

Ongar Primary School Newsletter



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

Monday 9th July 2018

DINNER MENU WEEK 3

School Weekly Target – 96%
% for w/e 6.7.18 2018 –96.1%

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	95.9%
Ahlberg	96%
Waddell	95.1%
Dahl	95.6%
Wilson	96.9%
Morpurgo	96.1%
Horowitz	97%

The winning year group for attendance this week is Horowitz with 97% attendance. Well done everyone. Let's see which class wins overall for the term next week, it's very close so could go to any class.

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	2295
Monkey	2406
Whale	2102
Wolf	2589

Swimming Lessons

There will be no swimming this week due to the Summer performance to parents of the Yr5&6 production, the final swimming lesson will now take place on **Tuesday 17th July**. Any outstanding swimming money needs to be paid to the school office by **Wednesday 11th July**.



Sports Awards

Following last week's presentation of the West Essex School Sports Partnership we have some excellent news both for us as a school and as individuals. Firstly, we won 'The Most Engaged School' for the Ongar hub and achieved the Bronze award across the West of the County for 'The Fair Play Award.'



Huge congratulations and thank you to all our staff who have supported our commitment to broadening our sports provision.

Also, congratulations to the six children who were nominated for individual awards: -

Lola - *Most improved* - girl
Morgan S - *Most improved* - boy
Keira F - *Sports leader* - girl
Joel - *Sports leader* - boy
Tilly - *Sports personality* - girl
Joe - *Sports personality* - boy

Children across the West of Essex were nominated for these awards and there were a number of nominees in each category. Joe was awarded 2nd place, Morgan was also awarded 2nd place and Keira a 3rd place in each of their categories. Well done to you all!

Year 5 & 6 Performance

Our 'Hoodwinked' performance will take place on **Tuesday 10th July at 9.30am** or **Thursday 12th July at 6:00pm**. We look forward to welcoming you to what will be another great production. Break a leg Year 5 & 6!

After the performances parents can go to the Year 6 classroom to order play photographs and DVDs.



Race Night

Saturday's Race Night really got into the swing of things with lots of tense moments, cheering on horses and excited winners. A big thank you to all who attended, sponsored races and bought horses. A special thanks to those who gave up their time to ensure the night was a success.



OPA will announce the total raised later this week. We will definitely be organising another event like this and hope to see more of you there.

Don't forget our annual Summer Extravaganza will be held on Friday 13th from 3.15-5.00pm. Please do come along and support our school and Bright Stars Pre-School.

Thank you to everyone how has been kindly returned their full donation bags. You still have time to donate, just make sure your bags are handed into the school office or Bright Stars Pre-school by the morning of Wednesday 11th July.

Cashless Payment System

You would have by now received an email from SIMs Agora requesting you to register of our new Cashless Payment System. It is our plan to be cashless by October half term, so please register to enable all future payments to be made via the Cashless System. If you have any difficulties in setting up your account, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



As we are fast approaching the end of term please ensure that all outstanding dinner monies are paid in full before we finish for the Summer. The school office will be able to advise you of any outstanding balances.

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.

Year 2 Parents

Final reminder to Year 2 parents 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 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.

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

Y5 & 6 production 9.30am for parents and non-school age children.

Wednesday

Our new Early years children and their parents will be visiting from 2-3pm for a picnic on our school field.

Thursday

Year 5 & 6 production 6.00pm

Friday

MP Visit - As an ex teacher and now Member of Parliament for Brentwood and Ongar, Alex Burghart is visiting schools within his constituency. We look forward to welcoming him to our school.

End of year reports and progress sheets will be sent home at the end of school today.



Reminders

Outstanding Trip & Swimming Money

Please could all outstanding money be paid before the Summer holidays. If you are unsure of outstanding balances the school office will be happy to advise you. Many thanks.

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		
10 th	KS2 Performance to parents and non-school age children	9.30am
12 th	KS2 Performance to parents	6pm
13 th	Alex Burghart MP Visit to School	PM
13 th	Summer Extravaganza	3.30-5pm
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