

17th May 2024



Dear Parents,

With just a week left until half term we are looking forward to our first Ongar Break the Rules Day next Friday, arranged by the PTFA. Choose which rules you want to break, pay the fee and enjoy your day. See the PTFA letter for fees and rules! Have a good weekend, Mrs T L Good

Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome a new member of staff into nursery. Miss Sophie Atkins started with us on Wednesday to work full time with our youngest children. She has lots of experience in nursery settings and we are very pleased she has decided to join us. Welcome!

Gatton Park Trip

Chestnut Class had a wonderful time on Tuesday at Gatton Park. They colour matched flowers and plants, found tickly and prickly plants, read clues and learnt about habitats whilst searching for their teddy bears and played teddy games in the afternoon.

Holiday Support

The Support Scheme will continue at half term. Surrey County Council is providing support by issuing supermarket vouchers through the school via Wonde to eligible families on the 22nd May. If you need support and you do not usually receive any, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Good - we may be able to help.

Staffing opportunities

We are currently looking for part-time and full-time teaching assistants to join us in supporting our teachers and children to achieve as well as they can. If you have experience or are keen to learn new skills we would like to hear from you. The job description and application form can be found on the website

<https://ongarplace.ovw2.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Staff+Vacancies&pid=15>

Year 5 and 6 play

We are disappointed that neither Jubilee or the Community Centre can accommodate our school play this year. At the moment it's looking like the play will be performed in our hall, which has worked before. However, I'd be interested to know if anyone has any other suggestions for a reasonably priced venue that we could walk to.

SATs

Well done to our intrepid Year 6 children who completed their Key Stage 2 SATs this week. I believe the SATs are designed to see how well teachers teach and support children as opposed to judging individuals. However, it was lovely to see all our Year 6's committed, focussed and trying their hardest. You are amazing Y6 - you did your best and that is all anyone can ask for. Thank you to parents for supporting us. Also, a huge thank you to Mr Good and Miss Minto who have stepped up in the absence of Miss Watts and to all our lovely TAs who have supported individuals. We had a surprise appearance mid-week from Miss Watts to wish Year 6 luck, which was lovely! Well done everyone.



Dates for your diary

Further details for some of these events will be sent out soon.

Description	Date	Time
Chess Tournament 5 schools	21/05/24	13:30 - 16:30
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
Year 1 Cake Sale	24/05/24	15.15
Summer Half Term	27/05/24 - 31/05/24	
Mufti Bring a bottle tombola	07/06/24	09:00 - 15:30
Governors Meeting (SDP)	11/06/24	18:30 - 20:30
District Sports at Xcel Walton	12/06/24	09:00 - 16:00
EY KS1 Sports Day	13/06/24	all day
KS2 Sports Day	14/06/24	all day
Chess Tournament v Holy Family	18/06/24	15:30 - 16:30
YR Class Assembly	19/06/24	09:00 - 09:30
Year 1 Class Assembly	20/06/24	09:00 - 09:30
Book Donation Day (PTFA)	21/06/24	09:00 - 15:00
Year 6 Forest Schools	24/06/24	all day
Andy Faulkner - Class Photos	24/06/24	08:30 - 13:00
Year 6 Forest Schools	27/06/24	all day
PTFA School Fete	28/06/24	15:30 - 18:00
Y6 Secondary Transition Day	02/07/24 - 03/07/24	
Year 3/4 School Trip MM BH	02/07/24	09:00 - 16:00
Full Governing Body Mtg	02/07/24	18:30 - 20:30
Year 6 Parents Transition Workshop	05/07/24	9:00
Reports out	12/07/24	all day
Y6 Cinema Trip am	15/07/24	all day
Leaver's Assembly	17/07/24	09:00 - 10:00
Y6 Pool Party	18/07/24	09:00 - 12:00
RockSteady Concert	18/07/24	14:30 - 15:00
End of term	19/07/24	13:30
INSET days no children on site	02/09/24	
Autumn Term Starts for Y1-6	04/09/24	08:50