

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 3rd July 2017
DINNER MENU WEEK 2

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL WEEKLY TARGET - 96%
% for w/e 30th June 2017 – 95.5%

Class	Weekly %	Points to Date
Donaldson	93.8	
Hargreaves	89.5	
Morpurgo	92.9	3
Dahl	100	9
Rowling	98	5
Tolkien	98.1	7

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

There will be no Celebration Assembly this week as Friday 7th July is an inset day and the school is therefore closed to all pupils. Enjoy your long weekend !

KS1 Bedfords Park Visit – Tuesday 4th July

EYFS and Key Stage 1 children will be visiting Bedfords Park, Havering tomorrow. The coach will be leaving promptly after registration so ensure your child is in school on time. Permission slips and payment should be made directly to the school office – Many thanks.

Summer Extravaganza

It was great to experience the Summer Extravaganza on Friday. The sun shone and there were a variety of stalls run by children, staff and parents. The event was well attended and the grand total from the class run stalls was £246. This money will be used to provide more exciting learning for all the children. Mrs James will be selling some of her sweet cones and popcorn this afternoon after school.

Thank you to all CIA members, Bright Stars staff, parents, aunts, uncles and friends, who helped run stalls, gave donations and spent their money. Currently CIA and Bright Stars fundraising has raised around £600, which is a great total. However, there are still some goodies to sell and these will be available after school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Items include Jubblies, Sweets and Drinks prices start at 50p.

Science Day

It gave me great pleasure to provide a science experience for those children who were unable to go to the science museum. The children had great fun learning about some new science ideas investigating chemical reactions, chromatography, pneumatics and hydraulics. They found out that substances can react to produce a gas; water can be used to move heavy objects and colours can actually be made up of more than one colour.

Those children who went to the science museum had a thoroughly good time learning about many different scientific discoveries. A big thank you to Mrs Hunter and Miss Bellett for organising the trip.

Pirates of the Curry Bean

Tolkien Class will be performing 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' on Tuesday 11th July at 9.30am and Wednesday 12th July at 6.30pm. We are once again hoping to have individual and group photos available to purchase of your children in their costumes; they will be available for £2 or £3 depending on size.

Please remember those of you with very young children and babies are invited to the morning performance. However, the evening performance is for adults and children of school age only; we understand young children find it difficult to sit still for the required time and this can create a distraction for the children performing. It would be very unfortunate if this happened after all the children's hard work. We appreciate your co-operation in ensuring that there are no disruptions to the evening performance.



Tolkien class and Miss Bellett are looking forward to taking you on exciting sea faring musical adventure.

September 2017 EYFS Starters

On Thursday 13th July we will be welcoming our new EYFS intake to join our current EYFS class for a picnic. We will have a selection of sandwiches and other treats available to all children. Let's all keep our fingers crossed for good weather!

The Big Debate

Following on from our previous 'debates' speakers from all year groups have been chosen to put forward their views in our next Big Debate. They have all worked very hard on their speeches and all parents are welcome to hear the motions for and against 'should junk food be banned in school' on Thursday 6th July at 2.30pm.

EYFS and Year 1 Parents

If you still have not returned your Application for Pupil Premium Funding, please do so as soon as possible, along with 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.

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

Tuesday 4th July – EYFS & KS1 Summer Trip

Friday 7th July – Inset Day

Tuesday 11th July – Tolkien Performance to parents – 9.30am

Wednesday 12th July – Tolkien Performance to parents – 6.30pm

Thursday 13th July – Yr5&6 – enrichment activity (part 2)

Thursday 13th July – September EYFS intake 'Picnic'

Friday 14th July – Meet your new teacher for September 2017 (Pupils only) – **NEW DATE**

Friday 21st July – Leaver's Assembly