

Headlines

11th September 2020



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year! It has been lovely to see all the children again enjoying being back with their friends in classes after such a long time. The children have settled extremely well, have adapted to the new routines in place and are having a great time learning. Curriculum letters will come out today. These will provide an overview of the areas of learning the children will cover this term.

This week we welcomed some of our new Reception class and we look forward to the next group of children starting on Monday. We also welcome two new members of staff to Ongar this term. Miss Horton will be working as a TA in Reception and Miss Boocock is joining Year 1 as a trainee teacher.

Thank you all for following the systems we have put in place for drop off and pick up times. We may need to make changes in the future if government guidance changes and will let you know if this happens.



Enjoying our new outdoor play equipment



First days at school

Online Family Learning courses

Surrey Family Learning has developed a range of online courses that parents can sign up to with their children. The courses, including phonics, Maths and cookery, are all free. Details about how to sign up can be found on the attached flier.

Online Safety

At the start of a new school year, children will be covering online safety and exploring how to keep themselves safe online. If parents would like any further advice don't hesitate to ask. Further information can be found at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Loaves and Fishes Lunchtime project

Over the summer, the Loaves and Fishes Lunch Project took place with the restrictions imposed due to the Covid-19 virus. Lunches were given out by volunteers at St Paul's Church, Strawberry Fields Estate and Tesco between 12 and 1pm, Monday to Friday for five weeks. 2105 lunches were distributed to children during the five weeks of the project. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this project.

If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 (high temperature, persistent cough etc), do not send them into school. Inform the office and arrange for your child to have a test.

Children should not need to bring bags to school with them each day and only need a water bottle and lunchbox. A pair of trainers can be kept in school for PE.

Dates

Monday 14 th September	Second Reception group start school
Monday 21 st September	Third Reception group start school

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