

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 25th June 2018
DINNER MENU WEEK 1

School Weekly Target – 96%
% for w/e 22nd June 2018 –97.2%

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	100%
Ahlberg	95%
Waddell	93.1%
Dahl	98.7%
Wilson	100%
Morpurgo	97.6%
Horowitz	98.3%

Joint winner's this week – Donaldson and Wilson Class. Well done!

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.*

House Points

House	Points
Giraffe	789
Monkey	609
Whale	1009
Wolf	755

Swimming Lessons

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



Year 6 Performance

Horowitz and Morpurgo classes have been working incredibly hard on their class production of Robin Hood. We are inviting you to come and see their work on **Tuesday 10th July at 9.30am** or **Thursday 12th July at 6:00pm.**

Those of you with very young children and babies are invited to the morning performance. However, the evening performance is for adults and children of school age only; we understand young children find it difficult to sit still for the required time and can create a distraction for the children performing. Due to all their hard work it would be very unfortunate if this happened. We appreciate your co-operation in ensuring that there are no disruptions to the performance.



Farewells...

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye and good luck to some of our staff members. Ms Hollowbread has secured a promotion in a larger school. We wish her every success in her new role and thank her for her hard work and dedication in ensuring our children have an excellent start to their learning journey at Ongar Primary. Mrs Hunter has decided to take some time out of teaching to spend time with her young family and Miss Bright, having completed her training now wishes to go travelling. First stop America. I am sure you will join me in giving our heartfelt thanks for all their time and hard work in contributing to the success of our school and wish them all the very best for the future.



... and Welcome

We have appointed an experienced Early Years teacher: **Mrs Matthews**, who is looking forward to joining our team and continuing to develop the Early Years curriculum. We have also appointed 3 new staff members to ensure we have **ONE CLASS PER YEAR GROUP**. This is a first for our school and reflects the growing number of pupils choosing to attend our school. We will be welcoming **Miss George, Miss Green and Miss Wilkinson** to our lovely school. Your child will meet their new teacher for September, on Friday 13th July. You will receive a note in your child's report informing you on the same date.



Parent Surveys

We are always keen to hear your views and below is a link for each parent to complete a short survey on some of the key elements of our school. What we do well and what you would like to see improved. Please do spare some time to complete this survey. If you do not have access to the internet, please let the office know as we can arrange a convenient time for you to use the school's internet access.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8PTYFXC>

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on Monday 2nd July. Children need to arrive in school at the start of the school day wearing a t-shirt in their house colour (Giraffe House are to wear white t-shirts). Parents are welcome from 9.30am with non-competitive events taking starting at 9.45am. At 11am the competitive events begin! At 12.15pm you are invited to a family picnic out on the field. Please ensure that you provide your child with a packed lunch as we are unable to take any further lunch orders. At 1.15pm the children will return to their class for afternoon registration and you will be able to collect them from their classroom at 1.30pm should you wish to do so. Children will not be allowed home without their parent or a nominated adult to collect them.

OPA News

A fundraising newsletter will be sent out later this week with details of our Race Night – Saturday 7th July, tickets going on sale this week @ £2 per person.



OPA are also busy planning the Summer Extravaganza - Friday 13th July. 3.15-5pm. Donation bags will be given to all children this week in order to gather prizes and other items for stalls to ensure that the Extravaganza is as successful as it has been in the past. If everybody donated even just one item, this would help us with our initial outlay, resulting in more money being raised for the children.

Ice Lollies on Sale

OPA will be selling ice lollies after school on Friday 29th June.



What's happening this week?

Hot Weather – please ensure your child has a sun hat with them and sun cream on them every day.

Tuesday

Year 6 will be taking part in a special assembly, which will help them with the transition to secondary school. We have managed to reorganise their swimming time so please ensure they bring their swimming kits to school.

Thursday

Year 5 will be taking part in a Road Safety Walk run by Essex County Council. As this is will remain in the local area additional permission is not required.

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 3rd July a group of children from Y3-6 will be attending an Athletics Festival being held at The Ongar Academy. A 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
June		
26 th	Moving On Assembly – Y6	AM
28 th	Road Safety Walk – Y5	PM
29 th	Y5 Library Visit	AM
July		
2 nd	Sports Day	AM
3 rd	KS2 Athletics Festival – The Ongar Academy	AM
6 th	Y1 Library Visit	AM
6 th	Family Quiz Afternoon	1.30pm – 3.15pm
10 th	KS2 Performance to parents and non-school age children	9.30am
12 th	KS2 Performance to parents	6pm
19 th	End of Year Assembly – Last day of Term	2.30pm
September		
4 th	Inset Day	All Day
5 th	Back to School	8.45am