

# Ongar Primary School Newsletter

Our real life learners are challenged and inspired in our safe, supportive and respectful school.



Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
DINNER MENU WEEK 2

**HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR**

**School Weekly Target – 96%**  
% for w/e 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018 -

Class	Weekly %	Points to Date
Donaldson	97.9%	1
Ahlberg	95.1%	
Waddell	93%	
Dahl	100%	3
Wilson	98%	2
Morpurgo	97.7%	
Horowitz	90.3%	

## House Points

House	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Giraffe	299	299
Monkey	321	321
Whale	407	407
Wolf	399	399

## Horowitz Residential Trip 6-8<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Just a reminder that the balance for this trip needs to be paid by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. To assist with spreading the cost, payment cards were sent home before the Christmas holidays. If you did not receive your card, please let the office know, and they will be happy to provide you with a new one.

## Swimming Lessons

We are currently arranging for years 4-6 to attend swimming lessons in the Summer Term. There will be a cost to parents and letters will be coming home with the children later this week. The cost for 10 lessons will be approximately £35 per child.



## Thank you

A HUGE thank you from all the staff for the wealth of gifts and good wishes we received at the end of the Autumn term. It really is very much appreciated. We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to a busy and productive Spring Term.

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered with helping at our Christmas crafts afternoon. Everyone seemed to enjoy it. It was lovely to end a successful term with this community event. Thank you!

Thank you from the school council to everyone who contributed to the Christmas jumper day. We raised £62. An order for new playground equipment is in progress.

## Visiting Athlete

Next Monday we will be visited by Ezekiel Ewulo; a British long jump champion. He will present an inspirational assembly before running a morning of fun fitness sessions. Children will need to have their PE kits in school to participate.



We are having a non-uniform day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January to raise donations and to ensure they are all collected before Ezekiel's visit on next week. Sponsor forms were sent home last week for this event or alternatively children can bring in a £1 donation.

Thank you for your support.

## Spring Term learning

The topics and homework menu will soon be available on our website. However here is a quick guide as to the topics each class is studying this half term.

Donaldson	<b>The Milky Way</b>
Alhberg	<b>To Infinity and Beyond</b>
Waddell	<b>Helping Hands</b>
Dahl & Wilson	<b>The Vikings</b>
Morpurgo & Horowitz	<b>The Shang Dynasty</b>

## Changes to Diary Dates

Please note that due to all local schools having an Inset Day on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, we will be changing our **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May Inset Day to Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** so that we can share training and good practice with these schools.

## Boccia Champions through to County Finals

Good luck to Anthony, Billy, Katie, Max H, Morgan S and Sonny who will be representing our school at the Boccia County Finals on Thursday. Parents are asked to return their permission slips to the school office as soon as possible for this event.

### Dinner Menu Changes

Please note there will be a permanent change to next week's dinner menus (week 3) - Monday will change to - Local Butchers Sausages with Mash, Sweetcorn and Beans, Friday will change to Bubble Fish, Chips, Peas and Beans.

### Extra Curricular Clubs

Please remember to bring back your club request forms by 3.15pm tomorrow (8/1). More forms are available from the school office if required. We still have a few places left in Breakfast Club on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursday, if you are interested please complete a Breakfast Club form (again available from the school office). Please note that a letter will go out later this week with your child's club allocation. If a place in one of their preferred clubs is not available they will automatically be placed on the club waiting list.

## 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
<b>January 2018</b>		
11 <sup>th</sup>	Boccia County Finals – Basildon Sporting Village	AM
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sporty Non Uniform Day – Details to follow	All Day
17 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Cross Country Event – Love Lane	1pm
<b>February</b>		
5 <sup>th</sup>	House Competition	All Day
6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 – Class Assembly	2.45pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics	1pm
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>All Day</b>
28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & 4 Sports Hall Athletics	10am
<b>March</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	World Book Day	All Day
9 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Sports Hall Athletics	12.30pm
12-16 <sup>th</sup>	Assessment Week	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Dance Festival	1pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sport Relief Day	All Day
21 <sup>st</sup>	Parents Evening	3.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents Evening	5pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	House Competition	All Day
27 <sup>th</sup>	Netball Rally	AM
27 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability – Fix a Bike	AM & PM Session
29 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Class Assembly	2.45pm
30 <sup>th</sup> March – 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School	8.45am