

Headlines

27th November 2020



Dear Parents

It's been another 'interesting', week at Ongar. In the early hours of Wednesday Mrs Pirie and I found out that one of the adults in Year 2 had tested positive for COVID-19 and we would have to close Year 2. Public Health England have advised that children and adults in this group have to isolate. We worked hard to ensure all parents knew as soon as possible and kept their children at home. We would like to thank all parents for being so supportive. We recognise how difficult it can be to make arrangements at short notice. When classes are closed for isolation we obviously do not have children of keyworkers in school. This was an arrangement that occurred only in the full closure last term. However, if we can offer help in any other way please don't hesitate to contact us.

Packs of learning and lunch support were given out today and Mrs Marwick will be arranging some online learning for today and next week.

Unfortunately, I also tested positive for COVID this week – quite how it dared to infect me I don't know! As I've not been in school since Friday this has no impact on anyone else. Mrs Pirie is doing an amazing job of keeping the school on track. I am sure you will support her in keeping the school stable and safe over the next week or so.

Have a good weekend everyone, Mrs T L Good

PTFA

Last week we sent out all the details of the Christmas events that the PTFA are busy organising for the last two weeks of term. We have our fingers firmly crossed that all children are in school those weeks. We have spent a long time assessing all the risks and have made the events as safe as any event in school. Classes will stay in their own groups and any adults helping will be thoroughly briefed and distanced. If anyone has any further questions don't hesitate to talk to the PTFA or Mrs Turner in the office.

Reminder: Christmas Dinner letters went out last week to everyone who usually has a packed lunch and to Reception class yesterday. These need to be returned by 4th December.

Cross Country

As promised last week we held our inaugural cross country event this week. The course snaked across the whole of the school site and measured 500m a lap. Year 3 and 4 were to run 3 laps and Year 5 and 6 were tasked to run 4. Some children started the event with trepidation and there were a few tears. However every child, who was able to, took part and all of them did incredibly well. Whether they ran the full course, half a course or walked a bit they all showed resilience and strength of character. Some children also showed athletic excellence.

1500m

Aimee	1 st Y3	08:51
Lily	2 nd Y3	08:54
Kieron	3 rd Y3	08:57
Arthur	1 st Y4	06:26
Ronnie	2 nd Y4	06:47
Oliver	3 rd Y4	07:00
Freja	1 st girl Y4	07:50

2000m

Leo	1 st Y5	08:57
Matthew	2 nd Y5	09:07
Nathan	3 rd Y5	09:09
Maya	1 st girl Y5	12:18
Harvey	1 st Y6	08:25
Dexter	Joint 2 nd Y6	09:24
Kamran	Joint 2 nd Y6	09:24
Lauren	1 st girl 6	12:53

These results have been sent to ERPSSA and we wait to see how well we compare to other schools.

Mr Good would like to say a huge thank you to Year 6 who supported – at a distance, especially Harvey who ran the first lap for each year group!

