

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 1st October
DINNER MENU WEEK 2



Marvellous Me

This week we will be launching a new way for you to be informed about your child's work in school. Marvellous Me is an App for your smart phone, which allows you to receive information about your child's achievements in school. If you haven't already done so, please download the App and enter your unique code. Do not forget to also return the permission slip to school to allow us to send photos of your child via this App. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Attendance

School Weekly Target – 96%
% for w/e 28th September 2018 –97.3%

Class	Weekly %	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Donaldson	94.2%	1	7
Ahlberg	98.5%	2	8
Butterworth	96.4%	1	3
Dahl	98.8%	3	5
Rowling	96%	1	6
Morpurgo	97.4%	1	5
Horowitz	99.2%	4	6

Please remember that a cough or cold is not a reason to keep your child off school. Instead advise the school office when you bring your child to school if you think they may be unwell and we will contact you during the day if necessary.

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	Points to Date
Whale	538
Wolf	391
Giraffe	588
Monkey	427

Daily Mile

This week we have walked 127miles, making our grand total 9119 miles.



OPA Welcome

The Ongar Parents' association held a coffee morning to welcome new and existing parents to the association. The event was well attended and it was lovely to see so many of you. The OPA play a vital role for both our school and Bright Stars nursery in organising social events and providing additional resources. The OPA shared many of the projects they supported last year, including art resources, gardening supplies, SATs trips and playground equipment to name just a few. This year we are hoping to revamp our playground.

House Captain Voting Day

This Friday the whole school will be voting for their House Captains. Good luck to:

Lexi, Deni-Jayne, Rhys and Maya for Wolf House.
Oliver, Alex, Sophia and Jaylee from Whale House.
From Monkey House, Katie, Taylor, Alisa and Freya.
Erica, Frank, Rebecca, and Demi from Giraffe House.



The winners will be announced in this week's Celebration Assembly at 2.45pm on Friday.

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.

Reception 2019

We will be hosting our open morning for prospective parents on Thursday 11th October at 9.15am. If you or anyone you know has a child who will be starting school **NEXT SEPTEMBER**, please do come and have a look around and see our fantastic school in action. We will be holding another session on Friday 16th November at 1.30pm. Please contact the school office to book your place.

You will be able to apply for your Reception Class 2019 place between 12th November 2018 and 15th January 2019.

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New Clubs

The new clubs had a successful start last week and were really enjoyed by the children who attended. There are still some spaces left in the following clubs –

Brain Boggler – **Monday 3.15-4pm** – Y3-6
Table Tennis – **Tuesday 3.15-4pm** – Y1-4
Get Up and Mover – **Tuesday 3.15-4pm** – Y1-2
Express Yourself Fitness – **Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm** – Y1-6
Choir – **Thursday 3.15-4pm** – Y4-6
Karate – **Thursday 3.15-4.15pm** – Y1-6 – *This is a paid club*
Hip Hop Dance – **Monday 3.15-4.15pm** – Y3-6 – *This is a paid club*

Please note that Hip Hop Dance sessions will end at **4.15pm** as previously advised.

If your child is interested in joining any of these clubs, please complete a club form and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Carrot Wood

Our Year 6 children set off to Carrot Wood this morning. Please follow the school's Facebook page for regular updates on their activities and expected arrival time back to school on Wednesday.

The Ongar Academy

The Ongar Academy is holding its open evening tonight from 5.30pm. Parents are still encouraged to attend the event without their child to find out about the school and ask any questions.

Library Visit

Year 1 will be visiting the local Library this Friday. If you are able to help, please speak to Miss Green.



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

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
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		
1 st	Individual Photos	AM
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