

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 27th November 2017 DINNER MENU WEEK 2

All children in EYFS, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a cooked meal free of charge. A meal is available to all these children unless you advise us in writing otherwise.

Attendance

School Weekly Target – 96%

% for w/e 10th November – 95.7%

Class	Weekly %	Points to Date
Donaldson	86.9%	6
Ahlberg	97.2%	12
Waddell	98%	6
Dahl	97.1%	8
Wilson	95.8%	9
Morpurgo	96.2%	6
Horowitz	95.6%	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.

Headteacher awards

Well done to Katie- Yr6, Yasmin - Yr5, Masie G – Yr3/4, Dillon Yr2, Max W – Yr1 and Freya – EYFS for receiving Head Teacher awards in celebration assembly last Friday.

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.



Changes to lunch menu

Tuesday 12th December –
Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 19th December –
Party Lunch

Christmas Bazaar

Christmas will soon be upon us. The CIA and Bright Stars Pre-School, are working incredibly hard to put on our annual Christmas Bazaar which is taking place on Monday 11th December from 3.15pm. There is still much work to be done and another wrapping session has been arranged for Monday 4th December at 9.15am, all help is appreciated so please come along. A meeting to finalise last minute details will be held at the school on Thursday 7th December at 1.30pm, again all welcome.

If you did not bring in your donation bag but still wish to donate, please bring your donations to the school office by Friday 1st December.



Volunteers to help set up, run stalls and tidy up are still required, so please let us know if you can help in any way, as the saying goes 'many hands make light work'.

We still need empty boxes, any shape or size please.

Nut Free School

It has been brought to my attention that some children have been bringing nut based sandwich fillings and chocolate bars to school. Due to a number of children with nut allergies we are a nut free school. If our dinner ladies continue to find these products in lunchboxes, they will be removed and an alternative sandwich will be offered at a cost to parents.

Celebration Assembly

There is no celebration assembly this Friday (1st December) Instead you are invited to our termly 'BIG DEBATE'. Come along and see our children debate 'should children be expected to do chores?' I am sure it will present some lively and interesting points. The debate will start at 2.30pm.

Clubs

Just a reminder that due to Christmas activities there will be no clubs after Friday 8th December. A new club list is currently being compiled and will be sent out when we return after the Christmas break.

Carol Service at St Martin's Church

Thank you to all our choir members who represented Ongar Primary by singing carols at St Martins' church. We opened the event with our beautiful renditions of both traditional carols and Christmas songs. The children even sang two songs without musical accompaniment. Well done to everyone who participated or who came along to support this community event.



Nativity Play

All children in EYFS and KS1 have now been given their parts in the Nativity along with details of their costume. Costumes need to be brought to school in a named bag by Friday 1st December. Many thanks.

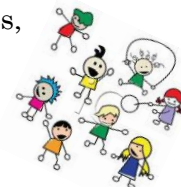
Ragged School

Last week Horowitz and Morpurgo classes visited the Ragged School as part of their Victorian topic this term. Whilst there, they spent time in class with the formidable teacher, Miss Perkins where they spent time learning as Victorian children learnt. They also spent some time at the V&A Museum of Childhood looking at the toys that children from rich families played with.

A great day was had by all.

Waddell Multi Skills Festival

Waddell class spent the afternoon at The Ongar Academy. The session was led by yr8 students, as part of their sports captain training. Various stations were set up around the hall for the children to experience different the different skills needed in sport. It was a great afternoon and all the children enjoyed being up at the Academy.



PE with a difference!

Yr1 & Yr5 took part in PE with a difference last week. Michelle Russell, a local Keep Fit instructor, joined them for their sessions. As part of their warm up the Yr1 children learnt how to act out the characteristics of animals before taking part in a dance circuit routine.

Yr5 children were put through a variety of exercises which included dancercise, pound (beating drumsticks out to a rhythm) and maximise (circuit workout at 6 different stations). It was a very different type of PE lesson, one we hope to enjoy again soon.

Head Lice

We are still being advised that in certain classes head lice is still an issue. I ask again that parents regularly check the whole family's hair for head lice. If head lice or eggs are found treatment needs to be repeated on the whole family until no more are found. Regular combing with a normal conditioner repeated at least once a week will help detect these troublesome visitors so that outbreaks in school are less common. If the current cycle of head lice cannot be broken I will have no choice but to speak with families on an individual basis. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



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
December		
1 st	Yr1 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 - PM	2.15pm
14 th	Christingle @ St. Martins Church	9.30 – 12 noon
14 th	EYFS & KS1 Nativity to Parents – Evening Performance	5 – 6pm
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