

Headlines

23rd October 2020



Dear Parents,

I look around the school and I can see lots of tired faces; both staff and children. Autumn 1 is always a long half term. Everyone is so busy learning new things it can be quite exhausting.

However, I am so proud of everyone! Staff, children and parents have embraced all the changes imposed on us and have created a safe and happy place to be. Reception children have settled beautifully and, while some still get naked when changing for PE, they are beginning to learn their sounds and are learning beautifully together.

Across the school, children have been learning new things and, as far as possible, taking part in events. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard this half term and everyone who has been so supportive.

Have a great half term and we will see you on November 2nd at 8.55 am.

All best wishes, Mrs T L Good



COVID 19

So far we have escaped any infections at Ongar although a couple of members of staff have had to self-isolate due to close contact.

Thank you to all parents who have been so proactive in calling in symptoms and getting children tested where necessary.

As I've said previously, I'm sure there will be a case at some point and we will follow the guidelines.

Half Term

A person with **COVID-19** may be **contagious** 48 to 72 hours before **starting** to experience **symptoms**. Therefore if your child develops symptoms today, Saturday or Sunday AND tests positive please let me know as a matter of urgency closure@ongar-place.surrey.sch.uk or admin@ongar-place.surrey.sch.uk

If your child develops symptoms from Monday of half term onwards AND tests positive, please follow the advice of test and trace and let me know on Monday 2nd November.

Hopefully there will be no change to rules over half term and we can all return to school as planned on Monday. However, if there are, I will endeavour to let you know as soon as possible by email or text.

Amber

Amber has continued to settle into school life this week. She has met lots of new friends whilst being carried around school getting used to all of the new sounds and smells.

She is doing very well with her training and enjoys showing off how well she can 'sit' now.

She particularly enjoyed having some very special visits from children who came to show her some of the fantastic work they had done in class.

One of the highlights of my week was Annabelle (Y4) coming to my office to share the poem she had written – I loved it!

The Flower Angel

I am not the learner learning,
And I am not
The teacher teaching

But I am a bloom
Which watches
Over this
Educational youth

Hydrate me with glimmering water,
For I am thirsty,
And feed me with shining sunshine,
For I am famished

My body is smooth
And my arms are covered
My feet are warm
My hats are delicate

When the learner is miserable
I feel sad too,
And when she feels a whirl of joy,
I feel it too.

