

Headlines

29th November 2024



Dear Parents

A busy week as always. The tree is up in the hall and waiting decoration (thank you to the PTFA and Ottershaw Christmas Tree Farm), the stage is up so the nativity can be rehearsed and the panto trip is organised and the letters have gone out! It is indeed beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Have a good weekend, Mrs T L Good

Year 1 Local Walk

Year 1 went on a walk around our local area. We walked across the motorway bridge and down Sandy Road and Orchard Way towards the allotment gardens. We enjoyed trying to read the road signs and count the numbers on the different houses. All the children were beautifully behaved and pointed out the sights they were familiar with. Some managed to distinguish between physical and human features as we have been learning in Geography.

Thank you very much to the parents who came with us – we are looking forward to our next outing.

Staffing News

As you are all aware Mr Knott is retiring at the end of term. I am delighted to be able to tell you that we have recruited Ms Chaudry to join us from January to teach Year 5. Ms Chaudry, a parent within our school, is an experienced teacher who is returning to teaching following a break to concentrate on her family. Ms Chaudry has already started to meet with Mr Knott to ensure a full handover and in the next few weeks will spend time in class getting to know the children and the school. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Ms Chaudry to our school teaching team.

More Staffing News

I am very sad to have to announce that Mrs Sherwood will be leaving us at Christmas! Mrs Sherwood has been part of Ongar Place for many years, working in the kitchen for a long time, being part of breakfast club and most recently working as a TA in Reception and with one of our children. We will be saying a proper goodbye at the end of term.

New dates added in bold:

Description	Date	Time
PTFA Wreath Making	29/10/24	19:30
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 /2	16/12/24	17:00 –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	

Sporting News

Year 5 and 6 boys took part in the opening round of the ERPSSA cup against St. James on Thursday last week. The fixture was a tough battle with both sides having good chances in the first half which Hugo saved well and Grayson was narrowly denied. The second half opened up which led to more chances with Ben's shot just going wide. Fletcher, Ethan and Lennon defended resolutely which led to minimal chances from the St. James' attack. During the dying moments of the match after Frank and Henry had won the ball back Grayson had a shot which was well saved, then commenced a goal-mouth scramble as Grayson couldn't quite finish and was denied a chance to see the net bulge.

This brought the final whistle with the game hanging in the balance at 0-0. Onto penalties Ongar went, after 3 missed/saved penalties with Hugo making good saves throughout, Ben was stood with ball in hand, placed it down, took a few steps and blasted it into the top right corner which burst through the opposition's goal keepers hand. 1-0 Ongar in the shoot-out. If Hugo were to save the next Ongar would be through. Ever composed Hugo stood strong and saved the shot. Ongar through 0-0 (1-0p).

ERPSSA Girl's Football Tournament

The girl's football team- Bella, Evie (Captain) Octavia, Callie, Dolcie, Molly, Ellie-May and Daisy visited a very frosty Royal Holloway University to take part in the annual 7-a-side football tournament.

This is a highly prestigious tournament which leads to National Finals. The girls were drawn in an extremely difficult group.

In the first match they were unlucky not to come away with a draw against a powerful Burhill side but lost 1-0 to a deflected goal. They battled hard against Cleves A team, who ended up finishing 3rd. In their final game they were beaten by eventual champions Cardinal Newman.

Well done for showing compassion towards each other and for learning from each other. Thank you to the parents who helped with transporting the girls - it is much appreciated.