

Headlines

15th November 2024



Dear Parents

A cold and foggy week. Halloween and Fireworks are over and I can hear reception, year 1 and 2 practicing their singing for Christmas in the hall!

I had the great pleasure of accompanying Year 5 and 6 on their residential to High Ashurst. This is the first time we have taken two year groups away at the same time and it worked! The activities were excellent and it was lovely to see the children taking part and enjoying the challenge. The staff at the centre were very positive about the children's behaviour and manners too. Thank you to all the adults who came with us and braved the cold and the disturbed nights. Have a good weekend, Mrs T L Good



There will be more pictures on the website on Monday



Thank you to everyone who filled in the Questionnaire at Parents evening. I was pleased with the results and the comments and suggestions. If you would like a personal response please get in touch.	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Don't know
1. My child is happy at Ongar Place	55	14	1	
2. My child feels safe at Ongar Place	59	10	1	
3. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	39	30	1	
4. The school teaches my child to recognise the difference between right and wrong	48	21		1
5. I receive newsletters and information about what my child is learning	54	16		
6. The school has high expectations for my child – it believes my child can make progress	47	20	1	1
7. The school helps children to settle into the school or into new classes	53	16	1	
8. There are opportunities for my child to take part in activities and trips outside of the classroom	45	23		1
9. The school supports my child's wider development	46	22	1	
10. The school has a good understanding of my child's needs	46	21	2	1
11. The school values everyone equally and teaches pupils that difference is a positive, not a negative	47	19	2	1
12. Ongar Place is well led and managed by leaders and governors.	38	26	3	1
13. I feel I could approach the school if I needed support	51	17	3	
14. Would you recommend Ongar Place to another parent?	Yes 67	No 2		
1. My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	7	6	2	

A strength of Ongar Place is ...

- Community and inclusive feel
- They very clearly value every student and wish them to succeed
- Children always come out smiling
- Feeling very welcome within the school
- Lovely staff Great class teachers
- Parent inclusion i.e. with assemblies, learning days etc, approachability,
- Our child looks forward to coming to school
- School with great community spirit
- Reading confidence in children.
- Hugely supportive – for both children and parents
- We love the school
- Academic levels
- Creates a caring and safe environment for my child

A further development for Ongar Place would be ...

- More of a handover between parents to new teachers when going into new year
- Parents to be able to watch sports day
- Roof cover on swimming pool to save money
- Longer after school club/more holiday clubs
- Communication about certain things
- To get a mini bus

New dates added in bold:

Description	Date	Time
Junior Citizen Thorpe Park	19/11/24	13:00 - 15:00
Football Match vs St James	20/11/24	14.30 - 17.00
PTFA Bags 2 School	25/11/24	all day
Girls Football Tournament	28/11/24	11:00 - 16:00
Prospective parent's eve	28/11/24	19:00 - 20:00
Flu immunisations	02/12/24	all day
Rocksteady Concert	05/12/24	14:30 - 15:00
PTFA School Shopping Event	06/12/24	all day
Y6 Bikeability	Wb 09/12/24	all day
Nativity YR and KS1	12/12/24	14:15 - 15:00
Nativity YR and KS1	13/12/24	14:15 - 15:00
PTFA School Disco Yr KS1 KS2	16/12/24	17:00 –18:00 18:15-19:15
Panto	17/12/24	all day
KS2 Carol concert	18/12/24	18.00 - 21.00
Term finishes 1.30pm	20/12/24	
Back to school 08.50	06/01/25	

Bags 2 School The PTFA have organised a 'Bags 2 School' collection for Monday 25th November.