

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 20th November 2017 DINNER MENU WEEK 1

We had a large number of children having our 'Pudsey' lunch on Friday. Congratulations to Dillon and Amelia who won our lunchtime Pudsey raffle! Thank you to all the catering staff for organising this.

Attendance

School Weekly Target – 96%
% for w/e 10th November – 96%

Class	Weekly %	Points to Date
Donaldson	98.5%	6
Ahlberg	98.9%	10
Waddell	89.8%	3
Dahl	95.7%	7
Wilson	95.8%	9
Morpurgo	98.1%	6
Horowitz	98.3%	5

Good attendance has been achieved by most children over the last couple of weeks, let's try and keep it up for the rest of the term.

Regular attendance is vitally important and this is where we need your support. We regularly update parents who fall below our 95% attendance target so we can work together to improve this. Please support the school and do the best for your child by ensuring they attend every day.

Christmas Pantomime

We have arranged for a Theatre Company to come into school and perform Beauty and the Beast for all the children, including Bright Stars Pre-School. There will be a small charge of £4 per child for this production and letters will be sent home shortly.

Christmas Jumper Day

On the last day of term, Tuesday 19th December, the children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their usual school jumper to school. All other uniform is to remain the same.



Children in need

Thank you for your support with this charity fundraiser. We raised **£84 for Children in Need**.



The Reading drop in session was very successful and enjoyed by all. Watch out for more events in the future.

Year 5 & 6 Assembly

The Y5 & 6 assembly was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children shared their knowledge of Victorian Britain with confidence and obvious enjoyment. Well done to everyone. Thank you to Miss Bellett and Mrs Natrass for their hardwork in organising this.

Clubs

FRISBEE & ARCHERY CLUB will now finish at **4.15pm**. It is now getting too dark for us to continue after this time.

Please ensure children are collected from all clubs on time. If you are running late, please contact the school office as soon as possible to inform us.

Author Visit

After the successful author visit for our younger children, we have arranged for Jack Trelawny to come and read extracts from his latest books to the children. Information sheets have previously been sent home with the children for book orders; if you are interested in ordering signed copies of Jack's book, please collect an order form from the school reception area.

The Week Ahead

In our drive to continue to offer exciting learning opportunities for our children we have a busy week ahead. This week Y5 & 6 are off to the Ragged School Museum to experience life at school during Victorian times. Year 6 is off to the local library on Friday. On Thursday Year 1 and Year 5 will be taking part in some 'pound' and jazzercise fitness sessions with a local Fitness Coach. Year 2 are taking part in a multi-skills festival on Wednesday afternoon at the Ongar Academy.

Christmas Bazaar

SAVE THE DATE - Monday 11th December – 3.15-5.15pm

After a very productive meeting this morning, organisation is well underway for stalls and events at this year's Christmas Bazaar. As always we are looking for helpers to help on the day, even if only for half an hour. If you are able to help, please let the school office know what time you are available and we will be in touch shortly with details of how you can help.



Please don't forget to return your donation bags by Friday 24th November.

Once again, a big thank you to everyone that came to this morning's meeting.

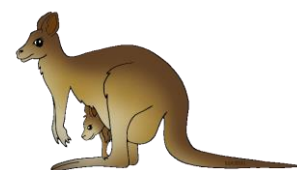
Carol Service at St Martin's Church

This Friday 24th November, our school choir will be joining other singing groups at St Martin's Church for a Carol Service. The choir has been practising very hard and are really excited about performing in front of Ongar residents. The service starts 5pm, with our children singing between 5-5.30pm. After the service everybody is invited to the Christmas tree lighting, where more singing will take place. If your child has been asked to sing in the church, please look out for a letter which will be coming home soon.



Daily Mile Record

Despite the cold weather, a total of 678 miles has been travelled this week making our total 2808 miles – We have now arrived at the Pyramids, next stop Australia!!



Keeping us informed

Just after half term we sent home Data Collection sheets. The details on these sheets are the details we hold for each child, including emergency contact names and numbers. It is important that we have up to date details in case we need to contact parents in an emergency. We are still waiting for some sheets to be returned – a 3rd reminder will be sent this week, if you receive this please can you check all the details, sign and return to the school office immediately.

Many thanks



Head Lice

Please remember to check for head lice on a regular basis and treat the whole family if they are found in anyone's hair. Without regular checks, we will never win the battle against head lice. If you need guidance in treating head lice please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Diary Dates

Please remember to check the school website for any changes to the Diary Dates.

We plan to hold a Celebration Assembly every Friday at 2.45pm. If for any reason this has to be cancelled we will inform you as soon as possible via the notice board by the main school entrance.

Dates	Event	Time
20 th	Yr 5 & 6 class trip	All day
20 th	EYFS September 2018 intake tour	2 – 2.30pm
24 th	Yr 6 Library Visit	9 – 11am
24 th	Author Visit – Yr 2-6	PM
24 th	Carol Festival – St. Martins Church	5 – 6.30pm
December		
1 st	Yr 1 Library Visit	9 – 11am
1 st	The Big Debate	2.30 – 3pm
4-8 th	Assessment Week	
8 th	EYFS Library Visit	9 -11am
11 th	Christmas Bazaar	3 -5pm
12 th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal	AM
12 th	Christmas Lunch	12 - 1.30pm
13 th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity to Parents - AM	TBC
14 th	Christingle @ St. Martins Church	9.30 – 12 noon
14 th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity to Parents – PM	5 – 6.30pm
15 th	Christmas Panto	AM
19 th	Party Lunch	12 – 1.30pm
19 th	Christmas Jumper Day & Craft Afternoon	
20 th	Inset day	All Day
21 st - 1 st January	Christmas Holiday	
January 2018		
2 nd	Back to School	8.45am