

# Headlines

18<sup>th</sup> December 2020



## Dear Parents

What a term! I have never known anything like it. However, we have hung on in there and all the children have had a great experience in school.

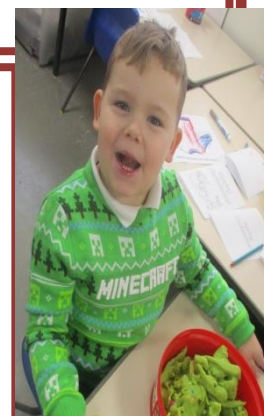
Thank you to everyone for all your help and support – and a very special thank you to all staff who worked so hard to keep our children happy, safe and learning. Our first day back is the 4<sup>th</sup> January at 8.55. We look forward to seeing you then.

I hope everyone manages to have a good break. With all best wishes for Christmas and the New Year - Mrs T L Good

## PTFA

A MASSIVE THANK YOU to the PTFA and especially Jade, Laura and Zoe. You have all been amazing this year but the last week or so have really stepped in and helped make things Christmassy at Ongar. Shopping was fab, Christmas activities fun and the panto and cinema afternoon was great. We all really appreciate it your support and creativity!

**Christmas dinner** today was not as raucous or as busy as usual but the dinner was delicious! The children had crackers and Christmas jumpers across the school were amazing as always. A huge thank you to Sandra, Maria and Michelle who have gone 'above and beyond' this term to keep us all fed and full.



Not the dinner!

A person with **COVID-19** may be **contagious** 48 hours before **starting** to experience **symptoms**. Therefore if your child has been in school and develops symptoms today, Saturday or Sunday AND tests positive please let me know as a matter of urgency, [closure@ongar-place.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:closure@ongar-place.surrey.sch.uk) If your child develops symptoms from Monday let me know on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Hopefully there will be no change to rules over the holiday and we can all return to school as planned on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January. However, if there are changes, I will endeavour to let you know as soon as possible by email or text.

## Special Visitor

It would seem that Ongar is definitely on the good list as we had a very special visitor delivering presents to us! He crept in and out without anyone seeing but luckily he was caught on camera.

Have a look ...

<https://youtu.be/udWimWreYrU> !!!

## Holiday Support

There is help available over Christmas for families who are experiencing financial difficulties and rely on school meals. I have sent out details to those parents. Also, please see the attachments to the email. If you need help accessing the foodbank contact them directly

<https://runnymede.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help> or Hebrews Cafe (at St Paul's church) can refer you.

## Our Ongar Christmas Tree

We were very lucky to receive a community allocation from our Local County Councillor Mrs Mary Angell to decorate a tree outside. We were able to put in an electricity point at the front of the school and decorate one of our magnificent trees outside. This tree can be seen by our local community walking past the school as well as all our parents dropping off and picking up.

The children have been very busy in school creating their individual baubles. These are now hanging in the tree. Although we haven't all been able to get together as a whole school this Christmas, the tree represents a brighter future and the fact that we remain one school family.

