

# Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
**DINNER MENU WEEK 2**

**School Weekly Target – 96%**  
**% for w/e 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 –96%**

## Attendance

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 each term.**

Class	Weekly %
Donaldson	95.8%
Ahlberg	96.2%
Waddell	94.7%
Dahl	95.7%
Wilson	96.7%
Morpurgo	96.1%
Horowitz	96.7%

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.**

## Swimming Lessons

Don't forget swimming lessons are back on tomorrow for years 4-6.



## After School Clubs

Please be aware that there will be no Clubbercise or Fitness club this week or next week. Both clubs will restart on the week beginning 18th June 2018.

## Carrotty Wood Residential

What a fantastic time was had by all on our adventures at Carrotty Wood! Year 6, Miss Bellett, Mrs McDonnell and Miss Branford spent an exciting three days away from school participating in many adventurous activities including canoeing, high ropes, archery and BMXing. Everyone challenged themselves, stepped out of their comfort zones and tried something new. The Year 6's represented the school impeccably and many of the instructors commented saying that they wished the group could stay for longer. All parents of the children who visited should be proud of how the children presented themselves throughout the stay. We couldn't have had a better time and can't wait to visit again.



## Thank You

I would like to thank everybody that has helped, either by buying, organising or donating to the Ongar Primary Association. All the money raised will be used to ensure that your children enjoy some of the extra activities or equipment available to the school. OPA have recently helped facilitate our Year 6 and Year 2 SATs treats. Once again thank you to everyone involved in OPA.

An OPA meeting is being held in Bright Stars Pre-School today at 3.30pm today. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Healthy Living Assembly

Year 3 and Year 4 children have been taking part in the Healthy Living Programme provided by Epping Forest District Council. Parents of Year 3 and Year 4 are invited to special assembly on Friday 22nd June at 2.45pm to see what the children have been learning.

## Sea Life Centre Visit

On Friday Ahlberg and Waddell classes went on a fantastic excursion to the Sealife Adventure Centre in Southend. All children were super excited to see what creatures they would see swimming about. Year 1 went straight to the Rockpool area where they got to stroke Patrick or Ralph the Starfish. Did you know Starfish have eyes at the end of each leg? Ask the children, they know that and much more! Year 2 went around the aquarium answering questions and finding creatures along the way. At lunchtime we ate along the sea wall and then we took our shoes off and played in the sand, wrote our names with rocks or made our feet disappear in the sand.

Everyone had a fabulous day, and thank you again to all the adults who came along and helped.

## Fathers' Day Breakfast

Calling all Dads! Dads are invited to come and have breakfast with their children on Monday to celebrate Father's Day. There will be tea, coffee, juice and croissants available in the hall from 8:30-9:15. We hope to see as many of our dads there as possible and that this as much of a success as our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea.



## **Gardening**

We are still on the lookout for keen gardeners to help with simple gardening projects around the school. You do not need to commit to running a club, just some time each week to keep our gardening project going. If you, or anyone you know has green fingers and can spare some time to help, please do come in and let us know.

## **Celebration Assembly**

There will be **NO** Celebration Assembly this Friday (15<sup>th</sup> June).

## **Reception Class 2018**

If you have a child starting with us in our Reception Class in September, you will have now received your information pack. Please can you complete all the necessary forms and return them to the school office as soon as possible.

We are holding meetings for these our new parents on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June**, at either **2.00pm or 5.00pm**. Please try to attend as we will be sharing key information with you. If you are unable to attend please contact the school office so we can arrange for the information to be sent to you.

## **What's happening this week?**

### **Monday**

Year 6 are off to Debden House for the annual Crucial Crew event this afternoon. Crucial Crew is organised every year by Epping Forest District Council with the support of the police, fire service, health and community groups. It gives young people the important skills they need to deal with a variety of real life situations.

### **It's a busy week for Year 2 this week!**

#### **Tuesday**

They will be competing in a cricket festival at The Ongar Academy on Tuesday morning. Unfortunately, as this is during school hours' spectators are not allowed.

#### **Wednesday**

Their SATs treat, which has been organised by OPA, will take place on Wednesday. They will have an opportunity to enjoy themselves after working so hard in completing all their recent tests.

#### **Thursday**

And finally this week they will be participating in a Tag Rugby tournament at Chipping Ongar School on Thursday afternoon. Please note that your child will need to be collected from Chipping Ongar School at 3pm.

#### **Friday**

A selection of children from Year 5 & 6 will be taking part in an all-day Kwik Cricket tournament, being held at Loughton Cricket Club. All those participating will have received a permission letter, which needs to be signed and returned by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

## ***Reminders***

### ***Dinner Money***

Please remember that the school runs a no debt policy in respect of dinner money. If your child is having a school meal you will need to pay either in advance or on the day the meal is taken. Please ensure all outstanding monies are paid immediately.

Watch this space for more information on cashless payment system.

## **KS2 Athletics Festival**

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July a group of children from Y3-6 will be attending an Athletics Festival being held at The Ongar Academy. Letter will be coming home with the children chosen to participate. Children must wear their school PE kit to this event. Unfortunately, due to this taking place during school hours, spectators are not allowed.

# 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>June</b>		
11 <sup>th</sup>	Crucial Crew – Y6	PM
12 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Cricket – The Ongar Academy	AM
13 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 – SATS Treat	AM
14 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 – Tag Rugby – Chipping Ongar Primary School	PM
15 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Library Visit	AM
15 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 – Kwik Cricket – Loughton Rugby Club	All Day
18 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day breakfast	AM
18 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Class Assembly	2.45pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Athletics – Chipping Ongar Primary School	AM
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Y6 Library Visit	AM
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Y3/4 Healthy Living Assembly	2.45pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Moving On Assembly – Y6	AM
28 <sup>th</sup>	Road Safety Walk – Y5	PM
29 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Library Visit	AM
<b>July</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	KS2 Athletics Festival	AM
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day	All Day
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Library Visit	AM
6 <sup>th</sup>	Family Quiz Afternoon	1.30pm – 3.15pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Library Visit	AM
19 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Assembly – Last day of Term	2.30pm
<b>September</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Inset Day</b>	All Day
5 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School	8.45am