

Headlines

9th September 2022



At Ongar, we were all very sad to hear of the death of The Queen yesterday. Today, we held an assembly to commemorate her life. As the country enters a period of mourning, we thought about her long reign and all the amazing and difficult changes she has been part of. We also remembered our fantastic Jubilee celebration last year and the fun we had.

We do not yet know how the arrangements following the Queen's death will affect school. We are waiting for guidance from the DFE and Surrey LEA.

Welcome to our new Chestnut (Reception) children. 10 of them joined us this week and we will be joined by the remaining 20 next week.



Dear Parents

Welcome back to school for the year 2022-2023 – and an especially warm welcome to those children and families who have just joined us in Nursery and in School. It was lovely to see so many children smiling as they came in on Monday.

As I walked around the school, classes were settled and children were beginning to get to know their new teachers and were starting their work for the Autumn term. In our first whole school assembly of the year we talked about change and how it can make us feel. We thought of lots of ways we can help ourselves to deal with change.

This week you will be sent curriculum letters – outlining what your child will be studying this year, the first learning letters of the year and some flyers from clubs.

Please have a close look to make sure you know what is going on in school. Next week I will send out a full list of dates that have been arranged so far for this term. If there is anything else you would like to know please don't hesitate to speak to myself, Mrs Pirie or our office team.

Have a great weekend, Mrs T L Good

New Staff

We welcome Mrs Bullet (Y2), Miss Jackson (Nursery) to our teaching team and Mr Brill and Miss G Minto to our TA team. We also welcome Mrs Stewart who is a teaching student and will be working alongside Miss M Minto in Y4.

We may possibly be looking for another part time Teaching Assistant in the next few weeks. If you are interested please see the details on the school website or contact the office.

[Ongar Staff Vacancies](#)

Amber's Summer

Amber has missed everyone at Ongar and is so excited to be back in school this week. She has had a busy Summer, gaining her Level 4 Advanced Obedience course and celebrating her 2nd birthday. She also enjoyed lots of day trips and long walks. Some of her favourite places to visit were Wisley Gardens, where she met lots of other dogs at their 'Walkies at Wisley' evening and the beach at Hayling Island. She has become much braver at the seaside and has to wear a special suit now to stop her fur getting matted from the sand and the water. She spent a whole week at Mrs Brown's house where she played with her dog Rossi and had a sleepover with Mrs Reed too.

