

Headlines

7th January 2022



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

I hope you managed to have a good break over Christmas and your plans were not too affected by COVID regulations!

It was lovely to welcome the children back on Tuesday and even better to be allowed to stay open for more than one day – unlike last year when we opened and closed on the same day!

We are looking forward to a busy and productive term with lots of learning, fun and activities.

I have included some dates on here and there will be more over the next few weeks. In the meantime have a great weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs T L Good

PTFA

Thank You To everyone who donated unwanted Christmas Gifts. These will be put to good use over the year to help raise money for the school.

Many thanks to Jo Bennett for collecting.

School Places

If you have a child who was born between 01.09.17 and 31.08.18, the closing date for applications to Surrey for a place at Ongar is 15th January. Even if you already have a child in the school, you need to apply.

COVID 19 Testing

The rules are changing – again!

From 11 January in England, people who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

This is a temporary measure while COVID-19 rates remain high across the UK. Whilst levels of COVID-19 are high, the vast majority of people with positive LFD results can be confident that they have COVID-19.

Lateral flow tests are taken by people who do not have COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should self-isolate and take a PCR test. They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed.

If a member of the household has COVID-19, the rest of the household does not need to isolate and children can attend school, although it is advised that they take a LFD Test every day.

If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact the office.

INSET DAYS

I have made the decision to attach the rest of the INSET days this year to holidays to try and make it easier for working parents to arrange childcare. The school will be closed to children on

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

The school year will end for children on

Wednesday 20th July 2022 at 1.30pm.

In September the official start date for the school year is Thursday 1st September.

School will open to children in years 1-6 on Monday 5th September 2022. I would encourage parents to take advantage of these dates to arrange holidays and avoid taking their children out of school in term time.

School Fund

We ask all parents for a voluntary donation of £24 per year to allow us to buy extras for our children – cooking ingredients, sports kit, play equipment etc. This is added to your Tucasi account. Many thanks if you have already paid this for the year. If not we would be grateful if it could be paid as soon as possible. If you have any issues don't hesitate to speak to Mrs Good.

