

Headlines

2nd July 2021



Dear Parents

It's been a week of change at Ongar. All of the children moved up to their new classrooms and met with their new teachers and teaching assistants. A letter went home on Wednesday evening detailing where everyone is next year. As always I was amazed at how quickly the children settled and how they are already building relationships with their new teachers. I hardly dare to say it; hopefully next year will be more settled! Have a good weekend.

Staffing News

We are so lucky at Ongar that people seem to enjoy working here and we have very few people leave. However, this year we are losing a member of staff who has made a massive difference to lots of our children in the relatively short time she has been here. Mrs Bullett (who taught before Harry was born) joined us for a couple of lunchtime duties a couple of years ago and was gradually sucked back into education via a teaching assistant role. She has been the most brilliant TA and once she found her feet and (with some not so gentle persuasion) she was great at covering some of our teacher absences – sometimes at a moments notice. She also made a huge difference to the children who attended school during the lockdowns, organising some amazing activities and tasks. We congratulate her on her new teaching role at West Byfleet Juniors but we know our Karaoke parties will never be the same again!

Thank you Seymours Estate Agents for donating 10 footballs to our school. They will be very much appreciated by the children ... and Mr Good. Thank you Bullett Boys for posing so nicely.

Wisley

Year 3 went on a school trip to Wisley last week.

“When we arrived at Wisley I looked out of my window and it looked beautiful. We started looking around. We saw an autumn statue, a spring statue and a summer statue. After that we saw the three girls sculpture. Then went to a bird hide. We met some people called Kyle and Elizabeth they told us really cool things about plants. We even planted our own. I got to pick a broad bean. Next we went to a building with lots of cactuses in the desert area – it was very spiky. After that we saw a rainforest area and it had lots of beautiful plants in it. At the end we went upstairs and it felt a bit scary! Eventually we made our way back to the coach and waved goodbye to Wisley.” From Lily's recount.

More Staffing News

I am delighted to say that we have appointed some new TAs. Mrs Poulton, an experienced TA, joins us to work as the class TA in Y3.

Mrs Staunton will be regularly working in Y5 supporting individual children.

Mrs Barbato will be working in Y2 when we need her!

We are looking forward to working with them all!

Class Assemblies:

Wednesday 7th July Year 4

This will be in the hall at just after 9am with just the class performing and parents watching.



Year 2 assembly

The much anticipated Year 2 assembly took place on Wednesday morning. The children had been rehearsing hard and told us about numbers and maths functions. It was an absolute pleasure to watch and all the children performed fantastically well, singing and speaking clearly and audibly. Thank you to all the parents who attended and a huge thank you to Mrs Marwick – who was very proud and to Mrs Norman and Miss King who helped to put it together.

Photos

The deadline for free delivery of photos to the school is 4th July. Order online.

