

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 18th December 2017

DINNER MENU WEEK 2

Party Lunch - Tuesday 19th

When we return to school in January we will be using Week 1 Dinner Menu.

Attendance

Well done to Ahlberg class who won the class attendance for this half term and had their class treat on Friday afternoon.

Thank you to all the parents who ensure their child(ren) are here on a regular basis.



House Points

Giraffe were the house winners this half term and had a 'pound' fitness session on Friday afternoon.

Pantomime

On Friday morning we welcomed in a theatre company, who performed a great adaptation of Beauty and the Beast. The performance was enjoyed by all.

Christingle

Our children held a Christingle service at St Martin's Church on Thursday. Thank you to all those that attended.

Christmas Craft Afternoon

On Tuesday 19th December we will be running a carousel of Christmas crafts. Please send in a carrier bag with your child's name on it to enable your child to bring home their Christmas creations.

You are invited to come into school to assist your child and other pupils during this festive community event. The afternoon runs from 1.15-3.15pm.

Facebook

It is becoming increasingly prevalent for parents to share their concerns online. I am saddened that anyone would feel that verbally and personally abusing staff or the school is the way to work in partnership or even how to behave as responsible role models to our children. If you have any questions, queries or concerns please pick up the phone or email us rather than post comments on line for the world to see. Our door is always open. ALL staff at Ongar work tirelessly in the best interests of all our children.

Christmas Bazaar

After an afternoon of visiting Santa, tombolas and wine to water games, all the takings have been counted and I am pleased to announce that the total raised so far is £900.

This is a really good total bearing in mind the poor weather and last minute changes that were made.

Thank you to everybody that came and supported both the school and Bright Stars Pre-School and a very big thank you to everyone who helped with the organising and clearing away.



Don't forget we have one final raffle, which will take place on Tuesday after school, for the 'Big Christmas Hamper'. Tickets are available from the school office or Claire Owers.

Boccia Champions

Congratulations to Anthony, Billy, Katie P, Max H, Morgan S and Sonny who represented our school at the West Essex Boccia Finals on Friday. We won the finals, with all children receiving a gold medal and certificate. We are through to the County finals in January.

Christmas Nativity

The Nativity production 'Shine Star Shine' was a resounding success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who came to see it.

Sadly despite my request not to post pictures on line that included other children, some parents did so. I have already seen several parents with evidence of the posts and requested that these be taken down. As stated at each performance this is for safeguarding reasons.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Tuesday 19th December everyone is invited to wear their festive jumpers for a donation of £1 in order to raise money for new playground equipment.



End of term

School finishes tomorrow at 3.15pm. We return to school on Tuesday 2nd January at 8.45 We wish you all a safe and very happy Christmas, to those that are celebrating it and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

2018 Reception Intake

If you have a child due to start at primary school in September 2018 the closing date for all applications is 15th January 2018. Offers will be made to parent's by the Local Authority on 16th April 2018

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		
19 th	Party Lunch	12 – 1.30pm
19 th	Christmas Jumper Day & Craft Afternoon	
20 th	Inset day	All Day
21st - 1st 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
30th March – 13th April Easter Holiday		
16 th	Back to School	8.45am