

# 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 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 DINNER MENU WEEK 3

We would encourage everyone to try a school dinner if possible. The meals are favourites with the children and are tasty and nutritious.

### Attendance

**School Weekly Target – 96%**  
**% for w/e 10th November – 97.9%**

| Class     | Weekly % | Points to Date |
|-----------|----------|----------------|
| Donaldson | 98.5%    | 3              |
| Ahlberg   | 99.4%    | 6              |
| Waddell   | 93.2%    | 2              |
| Dahl      | 100%     | 6              |
| Wilson    | 100%     | 8              |
| Morpurgo  | 100%     | 5              |
| Horowitz  | 97.9%    | 2              |

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.

### House Points

| House   | Weekly Points | Points to Date |
|---------|---------------|----------------|
| Giraffe | 771           | 1345           |
| Monkey  | 744           | 1274           |
| Whale   | 1157          | 1684           |
| Wolf    | 835           | 1396           |

### Head Lice

I have been asked once again to remind parents 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.

### Children in need

This Friday we will be raising money for Children in Need by wearing spotty accessories to school for a donation of £1 to this worthwhile charity. We will also be having a special Pudsey lunch.



We will once again be holding a raffle for every child who has a school dinner on Friday. Names will be put into a hat with a winner from each Key Stage.

There will be **NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY this Friday**. Instead we are asking parents to join us from 2.30pm to read with your child(ren) in class. You are of course encouraged to wear your own spotty accessories.

### Head Teachers Coffee Morning

Thank you to those parents who attended the head teachers coffee morning. We discussed the new homework, clubs and the new school dinner menu. The feedback was extremely positive.



### Year 5 & 6 Assembly

This Thursday Year 5 and 6 will be performing their class assembly at 2.30pm and would like to invite parents to this assembly. The children have worked incredibly hard to present a polished performance. We look forward to seeing year 5 & 6 parents there.

### Remembrance Day

On Friday Waddell class laid our school wreathes at the Ongar War Memorial at the doctors surgery. The children were a credit to our school and local community as they observed a minutes silence to remember those that gave their lives to protect our future.



### Christmas Bazaar

Donation bags went home last week, please remember to return them as soon as possible with the suggested items. 100 house points will be given to the house that collects the most items. A big thank you to those who have already donated.

There is a meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> at 9.15am in the school hall for anybody interested in helping either before or on the day of the bazaar. All welcome to attend



### Christmas Bazaar Date – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December

### Head Teacher Awards

Well done to Estelle - Y6, Emma – Y5, Billy - Y4, Elise – Y2, Demi – Y1 and Holly in Reception for receiving Head Teacher awards in celebration assembly last Friday.



## Daily Mile Record

Having completed 407 miles this week, we are just 600 miles short of our rest stop at the Pyramids in Egypt. Keep up the good work everybody.



## Cold Weather



I have noticed that some children are coming to school without coats. Could you please ensure that your child has suitable outdoor clothing now that the cold weather is here. Hats, gloves and scarves and welcome - these items need to be labelled with your child's name. Many thanks.

# 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           |
|---|---|----------------|
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                          | E-Safety and Anti Bullying Week                             |                |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>                          | Yr 5 & 6 Class Assembly                                     | 2.45 – 3.15pm  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup>                          | Yr 2 class trip – Payment is now due                        | All Day        |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>                          | Children in Need – <b>Spotty Accessories - £1 per child</b> | All Day        |
| 17 <sup>th</sup>                          | Yr 5 Library Visit  | 9 – 11am       |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                          | Yr 5 & 6 class trip – Payment is now due                    | All day        |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                          | EYFS September 2018 intake tour                             | 2 – 2.30pm     |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>                          | Yr 6 Library Visit  | 9 – 11am       |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>                          | Author Visit – Yr 2-6                                       | PM             |
| 24 <sup>th</sup>                          | Carol Festival – St. Martins Church – Details to follow     | 5 – 6.30pm     |
| <b>December</b>                           |   |                |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>                           | Yr 1 Library Visit  | 9 – 11am       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>                           | The Big Debate  | 2.30 – 3pm     |
| 4-8 <sup>th</sup>                         | Assessment Week   |                |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>                           | EYFS Library Visit  | 9 -11am        |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>                          | Christmas Bazaar  | 3 -5pm         |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                          | EYFS & KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal                         | AM             |
| 12 <sup>th</sup>                          | Christmas Lunch   | 12 - 1.30pm    |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                          | EYFS & KS1 Nativity to Parents - AM                         | TBC            |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>                          | Christingle @ St. Martins Church                            | 9.30 – 12 noon |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>                          | EYFS & KS1 Nativity to Parents – PM                         | 5 – 6.30pm     |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>                          | Christmas Panto   | AM             |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                          | Party Lunch   | 12 – 1.30pm    |
| 19 <sup>th</sup>                          | Craft Afternoon   | PM             |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                          | Inset day   | All Day        |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> -1 <sup>st</sup> January | Christmas Holiday   |                |
| <b>January 2018</b>                       |   |                |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>                           | Back to School  | 8.45am         |