA FETE PLANNING MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 23RD**  
**APRIL**  
**ALL VOLUNTEERS PLEASE ATTEND THE MEETING**  
**19:30**  
**@ THE SCHOOL**

Contact Laura or Craig  
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## More Staffing News

One of the biggest personalities in our school is Sandra Barbieri, our wonderful cook. While we don't employ Sandra directly, she is very much part of our school and we are very sad that she has chosen to leave Twelve15, the catering company, and so will no longer be cooking in our kitchen. Sandra has been with us for what seems like forever, she knows every child and has never been known to let a child go without! We love her and her butternut squash curry to bits and hope that she will visit us often. Good luck Sandra – we will miss you.

## Dates for your diary

The term is looking very busy already! Please see below for some of the dates that been set for this half term. These include class assemblies to which parents are invited. There will be more to follow next week. Additional dates will be added so please keep a look out for letters in your children's bags, emails and the learning letters. Further details for some of these events will be sent out soon.

Description	Date	Time
Year 1 School trip to the Look Out	23/04/24	09:30 - 14:30
Governors Meeting - Resources/C&L	23/04/24	18:30 - 20:30
PTFA meeting – Staff Meeting	23/04/24	19:30 - 21:30
Year 5 Class Assembly	24/04/24	09:00 - 09:30
Cross Country @ Notre Dame	27/04/24	08:00 - 14:00
Year 4 Class Assembly	02/05/24	09:00 - 09:30
Bank Holiday	06/05/24	all day
Year 3 Class Assembly	08/05/24	09:00 - 09:30
KS2 SATS	13/05/24 – 16/05/24	
Chestnuts to Gatton Park	14/05/24	
Year 6 Forest Schools	22/05/24	all day
Year 2 Class Assembly	22/05/24	09:00 - 09:30
Year 6 Forest Schools	23/05/24	all day
PTFA Break the Rules Day	24/05/24	all day
Summer Half Term	27/05/24 - 31/05/24	