

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 22nd January 2018

DINNER MENU WEEK 1

School Weekly Target – 96%
% for w/e 19th January 2018 – 96.9%

Class	Weekly %	Points to Date
Donaldson	93.3%	4
Ahlberg	98.9%	6
Waddell	94.8%	2
Dahl	94.7%	5
Wilson	98.9%	6
Morpurgo	99.5%	7
Horowitz	96.7%	3

House Points

House	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Giraffe	114	1435
Monkey	271	1628
Whale	183	1526
Wolf	359	1586

Residential Trips

Residential trips have been arranged for year 5 and 6 for later this academic year and early next academic year. These trips are a great opportunity for the children to experience a range of different team building tasks adding to their real life learning experiences.

Year 5 parents – please return your permission slips with deposit payments by 29th January 2018. Payment cards will be sent home once all deposits have been received.

Year 6 parents – you should have received your payment card to help when making payments. Full payment is due by 23rd May.

Cross Country

Congratulations to all our competitors from Key stage 2, who took part in the Cross Country at Love Lane. Our team showed tremendous team spirit and finished 6th overall. There were some outstanding individual performances with Kiera F finishing 1st in the Y5/6 girl's race and our Y5/6 girls team who come 2nd out of the eight schools competing. Well done to you all!

NSPCC

Today we were visited by representatives from the children's charity the NSPCC. They held a special assembly about keeping safe, followed by a workshop session with our Y5&6 children. The safeguarding of all our children is a priority at Ongar Primary and this is just one of the many opportunities to inform children how to keep themselves safe.

Friday Reading with Parents

Due to the positive responses we had last term following our Friday reading session with parents, we would like to invite parents and carers to come and read with the children on the following Friday afternoons at 2:45pm. There will be no Celebration Assembly on these dates:

Friday 23rd February 2:45pm

Friday 23rd March 2:45pm

Friday 27th April 2:45pm

Friday 29th June 2:45pm



We hope you will support us by coming to read with the children.

Clubs

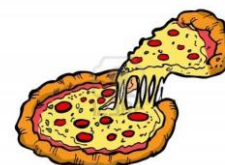
Our after school clubs started this week. Please remember to collect your child promptly and also inform the office if your child is unable to attend. We are hoping to start some additional clubs next half term for hip-hop dance and karate. These clubs will incur a minimal fee. More details to follow.

Parent drop in sessions

We really value the partnership we have with parents in supporting your children's education. We will be arranging themed drop in sessions where parents can come into school to see how we teach different aspects of the curriculum and how this can be supported at home. The first session is Friday 8th February and focusses on reading. The sessions will then be the last Friday of every month, instead of celebration assembly. Please do come along.

Perfect Pizza Friday

Pizza will be on sale Friday break time at 50p a slice.



Online reading

How well a child can read and understand a text is the biggest single factor in determining how successful their outcomes will be at GCSE level. Reading is vitally important and as such we work hard to promote a love of reading. This year we have already introduced the book wizard where avid readers are noted by the book wizard and are sent a book in the post and had a visit from the author... We would like to invest in an online reading subscription. We are sending out a letter this week to find out how many families could access this at home and how well supported the idea is, before we invest a considerable amount of money in this. Please answer the questions, this can be done anonymously and return either to the class teacher via your child, or to the office. Thank you for your help.

Morning Gates

Can I please remind parents that children should be dropped off at their respective gates in the morning. Parents of EYFS should start to allow their children to walk to their class, if they are not already doing so - this gives the children a sense of independence. All messages should be passed either to the adult on the gate or to the school office.

Daily Mile

This week we travelled a further 122 miles to Bqaa, Saudi Arabia, with our daily mile total now reaching 3,167 miles.

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
January 2018		
17 th	KS2 Cross Country Event – Love Lane	1pm
25th	4th District Inter School Karate Championships	1pm
February		
2nd	No Celebration Assembly	
7 th	House Competition	All Day
6 th	Year 2 – Class Assembly	2.45pm
7 th	Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics	1pm
9th	Parent Drop in Session – details to follow – No celebration assembly	2.45pm
12-16 th Half Term		
19 th	Inset Day	All Day
23rd	Parent Reading Assembly – No Celebration Assembly today	2.45pm
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
23rd	Parent Reading Assembly – No Celebration Assembly today	2.45pm
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