

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 4th December 2017 DINNER MENU WEEK 3

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 – 91.9%

Class	Weekly %	Points to Date
Donaldson	90.8%	6
Ahlberg	95.6%	13
Waddell	81.6%	6
Dahl	97.9%	11
Wilson	94.2%	9
Morpurgo	96.2%	8
Horowitz	91.1%	5

A disappointing attendance figure this week after a number of very positive weeks. Let's see if we can improve for the last 2 week of this term!

Please ensure your child is in school every day. Coughs and cold are not a reason for children to be absent. If you have a concern about your child attending school due to a cough or cold, let the school office know and we will keep an eye on them and give you a call if they become any worse. Many thanks

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

Please note that dinner on Wednesday 13th December will be Pork and Apple Burger's and not a Roast Dinner due to Christmas meal the day before.

Tuesday 19th December –

Party Lunch

Christmas Bazaar

ONE WEEK TO GO! The CIA and Bright Stars Pre-School are at full steam and are meeting again this week on Thursday 7th December at 1.30pm to complete final preparations and stall allocations. Please come along if you are able to help. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you to all those who have helped so far and to those of you who have made donations to support the bazaar.

The Christmas Bazaar is next Monday (11th December) 3.30-5.30pm.



Volunteers to help set up, run stalls and tidy up are still required, even if all you can offer is half an hour please let us know. Events like this require everybody to pull together in order to make it a success. If you can spare some time on Sunday 10th December from 11am, we will be setting up the hall for the bazaar. Please come along and help out, unfortunately we are unable to accommodate children whilst setting up.

We are also appealing for shop bought or homemade cakes. If you are able to donate, please bring them in on the morning of the bazaar – Monday 11th December.

Congratulations to Monkey House for winning 100 house points for donating the most items to the bazaar in our donation bag challenge

Clubs

This is the final week of all after school clubs. We are compiling a new club list for next term and are hoping to offer a range exciting after school activities for all year groups.

Nativity Play

The children in Donaldson, Ahlberg and Waddell have been rehearsing in preparation for their nativity which is on Wednesday 13th December at 2pm and Thursday 14th December at 5pm. Please ensure that your child is back at school by 4.30pm for the evening performance so they are able to change into their costumes. Please keep the date free and we look forward to seeing you at each performance.



Cash payments

We are finding that a large number of children are bringing money into school without it being in envelopes. Money will only be accepted if it is in a named envelope. Envelopes are available to buy from the school office for £1.00 per pack of 50. Thank you in advance for helping us.

Pantomime Time

Don't forget to return your Panto permission slips with your £4.00 payment towards the cost of this experience for the children. Permission letters are available from the school office if you require another copy.

BIG Debate

Well done to all those children who contributed to the big debate on Friday. There were some very persuasive points and they certainly gave us something to think about. The final vote showed that the majority agreed - children should do chores.



Daily Mile

With only two classes participating in the Daily Mile this week, we only managed to cover 104 miles which takes us just into Saudi Arabia.

Packed Lunches

Our school meal advisor visited the school recently and expressed concern over the contents of some of the children's packed lunches. If you want your child to have a packed lunch it must be healthy. Please ensure that the lunchbox has the following:

- A drink – **No Fizzy Drinks**. Water or natural fruit juices are the best – Squash is acceptable to.
- Fruit – At least one piece.
- A sandwich or pasty/samosa or roll (meat, fish, cheese or vegetable filling)
No chocolate spread or peanut butter – to protect children with allergies
- **NO HOT FOOD**
- A small salad. This can be fruit or vegetable or a mixture.



Each day children may have **ONE TREAT** added to their added to their packed lunch to be eaten at lunchtime,

Eg – Crisps or a slice of cake or a couple of biscuits.

Key Stage 1 children are provided with fruit/vegetables on a daily basis at snack time. Please provide your Key Stage 2 child with a similar healthy snack.

Please remember that all children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 are cooked a school meal unless you have advised us in writing differently. Why not let your child try a school meal, its healthy, saves time in the morning and free!

Diary Dates – **dates & times subject additions and deletions**

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		
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	2pm
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
12 th	Sporty Non Uniform Day – Details to follow	All Day
17 th	KS2 Cross Country Event – Love Lane	1pm
February		
5 th	House Competition	All Day
6 th	Year 2 – Class Assembly	2.45pm
7 th	Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics	1pm
19 th	Inset Day	All Day
28 th	Year 3 & 4 Sports Hall Athletics	10am
March		
1 st	World Book Day	All Day
9 th	KS1 Sports Hall Athletics	12.30pm
12-16 th	Assessment Week	
15 th	Dance Festival	1pm
16 th	Sport Relief Day	All Day
21 st	Parents Evening	3.30pm
22 nd	Parents Evening	5pm
26 th	House Competition	All Day
27 th	Netball Rally	AM
27 th	Bikeability – Fix a Bike	AM & PM Session
29 th	EYFS Class Assembly	2.45pm
30 th March – 13 th April	Easter Holiday	
16 th	Back to School	8.45am



ROUNDTABLE
DO MORE



ONGAR ROUND TABLE CHRISTMAS SLEIGH 2017

Monday	4th	Longfields, Cloverley Road, St James Avenue
Tuesday	5th	Stanley Place, Livingstone Close and courts, Castle Street, Bushey Lea, Coopers Hill, The Elms, Brentwood Road, Hunters Chase, Stondon Road
Wednesday	6th	Kettlebury Way, Mead Walk, Parkland Way, Landview Gardens, Green Walk, The Spinney, Woodland Way
Thursday	7th	Mayflower Way, The Johns, Roding View, Onslow Gardens, Churchill Close, Great Lawn
Saturday	9th	Budworth Hall (11am - 2pm)
Monday	11th	The Gables, St Peters Avenue, Queensway
Tuesday	12th	Fairfield Road, Fairbank Close, Millbank Avenue, Rodney Road, Glebe Road, Turners Close, Kilfield, Jacksons Close, The Borough
Wednesday	13th	The Street, Mill Lane, Mill Grove, Mill Field, High Ongar Road (north side of A414)
Thursday	14th	Cripsey Avenue, Shortlands, Acres Avenue, Kimptons Close, Milton Crescent, Betjeman Way,
Monday	18th	Bowes Drive, Barrons Close, Marks Avenue, Station Approach and estate, Basons Way, Love Lane, Shakletons
Tuesday	19th	Great Stony, Walter Mead Close, Springfield Close, Aukingford Gardens
Wednesday	20th	Moreton Road, Brookfields, Coles Close, Fyfield Road
Start time approx 6pm each night (Unless stated otherwise)		
Like Ongar Round Table on facebook for live updates and changes.		



Christmas Crafts

Chipping Ongar Library

Saturday 9 December, 10am-12noon

- Decorate your own Christmas cards
- Suitable for children up to 10-years-old

For further information contact
Essex Libraries on 0345 603 7628
or visit libraries.essex.gov.uk/events