

Headlines

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Dear Parents,

The third lockdown headlines!

We have managed to live through the current situation for nearly five weeks and we continue to do as well as we can. At school we are still caring for the children of keyworkers, preparing work for other children and ensuring there is someone you can get in touch with. Don't hesitate to contact us if you need us.

It was lovely to deliver learning packs to you all on Monday. I was so proud of the teaching staff - 206 folders distributed in one day! Mr Knott claims he has been to places he never went before and Mrs Brill and I are pretty sure that the numbering system on Strawberry Fields is the work of the devil! Thank you for the posters and kind comments. We miss you all too.

I hope you and your child have had a chance to look through the file and feel that you can access the work. If not, then please don't worry! If it looks too hard, look at the tasks for the previous year group on the school website and if it looks too easy, look at the year above. If your child is year 6 and needs some more challenge, e-mail me and one of us will be in touch to give you advice.

I will once again reiterate not to worry that your children are falling behind or suffering academically. Try not to compare how much they are doing compared with classmates and other schools. Different parents and different schools are taking approaches that they think are right for their children. We don't all get it right all of the time. What I want is for children to come back to Ongar happy, secure and excited to be in school. We'll sort the learning out then – that's our job!

A Message for Year 6

I feel very sad that you are missing your last term at Ongar. It is such a shame that you are missing out on undertaking all those responsibilities that you were given at the beginning of the year and were already doing so well. Try and focus on all the things you have done so far; the residential (schools are having to cancel those that are planned for this term), the panto, your assembly, the carol concert, the house family meetings, the sport. Don't forget, you will also get lots of opportunities in the coming years. I have my fingers crossed that we will be back before the end of term and we will be able to celebrate your time at Ongar! You haven't seen the last of us – Miss Watts and I don't send anyone off to secondary school without a big hug! (Obviously taking into consideration the social distancing rules!!)

Best wishes to you all, Mrs Good



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Many thanks to Jade for keeping the PTFA facebook page going. Loved the dingbats/ picture quiz!

