

Headlines

14th May 2021



Dear Parents

It has been a miserable week weather wise – thank goodness it wasn't like this last May when we were stuck in our homes! Hopefully the sun will start to shine soon and we can continue to make use of the grounds and get all our sport played outside. It was lovely to see Year 2 playing Cricket in the hall with our Cricket Coach, Rhiannon.



PE days – wear kit

Y3 Monday
Y4 Tuesday
Y5 Tuesday
Y6 Monday and Friday

Year R, Year 1, Year 2 should bring their kit into school in a bag as usual. They will get changed at school.

Swimming days:

YR Thursday am
Y1 Wednesday am
Y2 Tuesday pm
Y3 Thursday pm
Y4 Wednesday pm
Y5 Monday pm (aerobics)

17th May

There are obviously changes coming nationwide on the 17th as there are changes to what we can all do and not do due to Covid.

At Ongar there will be no immediate change to our routines. I will send out a letter detailing changes that take place after half term in the next week or two.

However, can I ask that if you are watching your child walk down the drive you move away from the gates so everyone else can get in.

Also, while it is lovely to see the children so keen to come into school, rushing down up the drive like the start of the Grand National has caused a couple of falls. Please remind your children to walk. Thank you.

Swimming

Swimming is going ...er... swimmingly. Lots of children are now making lovely progress. Many thanks to the parents (and grandparents) who are helping. Can we remind parents to check their account and ensure they are up to date with payments. If there are any issues with paying please contact Mrs Good.

Support with food costs

The Government Winter Support Scheme will run over half term. Vouchers will be provided through the school. If you have received vouchers before and changed your email address, please let us know. If you need support and your child does not get low income free school meals, don't hesitate to contact Mrs Good- we may be able to help.

Football Week

Mr Good is busy putting together some lessons to celebrate schools football week at the end of this half term (who knew there was such a thing?) He will be sending out a letter next week with more details but a 'heads up' is that Friday 28th May will be a Sports Mufti Day – children can wear football kit, a kit from another sport or PE kit for a donation of £1 that will go to the Matthew Hackney Foundation.

Community learning

We have been reaching out to work with other communities locally and were delighted that Rivermede Court Care Home reached out to us to help them. Residents at the home have been making seed blocks that can be planted in the ground and will hopefully grow into wild flowers. They gave some to our Year 6 pupils and they have been planting them around the school to hopefully bring a bit of colour and attract insects. Year 6 then wrote to the residents and they responded on Facebook:

Rivermede Court Care Home is 🥰feeling delighted.

Our residents were very excited to receive lovely hand written letters, all 26 of them, from ONGAR Place Primary School (y6).

We would like to say big thank you, to all the children who have written the letters 📄. We will be writing 🙌back to you very soon....we have truly enjoyed your curious questions.

We look forward to receiving our letters!

