

Headlines

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Dear Parents

This time last year I was writing that the year had been my most bizarre year in teaching ever. However, I think possibly this year surpasses that! Yet another roller coaster of opening and closing, in school provision and online learning, challenge and support, optimism and anxiety and a whole range of other things. However, we have come through it all and we end the year smiling and hopefully looking forward to a brighter time ahead.

More than anything else these last years have shown me how important community is and how, through working together, we can support each other and keep our children safe and happy.

I am very proud of Ongar Place and all that we do. I am also very proud of all of the staff. Everyone has gone 'above and beyond' this year to do their utmost to provide the best experience for the children and they have done so with unending generosity and great humour. Thank you.

I wish every member of our community a fantastic summer break. The children in Years 1 -6 return to school on Thursday the 2nd September at 8.55am. I look forward to seeing you all then.

All best wishes Mrs T L Good

PS: Neighbours of the school will have the 'pleasure' of overhearing our Karaoke party as staff eat, drink and celebrate the end of year. This has been funded from some of the collection parents made last year, thank you. Indulge us for a bit, I promise we will not be partying late!



Year 6

Our Year 6 are leaving today. They have been an amazing year group, all the way through the school, bright, funny, independent, responsible, caring and (in some cases) bossy!

Following on from our pool party last week, this week we went to the cinema in Addlestone to watch 'Scoob' and walked to Top Golf for a game. Thursday morning saw the Leavers Assembly. It was beautifully arranged, an emotional celebration of the children's time at Ongar.

Their last two years at primary have been disrupted, to say the least, but they are all very ready to go on to secondary school. Miss Watts, myself and every other member of staff wish all of them good luck and huge success.

Mrs Bullett

Today is Mrs Bullett's last day at Ongar Place and we wish her all the very best as she moves on to a class teacher post at West Byfleet Juniors. We know she will still be about, attending parent events and supporting the school, but we will miss our daily doses of her energy, laughter and commitment. Good luck, Alison!

Ongar Place Endeavour Award

To endeavour is to try hard to do or achieve something.

When asked to consider a nominee for the Endeavour Award it was very easy to think of **Findlay**. Findlay is a delightful young man whose quiet, calm personality makes him a pleasure to be around. He is so kind and caring towards his friends and is well liked by everyone. I know that his compassion for others and his cheerful disposition will be infectious as he continues on to secondary school. Findlay is a worthy winner of this year's Endeavour Award. Well done.



Tom Sewell Citizenship Award

Citizenship is about making a contribution and trying to make a difference.

Ongar Place is proud to call **Susan** a citizen. Susan enjoys her school community. She has a generous, helpful, caring and friendly nature. She will always offer to help and assist. She will see a need, ask if help is required and gladly spend time to help others, showing admirable tolerance and patience. It goes without saying that Susan has a wide circle of friends. But, it isn't just Susan's organisational abilities that make her a great Ongar citizen. It is her enthusiasm for school, making the most and enjoying all the experiences that this community can provide with a great, big, friendly smile. Well done.