

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 10th July 2017
DINNER MENU WEEK 3

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL WEEKLY TARGET - 96%
% for w/e 7th July 2017 – 95.4%

Class	Weekly %	Points to Date
Donaldson	96.1	1
Hargreaves	92	
Morpurgo	89.3	3
Dahl	100	12
Rowling	99.4	7
Tolkien	95.2	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

We will be holding our usual celebration assembly on Friday at 2.45pm. We look forward to welcoming you.

Leavers Assembly – 21st July

Our final assembly for the year will be on Friday 21st July at 2.15pm. We will be congratulating our 100% attendees, celebrating our Year 2 children moving into Year 3 and being awarded their KS2 tie's, and finally we will be saying a fond farewell to all our Year 6 pupils and wishing them well in the next stage of their education journey.

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible.

EYFS & KS1 Science Trip to Bedford's Park

On Tuesday Donaldson, Hargreaves and Morpurgo enjoyed their trip to Bedford's Park where they undertook a number of environmental investigations. Thank you to Mrs Hunter for arranging the visit and to all of our parent helpers.

The Big Debate

On Thursday the children participated in the big debate debating the motion regarding junk food. The children had prepared well and points made were evidenced with good arguments. Children who stepped out of their comfort zone and took part in the Debate were – Connor, Demi-Lee, Casey N-P, Freddie H (5), Nathan, Stanley, Emma, Alex, Cameron, Ruby O (4), Max W, Mya, Neve, Lexi, Fran, Brook, Keira F, Samuel, Logan, Daniel, Taylor C, Ronnie, Riley O, Alfie N.

After hearing both sides of the argument, voting took place and the majority agreed to that 'Junk food to be should not be banned in school'.

My thanks to Mrs Natrass for organising the debate.

Safeguarding Training

Last Friday all staff received their Level 2 Safeguarding Training, led by Mr Bowden and Miss Bellett. Key aspects of the training were focused on children staying safe online and how to manage disclosures from children. It is important to stress that the safety of children is the responsibility of everyone!

Premises Update

During the summer holiday a significant project will be undertaken as our heating system will be upgraded. This project is almost all funded by Essex County Council. The works may run into evenings and weekends to ensure that the internal works are fully completed by September.

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.

Tolkien Class – Theatre Trip

Part 2 of Tolkien class enrichment activity will take place this Thursday 13th July. We will be leaving school around 12noon after having an early lunch to arrive in London for the matinee performance. Our plan is to leave London at 5pm, but we will keep all parents updated through the Tolkien class Facebook page. For those children not attending the theatre, the school day will be as normal.



Summer Extravaganza

Final figures are in for the CIA and Bright Stars fundraising for this event. All the hard work and your generosity helped towards a grand total of £755.27. This will be shared with Bright Stars, who will be using it to help fund their summer outing.

Football and Multi Sports Club

There will be no more Football or Multi Sports club after school this term. New club timetables will be issued when we return to school in September. The final Athletics club will take place tomorrow (Tuesday 11th) after school. There will be no clubs during the last week of term.

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!

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 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)
- Friday 21st July – Leaver's Assembly