

# Headlines

16<sup>th</sup> October 2020



## Dear Parents,

Despite the uncertainty in the world around us, here at Ongar we focus hard on our learning (most of the time!) and take pleasure in all the things we are allowed to do. Have a good weekend, Mrs Good.

## Year 6 Responsibilities

Last week we asked the Year 6 children to put themselves forward for different responsibilities. Those children who wanted to be house captains had to produce a poster. These were then given to the classes and members of their house could vote for them.

Miss Watts and I were delighted that so many children put themselves forward and the posters were great! The votes were counted and the result announced to Year 6 on Monday:

Brooklands Lola Lauren	Runnymede Issy Harvey
Wisley Kai George	Painshill Grace Imogen

Well done to everyone.

We also had the application process ready for School Ambassadors. Children had to write a letter to me telling me why they would be a good ambassador for our school. Again the standard of letters was very high and it was hard for us to choose.

Our eventual winners were:

### School Ambassadors:

Lilly-Rose – ‘I am really good at organising – this would mean the world to me’

Molly – ‘You can rely on me for anything’

Findlay F – ‘I am a responsible person and I would enjoy the opportunity to represent the school’

Oliver U – ‘I have represented the school in many ways ... every year I try my hardest’

A great team!

All twelve children then had leadership training delivered by Active Surrey on the Tuesday. They were fortunate enough to be the first children to take part in this training in Surrey and they learnt how to organize tournament, ensure that everyone was included and gained an understanding of what makes a successful activity. Hopefully they will be able to use these skills later this year.

## Playtime

I was hoping that we would carry on our current playtime rota until half term but unfortunately the weather has beaten us. There is so much mud in school and on children that we are changing it from next week. We hope to keep playing in the woods for a bit longer as it's drier under the trees but other playtimes will be indoors or on hard surfaces.

Productivity at Ongar has definitely gone down amongst staff this week as we have all spent quite a lot of time just looking at Amber!

She has been surprisingly happy to visit the classrooms and really seemed to enjoy being the subject of Mrs Pirie's English lesson on Wednesday.

At the moment Amber is mainly carried around by Mrs Pirie. When the time comes for her to start meeting children properly and 'working' we will give you more details.



## Technology

Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire about technology. In our quest to be able to teach 'remotely', teachers this week have been taking story time for the whole school from their classrooms.

## Governors

Thank you to the parents who responded to our call for Governors. I am delighted to tell you that we now have two new Governors at Ongar Place.

**Mrs Becky Davies** is our new parent governor and **Mr Chris Bullett** has been co-opted to the Governing Body.

Becky has three children at Ongar and one more to come! On her supporting statement Becky said 'I am very invested in Ongar's future, not just for my children but for all the children that attend.' Becky has a background in Children's Services and will be a great addition to our GB.

Chris has two children at Ongar and said 'I believe passionately that all children can achieve tremendous success and, crucially, enjoy their schooling. Chris is a qualified teacher and currently works for the Ministry of Defence. We are all looking forward to working with them.'