

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 8th October

DINNER MENU WEEK 3

Attendance

School Weekly Target – 96%
% for w/e 5th October 2018 –97.3%

Class	Weekly %	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Donaldson	94.7%		7
Ahlberg	96.9%	1	9
Butterworth	88.6%		3
Dahl	93.8%		5
Rowling	95.3%		6
Morpurgo	100%	3	8
Horowitz	99.6%	2	8

We have noticed a number of children continually arriving a few minutes late to school.

Lateness has a negative impact on a child's learning - Being late can, disrupt lessons, affect achievement, embarrass/upset a child.

Did you know that being late by 5 minutes every day adds up to 3 days of lost learning each year.

Being on time means not missing out!

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	899
Wolf	391
Giraffe	588
Monkey	427

Daily Mile

This week we have walked 93 miles, making our grand total 9211 miles.



Marvellous Me

67% of our parents have now signed up to our Marvellous Me app. It 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. Please also return the permission slip to school, to allow us to send you photos of your child via this app. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

House Captain Voting Day

On Friday the whole school voted for their house captains. The winners were:

Wolf House: Lexi & Rhys

Whale House: Alex and Jaylee

Monkey House Taylor and Alisa

Giraffe House: Erica and Rebecca

Congratulations to you all.

Carrot Wood

Our Year 6 children had a fantastic time at Carrot Wood last week. They returned exhausted! During their stay they took part in all sorts of activities including high ropes, BMXing, canoeing, low ropes, swimming, archery, camp fires and lots more. A huge thank you to Miss Bellett, Ms McDonnell and Mrs Natrass who gave up their beauty sleep to facilitate this trip.

Fundraising

With dwindling budgets, the fundraising opportunities initiated by the Ongar Primary Association are vital in supporting the school to deliver the quality of education our children deserve. We hope that you will continue to support their ventures. We continue to recognise our responsibility as global citizens but, with this in mind, we have decided to have just one charity fundraiser per term. This term we raised over £150 for MacMillan nurses. Next term we will support Red Nose Day on March 15th.

Safeguarding

Unfortunately, it is still necessary for me to highlight the danger posed by some of our parents when driving to and from our school. 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.



Please remember that the school is a non-smoking site, this includes the immediate area outside the school.

Many thanks.

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Online Payments

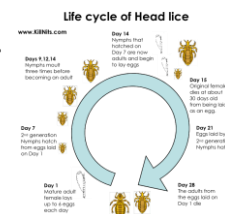
When we return to school after the half term break, the school office will be cashless. All payments will need to go through our online payment system, SIMs Agora. All you need to set this up is an email address and a little bit of time. If you are having any problems with setting up your account, please speak to Mrs Robinson in the school office.

We have a no debt policy in relation to school meals. It has been brought to my attention that parents are still running into debt on a weekly basis. Please ensure that your child has money on their meal account when ordering a school meal, otherwise please provide them with a packed lunch.

Head Lice

Last week several classes received letters regarding head lice, please regularly check your child's hair. If it is necessary to treat your child for head lice, you will need to check and retreat the whole family until **ALL** lice and eggs have been destroyed.

Follow this link for more information - [NHS - Head Lice Information](#)



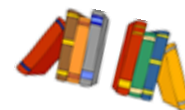
Reception 2019

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.

Library Visit

Year 5 will be visiting the local Library this Friday. If you are able to help, please speak to Mr Butler.



Celebration Assembly

There will be **NO** celebration assembly next week (19th October) as we are having a special internet safety assembly for our KS2 children. The assembly will be attended by our local MP – Mr Alex Burghart.

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		
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