

Headlines

13th September 2024



Dear Parents

Our first full week back and there are a lot of tired faces around the school – both adults and children! Lots of early nights needed over the weekend.

It has been a lovely week at Ongar with children fitting back into the school routine and getting on with their learning. Today you will be sent curriculum letters – outlining what your child will be studying this year and the first learning letters of the year.

If there is anything else you would like to know please don't hesitate to speak to myself, Mrs Pirie or our office team.

Welcome to the rest of our Chestnuts (Reception). All of the children are now in school and are settling well into the school and routines. They have all been on a tour of the school, played beautifully outside and been to assembly - it is like they have always been here!

As we mentioned last week we are not using Reading diaries to record what children are reading. Instead parents will be able to monitor the books being read and progress on quizzes by logging onto Home Connect. The letter explaining how to do this has been sent out today.

Reminders

If you are waiting with your Year 1 or 2 child in the morning for the teacher to appear at the gate please can you not block the way into the playground for our Reception children – thank you.

Please ensure children have a coat. We will have breaks outside as often as possible. Please ensure your children brings a water bottle to school filled with plain water – no squash or juice.

Please take care when parking outside the school to not obstruct our neighbour's drives and to ensure children are safe.

If your child is in Year 6 please ensure you put the application in for their secondary place by 31st October 2024

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary>

School Dates. Here are some of the dates that we have already agreed for this term.

	Date	Time
Full Governing Body Meeting	17/09/24	18:30 - 20:30
Early Years coffee morning (N&R)	20/09/24	09:00 - 10:00
High Ashurst Parents	26/09/24	15:30 - 16:00
Perform Workshop YR-3	30/09/24	09:00 - 11:00
PTFA Meeting	30/09/24	19:30 - 21:00
Feeling Good Week	07/10/24	
PINS parent info meeting	07/10/24	11:15 - 12:00
ROH Alice Ballet Y3/4	08/10/24	
Prospective Parents Tour	10/10/24	09:15 - 10:00
Y5/6 Globe Theatre	11/10/24	08:30 - 09:00
Harvest Assembly Yr, Y1, Y2	17/10/24	14:30 - 15:00
Bikeability Level 2 Year 6	21-25/10/24	
School Photos Independent	22/10/24	08:30 - 13:00
Parents Evenings	22/10/24	15:40 - 18:30
Eikon - High 5 Parent Coffee morning	24/10/24	09:00 - 10:00
Parents Evening	24/10/24	15:40 - 18:30
Non Uniform Day	25/10/24	
High Ashurst	06-08/11/24	
Prospective Parents	12/11/24	09:15 - 10:00
Governors Meeting	12/11/24	18:30 - 20:30
Junior Citizen Thorpe Park	19/11/24	13:00 - 15:00
PTFA Bags 2 School	25/11/24	08:50
Prospective parents eve	28/11/24	19:00 - 20:00
Heads Up programme Y6 - Library	05/12/24	13:00 - 14:30
Rocksteady Concert	05/12/24	14:30 - 15:00
PTFA School Shopping Event	06/12/24	
Nativity YR/Y1/Y2	12/12/24	14:15 - 15:00
Nativity YR/Y1/Y2	13/12/24	14:15 - 15:00
Carol Concert KS2 TBC	16/12/24	19:00-20:00
Panto	17/12/24	
End of Term 1.30pm	21/12/24	16 days
Start of Spring Term	06/01/25	08:50

Ambassadors

Today we announced our first positions of responsibility for our Year 6 children.

Children were asked to apply for the role of Ambassador in writing to me. The Senior Leadership Team and Mrs Dreher read all the wonderful letters and it was a pleasure to hear how much the children enjoyed school, want to help and how they follow our values. We could have chosen any of the children who applied but we had the hard job of whittling it down to four. Many congratulations to this year's Ambassadors; **Ethan, Zak, Bella and Amy D** I look forward to working with you.

Next week we will be asking Year 6 to put themselves forward as House Captains.

