

# Headlines

25<sup>th</sup> June 2021



## Dear Parents

It's been another busy week at Ongar. Assembly practice, trips and sport have been taking place and there has also been some fantastic learning in classrooms and outside.

We have been very fortunate in not having any cases of COVID in school since Christmas but it is still important that we take care. If your child or a member of the family has a persistent cough, temperature or any other symptoms of COVID please keep them off school and arrange for a PCR test. Have a great weekend, Mrs T Good

## Transition

Unfortunately the Year 6 transition days to their new secondary schools have been cancelled. However, we will be doing work in school to help the children feel confident and happy with the change. Next week classes will spend Wednesday and Thursday morning with their teacher for next year. I will send out a letter on Wednesday detailing where all the staff will be working.

## Mission to Mars

On Wednesday Years 4, 5 and 6 child took part in a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) activity run by SATRO, an education charity.

The session was entitled Mission to Mars and the children learnt how to program a Robot Vehicle to go forwards, reverse, turn and change the speed and time of manoeuvres. They programmed the Robot Vehicle to complete several tasks and as an extension activity completed tasks including buzzers, LEDs and produced onboard warning messages. This allowed their vehicle to become an independent, intelligent rover that could navigate around rocks just like the Perseverance Rover on Mars!

The children had a great time and enjoyed working with someone from outside of the school.

SATRO relies on volunteers from all areas of the working world to make their events an exciting and unique learning experience. They operate throughout Surrey and the South East so if you would like to get involved in inspiring the next generation about the world of work, please visit their website for more information – [www.satro.org.uk](http://www.satro.org.uk)

I had to include these gorgeous photos of Reception's first trip out! They exhausted themselves! There are some more pictures on the website.



## Chestnuts assembly

This morning Chestnut Class entertained their parents with a fantastic re-telling of Jack and the Beanstalk. This was the Reception children's first opportunity to perform in front of a real audience and they were superb. They acted out the story with loud clear voices and the singing was amazing. What a lovely way to end the week! Well done Chestnuts and thank you Mrs Brill, Mrs Mount and Mrs Denyer for putting it all together.



## Photos

Class photos were taken on Monday and children should have come home with an ordering slip. The deadline for free delivery to school is 4<sup>th</sup> July. Order online.

## Class Assemblies:

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June Year 2  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July Year 1  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July Year 4  
These will be in the hall at 9am with just the class performing and parents watching.

