

# Ongar Primary School Newsletter



In our safe and supportive school, we provide lessons full of challenge, inspiration and real life learning in order to promote independent, respectful, high achievers who step out of their comfort zone, smiling.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
**DINNER MENU WEEK 1**

## ATTENDANCE

**SCHOOL WEEKLY TARGET - 96%**

**% for w/e 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – 95.2%**

| Class      | Weekly % | Points to Date |
|------------|----------|----------------|
| Donaldson  | 94.8     |                |
| Hargreaves | 90.4     |                |
| Morpurgo   | 95.5     | 3              |
| Dahl       | 96.8     | 6              |
| Rowling    | 95.8     | 4              |
| Tolkien    | 96       | 5              |

If your child is off sick, you are required to call into the school on the first day with a reason for their absence. On your child's return to school a letter of explanation or medical evidence is required. All absences are reviewed by the Headteacher and coded accordingly.

## Celebration Assembly

Target certificates will be given out in class as there will be no celebration assembly this week due to the Summer Extravaganza.

| Morpurgo    | Dahl     |
|-------------|----------|
| Morgan S    | Oliwier  |
| Morgan M    | Lucyanne |
| Maizie T    | Harry    |
| Stanley     | Oliver   |
| Finley      | Dylan    |
| Morgan C    | Warren   |
| George      |          |
| Maisie G    |          |
| Georgie-May |          |
| Nathan      |          |
| Alex        |          |
| Samuel      |          |

## Summer Extravaganza Donation Bags

A big thank you everybody that sent in donations for the Extravaganza. The winners for the most donations were Giraffes who receive 100 house points.

## KS2 Science Trip – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June

For those that have returned their forms for the Science Museum Trip, please remember that children need to be in school by **8am** as we will be leaving promptly at **8.15am**.

## CIA – Ongar Carnival

Yesterday I, along with some of our children and families took part in The Ongar Carnival. The carnival is a special community event and this is the first year, in recent times, that the school joined in the carnival procession. The children looked great in their fancy dress costumes, dressed as a variety of book characters and thanks to Mrs Neniceas we had a fantastic school banner to identify us to the crowds. The procession started at St Peter's Avenue and finished at Chipping Ongar Primary School and there were no complaints from our children who walked over a mile! Thank you to the CIA for organising our participation in the event and well done to all those children and parents who took part in the procession.

## SnapChat

Last week, SnapChat, used regularly by many children launched a new feature. SnapMaps allows users to see the location of their contacts. This feature allows others to accurately pinpoint where you are. There are three possible privacy settings:

- Ghost mode, where only you can see your position (recommended setting);
- My Friends mode, just those who you choose can see your location; and
- Select Friends mode, just those who you choose can see you.



There are clear personal safety issues with this as often children have friends on social media who are not actually "friends" and I would strongly advise checking the setting within the App. Childnet have posted a thorough explanation of SnapMaps and how to ensure users stay safe at: [Childnet SnapMaps](#).

To check current settings, in the latest version of SnapChat, open Snapchat and go to your selfie camera screen, pinch the screen or do a zoom out finger motion on the screen and SnapMap will open.

You should be able to see your bitmoji icon, on the map according to your location at the time. To keep your location private from your friends you will have to turn on Ghost Mode.

Go to the SnapMap homepage and in the top right hand corner you will see a cog or the usual setting symbol, to change your location sharing setting you can click on this.

Then switch on Ghost Mode.

## Thriftwood

Last week I had the pleasure of accompanying Tolkien class on their residential visit to Thriftwood and a wonderful time was had by all. Thanks to great liaison and collaboration by parents all children were promptly and safely delivered to us. The children were shown to their accommodation and then they received a safety briefing and site tour.

Over the next 36 hours the children were exposed to an array of challenging and fun activities from rock climbing to knife throwing; all children took themselves out of their comfort zone and achieved new heights. The Thriftwood staff, without exception, commented on the excellent manners and application of the children. The children were well fed and watered throughout their stay and I would like to thank Donna and Eileen for coming to prepare and clear up for our main meal. All the adults had a great time seeing the children having such a good time and our special Thriftwood Facebook page received lots of likes.

## Summer Extravaganza

We are holding our annual Summer Extravaganza on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June from 2-4pm. The classes and CIA have some exciting stalls planned so please don't forget your purses! We look forward to seeing you there.



## EYFS and Year 1 Parents

Last week you received an Application for Pupil Premium Funding. Please could these be completed and returned to the school by the end of this week along with any supporting documentation. A copy of the form is attached and printed forms are available from the school office. Extra funding received will help the school fund new equipment and resources at no extra cost to parents.



## End of Universal Free School Meals for Year 2 pupils

From September Year 2 children will no longer be automatically entitled to a Universal Free School Meal. If you think you meet the requirements for your child to receive a Free School Meal from September 2017, you will need to apply online through Essex County Council. If more details are required, please speak to the school office.

## Yr5&6 Athletics Festival – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Please note that this is no longer taking place tomorrow due to a change of date and venue.

## Multi Sports Club

With the majority of Key Stage 2 children out visiting the Science Museum there will be no Multi Sports club after school this Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Many thanks.

## Upcoming Events for this Term (please note changes can made to the dates below)

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – KS2 Summer Trip

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – September EYFS intake 'Free Flow and Play'

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Extravaganza

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – EYFS & KS1 Summer Trip

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Inset Day

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Meet your new teacher for September 2017 (Pupils only)

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Yr5&6 – enrichment activity (part 2)

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – September EYFS intake 'Picnic'

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Leaver's Assembly

# APPLICATION FOR A PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

We are updating our records and are asking all parents and guardians whose children are currently in EYFS & Year 1 to complete this form. We will then be able to confirm whether the school is entitled to claim the Pupil Premium for your child.

Any qualifying family that registers their eligibility by simply completing this form will help raise Pupil Premium money for the school following a government commitment to pay schools currently £1300 per year for each child registered. This is money the school can benefit from and use to fund new equipment or maybe more teaching staff.

**Please complete all sections of this form using black ink and BLOCK CAPITALS if your joint family income is less than £16,190 or you are in receipt of any of the benefits detailed in section 3 below. Please return your application, along with supporting evidence, directly to the school which will then be processed in confidence. Forms must be returned by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

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|--|-----------------------------------------------|
|  | <b>Name of School    ONGAR PRIMARY SCHOOL</b> |
|--|-----------------------------------------------|

**1. CHILD/CHILDREN'S DETAILS** (Please include any other children in the family who are in different year groups).

| Child's surname | Child's first name | Date of birth | Sex M/F |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------|
|                 |                    |               |         |
|                 |                    |               |         |
|                 |                    |               |         |

**2. PARENT/GUARDIAN DETAILS**

|                                              |  |
|----------------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Surname/family name</b>                   |  |
| <b>First name</b>                            |  |
| <b>Date of birth</b>                         |  |
| <b>National Insurance number/NASS number</b> |  |

**3. FAMILY INCOME AND BENEFIT DETAILS**

**Please complete this section only if your joint family is £16,190 or under**  
 Please (x) if you are in receipt of working tax credit

**Please (x) the type of benefit you receive:**

Child Tax Credit **with no Working Tax Credit** and where the household income is less than £16,190

Income support

Income based Job Seeker's Allowance

Income based Employment Support Allowance

Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Guarantee element of state pension credit

**4. DECLARATION**

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I agree to notify the school of any changes that may affect the funding entitlement for my child.

I agree for the local authority to use the information I have provided to process my application for pupil premium funding.

Signature of parent/guardian: ..... Date: .....

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