

Headlines

29th January 2021



Dear Parents

The snow provided us with lots of fun last weekend and something to be excited about! It has been great seeing all the pictures of children having a fantastic time and making amazing snowmen and snow angels.

The announcement this weekend, that lockdown will continue until the 8th March, was inevitable but disappointing. We will continue to provide remote learning for all children and some on-site provision until we can reopen properly.

This week has been tough for lots of parents. The novelty of being at home with your children has well and truly worn off and the novelty of learning on-line is waning for some children. Please remember that you are all parents first, NOT teachers. If your child is worried or anxious about their work then reassure them, take a break and speak to us. I know it is worrying that children have missed so much time in school but the most important thing at the moment is that all children feel safe and happy. The rest we can deal with later.

Children at school

We are at full capacity at school for children attending on site provision. **The school is open to children of critical workers and vulnerable children. This is at the headteacher's discretion.** All children currently on the register have a place until half term. However, I may have to ask for written evidence of critical worker status after this. This can be obtained from your employer.

If you need provision and think you may be entitled to it, please check with the guidance below:

Full list:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision> and contact the school to discuss.

Remote Learning

Great remote learning going on this week as always. It was lovely to see a video of Noah in reception practicing his phonics and listen to Tyler and Trace's arguments about fresh water.

Some of the art work from across the school has been fantastic and there is lots of great learning going on in all the other subjects.



This week I had a BIG birthday! Obviously, we couldn't have a big party but Mrs Pirie and Miss Watts arranged a great 'distanced' celebration for me. The children all made birthday crowns, ate their home made biscuits and sang at me. My cake from Mrs Slater was shared amongst everyone in school. A really special thank you to those children who made me a video message or wrote on the PTFA page. I honestly had the best day and felt very lucky to be part of Ongar!



1. ERNEST'S ENDURANCE ENDS!
2. ENDURANCE EXPEDITION ENDS!
3. ERNEST'S ICESCAPE!
4. SHACKLETON SAVIOR NO LONGER!
5. SHACKLETON'S SURVIVAL STORY!

Great home learning from Findlay, Harvey, Isaac, Lauren and Molly Rose. Well done.

