

Headlines

22nd April 2022



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope you all had an excellent break and that some of you were able to get away, relax and enjoy the sunshine.

We are looking forward to a very busy term – the Y5 and Y6 production is being planned, sports day is being organised, assemblies are being prepared and there are still trips and activities taking place almost every week.

Next week Headlines will contain a date list.

We are also trying to fit in some good quality learning to make sure everyone is ready for next year.

As always if there is anything concerning or worrying you don't hesitate to speak to me, Mrs Pirie or someone in the office.

Have a great weekend everyone Mrs T L Good

Ongar Place Nursery

The new sign went up on Tuesday and on Wednesday Ongar Place Nursery Staff opened the doors to the same children as were there before Easter!

We may be in the same building with the same people but there are already some little changes that are making sure our nursery children have a great time being part of Ongar Place. This morning the children came over to the hall for a dance session and it was lovely seeing them making use of the big space we have. We also had a big clear out over Easter holidays and a change around inside the nursery building.

In the next few weeks we'll be inviting parents to come in and share some time with their children. Mrs Brill has been over a few times and is enjoying getting to know the children. She is also keeping a very close eye on her Reception class and is making sure they are all ready for Year 1 in just a few weeks' time!!



Parent Governor

We are very lucky at Ongar Place to have a fantastic Governing Body who are committed to supporting and challenging the school (and me!), overseeing our finances and setting the strategic direction with the staff. This all ensures our children get the best experience they can. Parent Governors are important members of our governing body – they don't represent parents but they do provide a parent perspective. Just before Easter, Jade Harper stepped down as Parent Governor. She has served 4 years as a governor and was an excellent member of the Governing Body, asking questions and showing a particular interest in the provision for our children with SEN/D. Thank you!

We welcome Jo Bennett as our new parent governor. She will be attending her first meeting next week. We look forward to getting to know you.

Football vs St Cuthbert's

On the last Thursday before the Easter break both the Year 5 and Year 6 football teams travelled to Englefield Green to play St Cuthbert's.

The matches were played in bizarre conditions with sunny intervals mingled with driving snow!

The Year 5 team played some very good football against a strong side. They went a goal down but managed to level things up. St Cuthbert's retook the lead and it was then left for Ongar to dominate the game with the St Cuthbert's goalkeeper making a string of fine saves to preserve their lead. Ongar couldn't quite equalise so had to settle for a 2-1 defeat.

The Year 6 team were again left short of players due to illness. However they put in a fine display. Ongar raced into a 2-0 lead before St Cuthbert's pulled one back through a penalty. Ongar continued to dominate and ended up 5-1 winners. The goal scorers were Matthew with 3 and Leo with 2.

The Year 5's have now finished for the season but Year 6 have one last league match as well as their cup-semi-final.

County Dodgeball Festival

On Wednesday 20th April, the Year 6 dodgeball team visited Woking College to take part in the County Dodgeball Festival.

There were 11 teams taking part and Ongar had to play against 4 other schools in their group. The scoring system was a little different to how we play in school but the team soon worked out what to do.

Ongar started by playing Hythe (Egham) and were unfortunate to lose this game 8-4. They then played Staines Prep and beat them 8-4. Then followed a 6-6 draw with St Michael's (Ashford). The final group game was against Cleves which saw an 8-4 win.

Unfortunately because Staines Prep beat Hythe 12-0 in their last group game it meant Ongar missed out on a place in the semi-finals on 'points difference'. Instead they played a play-off game against St Andrew's (Cobham) which Ongar lost 8-4. This meant that Ongar finished exactly in the middle of the field in 6th Place- well done everyone! The team was Milli, Maya, Poppy, Drew, James, Eric, Leo, Nathan and Oliver.