

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 5th February 2018
DINNER MENU WEEK 3

School Weekly Target – 96%
% for w/e 2nd February 2018 – 96%

Attendance

Class	Weekly %	Points to Date
Donaldson	96.2%	8
Ahlberg	96.6%	10
Waddell	94.7%	3
Dahl	95.1%	6
Wilson	96.8%	12
Morpurgo	96.4%	8
Horowitz	96.8%	7

Once again we are nearing the end of a very busy and productive half term. Thank you to you all in ensuring your children are in school regularly and on time. Regular, punctual attendance is vital in ensuring your child is successful in school. **Just 10mins late every day equals 2 ½ days of missed learning a term.** Research has shown how attendance at Primary school can impact on outcomes and opportunities for later life. To recognise the value of punctuality Essex County Council have amended their attendance policy for all local authority schools to reflect this.

Children marked as late after the register closes at 9.20am will be given an unauthorised absence. 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks will result in a penalty notice being issued.

As of September 2018 Essex will enforce the section of the attendance policy which states - *'due to the importance of pupils settling into school at the commencement of the school year, penalty notices may also be issued if there have been at least 6 consecutive sessions of unauthorised leave of absence during the first two weeks of September due to a term-time holiday'* - 6 sessions are equal to 3 days.

Attendance Party for the class with the best attendance will be held on Friday afternoon.

Hip Hop Dance Session

Last Friday the children took part in a Hip Hop / Street Dance session. They all had a great time and we are happy to now able to accommodate a before school club when we return from half term. Key Stages will be split, with Year 1-3 on Tuesday am, 8-8.45am and Years 4-6 on Thursdays at the same time. All children received a letter detailing times and costs. If your child is interested in joining this club please ensure that your permission slip and payment is returned to the school office by Thursday morning.

This Week

Year 2 would like to invite all parents and carers to their class assembly on **Tuesday** at 2.45pm. Come and join us so we can share this term's learning with you.

Wednesday is a very busy day. In the morning we will be holding our half termly house competition - with all to play for, as this term's points are close. The winners of this term's half term house point competition will be rewarded with a cupcake and cartoons session for their treat on Friday.

House	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Giraffe	360	2218
Monkey	356	2367
Whale	401	2467
Wolf	452	2463

In the afternoon year 5 & 6 pupils will be taking part in the Sports Hall Athletics Festival at the Ongar Academy. The event is due to end at 3pm, so we are hoping to be back at school for the end of the school day. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and a refillable water bottle. Unfortunately parents are not able to spectate.

On **Friday** Year 3/4 are off to the library. Again we are grateful for any volunteers. Please speak to Miss Love if you are able to help.

Parent drop-in sessions

This Friday from 2.45-3.00pm we are opening our classrooms to parents and carers for you to come and visit us. While you are here the children will be sharing some of the ways we learn and practice our spelling, punctuation and grammar in school. Please do pop in, we look forward to welcoming you.

Message from CIA

Our AGM will take place on Tuesday 20th February at 9am in the ICT suite. Everyone is welcome to attend and interest is sort from anybody who wishes to become an elected official. Please remember, everybody connected with the school is a member of the CIA and encouraged to participate in fundraising activities which benefit all our children.

We still have a number of Januarys Lucky Square's left, if you would like a chance of winning £50 please see Jo Richardson for available numbers. If all numbers are sold, we will be making the draw on Friday afternoon - Many thanks.

Daily Mile

A further 209 miles have been added this week by the children making our total to date 3,940 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
February		
6 th	Year 2 Class Assembly	2.45pm
7 th	House Competition	All Day
7 th	Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics	1pm
9 th	Library Visit – Yr3&4	9am
9 th	Parent Drop in Session – No celebration assembly	2.45pm
12-16 th	Half Term	
19 th	Inset Day	All Day
23 rd	Library Visit – EYFS	9am
23 rd	Parent Reading Assembly – No Celebration Assembly today	2.45pm
28 th	Year 3 & 4 Sports Hall Athletics	10am
March		
1 st	World Book Day – dress up as your favourite book character	All Day
2 nd	Library Visit – Yr2	9am
9 th	Library Visit – Yr5	9am
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
23 rd	Parent Reading Assembly – No Celebration Assembly today	2.45pm
26 th	House Competition	All Day
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

ONGAR KIDS CLUB

February Half Term 2018

12th - Wellie Day 13th - Mardi Gras with Pancakes
14th - Valentines Day 15th - Winter Olympics
16th - Chinese New Year

See our facebook events page for further information

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

9.00AM - 3.00PM

**DAILY OR WEEKLY
BOOKINGS**

**FULLY QUALIFIED
LOCAL STAFF**

**EXCELLENT
OUTDOOR SPACE**

EASY PARKING

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS
& HALF TERMS**

£25 per child per day*

*When you book 2 weeks in advance
Bookings made after this time will be charged at
£30 per child** Siblings receive 10% off**

Half days available at £15!

*Includes snacks/drinks
All activities, projects,
entertainment, workshops
and most of all FUN!*

Children to bring packed lunch
For children aged 4-11 years

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES CALL 07342 358466

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