

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 17th September
DINNER MENU WEEK 3

Attendance

School Weekly Target – 96%

% for w/e 14th September 2018 –98.4%

Class	Weekly %	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Donaldson	99.4%	1	1
Ahlberg	100%	3	3
Butterworth	99.1%		
Dahl	94.3%		
Rowling	100%	3	3
Morpurgo	99.1%		
Horowitz	98.8%		

An amazing start to the school year, well done everybody. Let's keep it up.

Our current Attendance Policy is available on the school website – www.ongar-pri.essex.sch.uk. Please read through this to familiarise yourselves thoroughly.

House Points

House	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Whale	212	212
Wolf	125	125
Giraffe	169	169
Monkey	152	152



Daily Mile

This week we have walked 256 miles, making our grand total 8748 miles.

Thank you

Thank you to all our parents who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' session last week, we hope you found them informative. If you have any further questions, please do speak to your child's class teacher at the END of the school day. Our Parent's Evenings for this term will be **TUESDAY 16th October** and **THURSDAY 18th October**.



Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We will be hosting a coffee afternoon **THIS THURSDAY** to raise money for the Macmillan Nurses charity. You are invited to share a drink and a cake with your child in the school Hall at the following times:

Reception Y1, Y2 1.45pm - 2.15pm
Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 2.30pm -3.00pm



Please send in any cake donations that we can sell at this event in by Thursday morning – Thank you.

New Clubs

Our exciting new club timetable is going out to all children this evening – Clubs will start next. The clubs are extremely popular, so please ensure your child attends regularly. Please collect your child from the main reception area at the end time stated on the timetable. If Year 5 and Year 6 parents wish their child to walk home unaccompanied at the end of a club, please ensure the you have indicated this on your club preference slip. We will not release your child without this consent.



Ongar Parents Association

Our Parent Association would like to invite all parents and carers to their welcome coffee morning on Thursday 26th September at 9.00am.



OPA are an invaluable part of our school community and provide both fundraising and social events for our children and families.

It is a great way to get to meet other parents as well as raise funds for our children. Please do join us and help continue our fundraising successes.

School Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform every day. Details of our uniform policy can be found on our website. If you are unsure, please ask before making expensive purchases. Please ensure your child's name is in all clothing, including PE kits.

Cashless Payment System

SIMs Agora is now up and running for the payment of school meals and breakfast club. It is our intention to be a cashless school by the end of the Autumn term and you can help us by registering your details through the link you have received from SIMs Agora. Please ensure that you link all children at the school to your account and when paying for school meals remember only Year 3 and above have to pay for their meals. If you have not received your registration email or are having issues, please speak to the school office who are happy to help.

Please also remember that we have a no debt policy in respect of school meal. This means that meals need to be paid for in advance or on the day they are taken – Thank you for your co-operation.

Library Visit

Year 6 will be visiting the local Library this Friday. If you are able to help, please speak to Miss Bellett.



Data Collection Sheets

You will have received your Data Collection Sheet last week, please check and return to the school office. It is important that you check your child's sheet thoroughly and sign, even if no changes are made.

Secondary School Applications

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opens on Wednesday, 12 September 2018, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2019.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2018. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 98% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

The Local Authority will not be sending letters to parents about making an application. All of the application information is available on the website above. The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2019-20 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies. A link to the booklet is provided below.

[http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/econdary Admissions Booklet.pdf](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/econdary_Admissions_Booklet.pdf)

Asthma Pumps

If your child needs to use an asthma pump, please ensure that their pump and spacer is in school and clearly labelled with their name. you will also need to completed a form which will allow us to administer medication, these are available from the school office. Please also check that the medication is in date.



Safeguarding

We work hard to ensure your child is safe in our school. We have recently updated the entrance systems to our school which ensures restricted access. All visitors to the school are asked to sign in and provided with an information booklet on our school's safeguarding procedures. This term we will practice our fire drill and also provide all parents with the opportunity to attend an e-safety information session.

Diary Dates – dates & times are subject to 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 or our Facebook page.

These dates and more will be added to the school website shortly.

Dates	Event	Time
September		
20 th	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon – EYFS – Y2	1.45pm
20 th	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon – Y3 – Y6	2.30pm
21 st	Y6 Library Visit	9am
28 th	Y3 Library Visit	9am
October		
1 st – 3 rd	Y6 Residential – Carroty Wood	
5 th	Y3 Library Visit	9am
11 th	EYFS September 2019 Intake Tour	9.15am
16 th	Parents Evening	3.30pm
18 th	Parents Evening	5pm
HALF TERM WEEK		
29 th	Back to School	8.45am