

# Headlines

6<sup>th</sup> November 2020



## Dear Parents,

I hope you all managed to enjoy some aspects of half term.

Yesterday, as we moved into Lockdown 2, there was very little change at school. I am hoping that pick up and drop off will continue to be speedy and as socially distanced as possible. Speaking to my colleagues that are having a staggered drop off and pick up, I am very keen to avoid this as it ultimately involves parents having to hang around and missed learning.

I realise that Lockdown 2 will present difficulties for many of our families – whether you are again working from home, furloughed, without work or worried about relatives and friends you can't visit. There is a limited amount we can do to help but we are here and we are open (at the moment!). If we can offer any practical help or advice or just provide someone to talk to don't hesitate to let me know.

Have a good weekend, Mrs T L Good

## Amber

Amber had all her injections over half term and is learning to walk on the lead. She continues to shred paper and gnaw on anything that takes her fancy but we're told it's just a phase!

## Harvest

We were very excited when we came up with the idea of filming a Harvest performance for you. We discussed how we could do it and what joy it would bring everyone. It's perhaps not of the Spielberg quality we were hoping for, but here it is: <https://youtu.be/PzTJ2hWY5Hs>

We are hoping that someone with more experience and skill than us will help to produce our nativity offering!

Thanks to Ellie for the piano and singing practices.



## Improvements

Even though the country is on hold - we're still pushing forward at Ongar.

This week we had a new gymnastics equipment installed in the hall and it looks fantastic! A great replacement for the old wooden structure which was very similar to the type I used at school.

Mr Good let some of the year 3 children try it out and they had a great time.

If you cast your mind back to last year we celebrated 50 years of Ongar and everybody in school at the time made a leaf that was incorporated into an Ongar Tree. Miss White and Mrs Good spent time in lockdown sewing everything together and this week Mrs Tuttle and Miss White eventually managed to get it mounted on the wall. It looks amazing! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

It's been ages since we could use the play fort in the front playground because of some repairs it needed. This week a man came and completed all the repairs. Teddy from reception class removed the 'keep out' tape and children are now allowed to play on it again. Hopefully the weather will stay nice.

## Anyone for Cricket

Rhianna Southby from the Surrey Cricket Foundation and Chance to Shine will be teaching Year 4, 5 and 6 an introduction to cricket this half-term. Rhianna, who plays for Surrey Stars and Oval Invincibles, started this week with some fielding skills including catching as well as throwing at a target. The children were well motivated and had great fun! We look forward to the next sessions.

**Children in year 4, 5 and 6 can wear PE kit to school on Thursday so they are prepared for the session. Also Year 6 and 3 can wear kit on Monday for gym lessons and Year 4 and 5 on Tuesday.**

