

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 5th November 2018

DINNER MENU WEEK 2

Attendance

School Weekly Target – 96%

% for w/e 2nd November 2018 –94.6%

Class	Weekly %	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Donaldson	89.5		
Ahlberg	100	3	3
Butterworth	89.1		
Dahl	93		
Rowling	94.7		
Morpurgo	98.7	1	1
Horowitz	98.8	2	2

Well Done to Ahlberg Class who were the class attendance winners last half term.

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

Daily Mile

This week we have walked miles, making our grand total 10122 miles.



A Big Thank You

There has been a considerable improvement to the parking situation outside the school. Thank you all for your co-operation.



Remembrance Day

On Sunday 11th November our head boy, girl and deputies will be taking part in a Remembrance Service to be held at the Ongar War Memorial Health Centre. The service starts at 2.30pm. It would be lovely to see you there to mark the centenary of the end of WWI.



We still have a number of poppy related items, as well as poppies available to purchase from the school office.

Uniform

Please remember to send your child to school in their correct school uniform. With the weather turning colder, girls should be wearing grey tights or grey trousers, **leggings are not part of our school uniform**. Dance bows are not permitted, and hair should be tied back with a plain band. I have noticed that more children are coming to school in trainers, these are **not** suitable footwear for school.



Parents' Survey

Thank you to all of the parents who completed the governors' questionnaire (42 parents.) Over 95% of those surveyed said their child felt safe at our school. Lots of our children take part in out of school activities, with swimming being the most popular. The most popular use of our children's free time was playing outside or screen based activities.

Head Teachers Coffee Morning

You are warmly invited to Mrs Attridge's coffee morning, on Tuesday 13th November at 9.00am. We would like to find out your first thoughts on our Marvellous Me App, as well as any other feedback you may have.



Tag Rugby

Year 6 had a great time at the Tag Rugby Tournament last week and came 2nd in the competition. Next stop the West Essex competition – watch this space for details.

Celebration Assembly

Don't forget 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.

Library Visit



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

WOW days!

We continue with our tradition of organising exciting learning opportunities for our children. This week Rowling and Dahl are being archaeologists for the day to find out more about the Bronze and Stone Age.



Y3 & 4 Visit to St Martin's Church

Years 3 & 4 will be visiting St Martins Church on Tuesday 20th November as part of the RE Curriculum. Whilst there they will be looking at the inside and outside features of the church and discover what happens there. If you are able to help walk the children down to the church, please speak to the class teachers or the school office.



Head Lice

Once again I have been made aware that we have a number of head lice outbreaks within the school. It is important that you regularly check and if necessary, treat you your child for head lice. We will be contacting parents if we notice any cases that require treatment.



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.



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.

Pantomime

We have confirmed final numbers for Aladdin at the Harlow Playhouse on Wednesday 5th December. We will be leaving school to arrive in Harlow for the 2pm performance and we are hoping to arrive back at the school by 5.30pm at the latest. We will keep parents updated through our Facebook page.

Unfortunately, we are no longer able to book any extra tickets for this event.

OPA

With Christmas fast approaching OPA will be sending out donation bags later this week. As with previous years, this will be a house completion so don't forget to write your child's house name on your donation bag. A list of preferred donation items will be on each bag.



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
NOVEMBER		
7 th	Y4 Football Event	12noon
7 th	Y3 Home Safety	PM
7 th	Y6 Cyber Safety	PM
9 th	Y4 WOW Day – details to follow	All Day
9th	Y6 Library Visit	9am
15th	Y2 Multi Skills Competition	12.30pm
15 th	Y6 Class Assembly	2.45pm
16 th	EYFS September 2019 Intake Tour	1.30pm
20 th	Y3&4 Visit to St Martins Church	9am
22 nd	The Big Debate	2.30pm
23 rd	INSET DAY	All Day
29 th	KS2 Trip – Thorndon Country Park	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