

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 29th October 2018

DINNER MENU WEEK 1

Attendance

School Weekly Target – 96%

% for w/e 19th October 2018 –97.2%

Class	Weekly %	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Donaldson	98	2	13
Ahlberg	99.2	4	15
Butterworth	95.5	1	5
Dahl	96.1	1	7
Rowling	97.3	1	10
Morpurgo	98.3	3	12
Horowitz	97.2	1	10

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	1881
Wolf	1261
Giraffe	1381
Monkey	1490

Daily Mile

This week we have walked 141 miles, making our grand total 10085 miles.



New Dinner Menu

Our new Winter Dinner Menu is starting today. The menu can be found on the school website and there are a few copies in the reception area.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all those parents who attended parents evening. We hope you found the appointment informative. Should you wish to speak to class teachers you can always arrange to see them after school by making an appointment at the school office. Thank you to all those who completed our parent questionnaire for our Governing Body, we will publish the results once we have collated the information.

Celebration Assembly

We are trialling a new assembly time this half term - Celebration Assembly will now be held on Friday mornings, starting at 9am. We look forward to seeing you there.

E-Safety

We will be holding a movie and munch event for our children **TOMORROW**. The session is free when an adult attends the E-safety session with Miss Bellett. The session will be a refresher of the E-safety sessions we ran last year, which parents found incredibly useful. There are 2 sessions available 3.15-4.00pm and 4.15-5.00pm.

Library Visit



Year 2 will be visiting the local Library this Friday. If you are able to help, please speak to Mrs Natrass.

Pantomime

Thank you to everybody who has returned their child's permission slip for the Pantomime. Please remember if you still have not paid for this trip, payment needs to be made by Friday 2nd November using our online payment system. The office is available if you are still unable to login to our online payment systems, SIMS Agora.



Bags

We have asked the children to bring their reading book and diary either in a school book bag or a small bag that will fit into their tray. The increase in large rucksacks creates a tripping hazard in our cloakrooms as they do not fit on the pegs along with coats. Consequently, bags and coats end up on the floor.

Individual & Family Photographs

The school photographer will be coming to school on Thursday 1st November to take photos. If you have younger siblings **not** at Bright Stars Pre-School, please arrive at 8.30am for your family pictures.



P.T.O.

Assembly

Today we had an important safety assembly on staying safe during Halloween and Firework night. Please do speak to your child about the assembly and establish clear rules on staying safe at this time of year.



Online Payments

We will no longer be accepting cash payments in the school office. 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.

WOW Day

We continue with our tradition of WOW days, as part of our topics. Butterworth and Ahlberg class thoroughly enjoyed their woodland adventure. They made dens and toasted marshmallows. Look out for updates via marvellous me and our website. Year 3 and 4 will be having their WOW day on Friday 9th November. Details to follow.



Tag Rugby

Year 6 are off to Love Lane to represent our school in a Tag Rugby Tournament this Wednesday morning. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school along with a tracksuit and an additional water bottle. Many thanks.

Lest We Forget Workshop

On Thursday 8th November Y6 children will once again participate in this workshop held at Zinc Arts Centre. Please ensure that your child has suitable clothing for the weather as we will be walking to this event.



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

For this half term we will be holding our Celebration Assembly at 9am on Friday mornings. 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		
29 th	Back to School	8.45am
30 th	Flu Immunisations	AM
30 th	E-Safety Movie & Munch sessions (2 Sessions)	3.30pm & 4.15pm
NOVEMBER		
1 st	Individual Photos	AM
7th	Y4 Football Event - Letters will be sent home to those children attending	12noon
7 th	Y3 Home Safety	PM
7 th	Y6 Cyber Safety	PM
9th	Y4 WOW Day – details to follow	All Day
9 th	Y4 Library Visit	9am
15th	Y6 Class Assembly	2.45pm
16 th	EYFS September 2019 Intake Tour	1.30pm
22nd	The Big Debate	2.30pm
23 rd	INSET DAY	All Day
29th	KS2 Trip – Thorndon Country Park – Details to follow	All Day
30 th	Y1 Library	9am
DECEMBER		
3 rd – 7 th	Assessment Week	
5 th	Pantomime	2pm
7 th	Y5 Library	9am
10 th	Christmas Bazaar	3.30pm
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	Christmas Lunch	12noon
19 th	Party Lunch	12noon
19 th	Last day of School	
20th – 31st	XMAS HOLIDAY	
JANUARY		
1st-2nd	XMAS HOLIDAY	
3 rd	Inset Day	
4 th	Inset Day	
7 th	Back to School	8.45am