

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 2nd July 2018
DINNER MENU WEEK 2

School Weekly Target – 96%
% for w/e 29th June 2018 –95.3%

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	90%
Ahlberg	93.3%
Waddell	95.6%
Dahl	98.7%
Wilson	94.5%
Morpurgo	95.6%
Horowitz	97.8%

The winning year group for attendance is Dahl with 98.7% attendance. Well done everyone.

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	1976
Monkey	1940
Whale	1569
Wolf	2099

Swimming Lessons

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



If your child has been selected to take part in tomorrow's Key Stage 2 Athletics Festival at The Ongar Academy any refund due will be credited to your child's school dinner account. If your child does not have school dinners, please contact the school office.

Sports Award

Ongar primary has been awarded a **SILVER AWARD** by the School Games Mark for our commitment to improving sporting opportunities for our children. The award recognise the breadth of sports offered at Ongar Primary, our increased participation and our inclusivity. This is a real achievement to receive a silver award in our first year.



We have also been nominated by the West Essex School Sports Partnership for two awards this year: 'The Fair Play Award' and 'The Most Engaged School'. The nominations are for all the schools in West Essex, so there is a strong field of nominees, however it is pleasing to have our efforts recognised with a nomination. I will let you know next week of the outcomes.

Dance Performance

Well done to Alex and Tilly who have been attending Dance Workshops at the Zinc Arts for the last few weeks. This culminated in a performance to parents last Wednesday.

Year 5 & 6 Performance

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.



Snacks at breaktime

Please ensure you provide a healthy snack for your child at break time. This should be a piece of fruit or vegetable. There is much research evidence that shows the negative impact of high sugar or high fat snacks on children's health and learning. Please support us in trying to encourage healthier snacks in school.

Parent Surveys

We are always keen to hear your views and as such every parent will have received a link 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.

Change to September Staffing

Due to a change in her personal circumstances, Miss George is unable to join our school in September. We have been very fortunate in employing Mr Butler for September 2018 and look forward to welcoming him to our school.

Cashless Payment System

You will shortly be receiving an email to register for SIMs Agora, our new online payment system. It is our intention to go Cashless by October half term. Once registered you will be able to pay for School Meals, Trips and Breakfast Club. If you require any support registering, please speak to the school office.

Year 2 Parents

Please be reminded that as of September your child will no longer be entitled to the universal free school meals. Should you be in receipt of any benefits you should apply for free school meals before mid-August to ensure your child continues to receive free school meals in Year 3. You should apply online at through the school website or directly through the Essex County Council website. Any meal taken before confirmation of your Free School Meal eligibility will need to be paid for. Please speak to the school office if you have any questions.

OPA News

Race Night Tickets are available from the School Office or Bright Stars Pre School at £2 per ticket. Race Night is taking place on Saturday 7th July with horses leaving the gates at 6.30pm. You are also able to purchase a horse or two and if your horse wins you win an instant prize. Horses are £2 each and you also need to think of a name for your horse. Horse purchases need to be made by Wednesday 4th July.



Donation bags went home on Friday last 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. Please ensure all donations are returned to the school office by Monday 9th July.

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

Selected KS2 children will be taking part in an Athletics Festival at The Ongar Academy in the morning. Children will need to be in school on time to change into their PE kits and all children will be to bring in a refillable water bottle.

Wednesday

Our new Early Years children will be visiting from 2.00pm-3.00pm to Stay and Play.

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.

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
July		
2 nd	Sports Day	AM
3 rd	KS2 Athletics Festival – The Ongar Academy	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