

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 24th September
DINNER MENU WEEK 1

Attendance

School Weekly Target – 96%

% for w/e 21st September 2018 –96.8%

Class	Weekly %	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Donaldson	99%	3	6
Ahlberg	98.5%	1	6
Butterworth	97.3%		2
Dahl	95%		2
Rowling	90%	2	5
Morpurgo	98.7%		4
Horowitz	97.6%		2

A slight drop from last week, but still above our weekly target.

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	292	504
Wolf	571	125
Giraffe	561	730
Monkey	461	613



Daily Mile

This week we have walked 174miles, making our grand total 8922 miles.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to all who supported our charity coffee afternoon either with cake donations or their time and money. We raised a grand total of £151 for Macmillan nurses.

New Clubs

Clubs start this week. Please ensure you have made arrangements for your child to be collected from club at the correct time. For those that have expressed an interest in Piano, Mrs Neniceas will be in touch with you shortly. We have now confirmed details for Karate Club and letter have been sent home this evening with children who have expressed an interest. Further letters are available from the school office.

Ongar Parents Association

Our parent association would like to invite all parents and carers to their welcome coffee morning on **Thursday 27th 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, we look forward to meeting you and hearing about any fundraising opportunities ideas you may have.

Carrotty Wood Meeting

We will be holding a final information session for all parent' and carers of our Y6 children, who are off to Carrotty wood for their residential trip next week. This will be held on Wednesday at 3.30pm in the year 6 classroom. Please do try to attend.

The Ongar Academy

This week Y6 will be visiting The Ongar Academy as they are away for the Academy's Open Evening. Parents are still encouraged to attend the event without their child to find out about the school and ask any questions. Having met with Mr Osbourne, the new Interim Headteacher of the Academy, he is keen to share his vision for the future with prospective parents.



Safeguarding

Last week I mentioned just some of the ways we help to ensure your child is safe in school. Please play your part by parking and dropping off your child safely. Please **DO NOT** park on the pavement, or stop in the road to allow your child to exit your car. This is incredibly dangerous and puts members of our school community at risk.

Cashless Payment System

The majority of parents have now signed up to SIMs Agora, our online payment system. Please ensure that payments are made promptly online. If you are still having trouble signing up please speak to the school office who will be happy to help.

With the recent support shown by parents, we are now hoping to be cash free by the October half term. This means that the school office will no longer be accepting any cash payments after this date and all payments for trips, dinners, breakfast club and uniform will need to be made this way.

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 3 will be visiting the local Library this Friday. If you are able to help, please speak to Miss Wilkinson.



Data Collection Sheets

If we have not received your Data Collection Sheet back, you will be receiving another one later this 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. These forms are used when trying to contact parents so please return them to the school office so we can be sure we have your correct details.

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)

OPA Event

The OPA will be holding a fun Movies & Munch session on **Tuesday 30th October**. Sessions will be **FREE**, **but** all children will need to bring an adult who will receive some invaluable information about staying safe online. The sessions are open to all Ongar Primary or Bright Stars children. Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate any other children.

There is a choice of 2 sessions - 3.30pm - 4.15pm

OR

4.15pm - 5.00pm (ideal for those adults collecting children from club!)

We are all very adept at warning our children of 'Stranger Danger' outside of school and home, however access to the internet can mean 'Stranger Danger' is always present. There is also a range of games that may seem child appropriate, but looks can be deceptive. Come along and find ways to keep your child safe online.

P.T.O.

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.

Dates	Event	Time
September		
27 th	OPA Coffee Morning	9am
28 th	Y3 Library Visit	9am
28 th	Y6 Visit to The Ongar Academy	9.15am
October		
1 st – 3 rd	Y6 Residential – Carrot Wood	
5 th	Y1 Library Visit	9am
11 th	EYFS September 2019 Intake Tour	9.15am
12 th	Y5 Library Visit	9am
16 th	Parents Evening	3.30pm
18 th	Parents Evening	5pm
19 th	EYFS Library Visit	9am
19 th	No Celebration Assembly	
22nd -26th HALF TERM WEEK		
29 th	Back to School	8.45am
30 th	Flu Immunisations	AM
30 th	E-Safety Movie & Munch sessions (2 Sessions)	3.30pm – 5pm
NOVEMBER		
7 th	Y3 Home Safety	PM
7 th	Y6 Cyber Safety	PM
9 th	Y4 Library Visit	9am
11 th	Y6 Class Assembly	2.45pm
16 th	EYFS September 2019 Intake Tour	1.30pm
23 rd	INSET DAY	All Day
30 th	Y1 Library	9am
DECEMBER		
3 rd – 7 th	Assessment Week	
7 th	Y5 Library	9am
10 th	Christmas Bazaar	3.30pm
11 th	Christmas Lunch	12noon
11 th	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal	PM
12 th	Choir - Mulberry House	TBA
12 th	KS1 Nativity performance to Parents	1.30pm
13 th	KS1 Nativity performance to Parents	5pm
14 th	EYFS Library Visit	9am
17 th	Christmas Craft Afternoon	1.30pm
18 th	Party Lunch	12noon
19 th	Last day of School	
20 th – 31 st	XMAS HOLIDAY	
JANUARY		
1 st -2 nd	XMAS HOLIDAY	
3 rd	Back to School	8.45am