

# Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## DINNER MENU WEEK 1

### Attendance

**School Weekly Target – 96%**

% for w/e 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 –96.1%

Class	Weekly %	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Donaldson	92.4	1	2
Ahlberg	90.8	1	6
Butterworth	99.1	2	3
Dahl	92.6	1	2
Rowling	96	1	2
Morpurgo	99.6	4	9
Horowitz	99.2	3	8

Our current Attendance Policy is available on the school website – [www.ongar-pri.essex.sch.uk](http://www.ongar-pri.essex.sch.uk). Please read through this to familiarise yourselves thoroughly.

### Daily Mile

This week we have walked 79 miles, making our grand total 10251 miles.



### House Points

House	Points This Week	Total House Points
Giraffe	570	2875
Monkey	649	2788
Whale	550	2765
Wolf	716	2568

### Cross Country

On Friday we hosted the local Cross Country Trial. Well done to all our Key stage 2 runners who showed tremendous perseverance. Thank you to Miss Sterzl and Mr Hill who helped organize the event. The West Essex Sports partnership were so impressed with our course that we have been chosen to host the West Essex competition in January.



### Multi Skills

Butterworth class took part in a Multi Skills Festival at the Ongar Academy last Thursday. The children practiced a range of skills and thoroughly enjoyed all of the activities.

### Y3 & 4 Visit to St Martin's Church

Dahl and Rowling class are visiting St Martin's church tomorrow morning, as part of their RE work on Christianity. Reverend Noelle will be giving the children a guided tour of the church and working with the children. If you are able to help please speak to Miss Wilkinson or Miss Love when you collect your child, if we do not have any parent helpers we may not be able to go ahead with this visit.

### Head Teacher's Coffee Morning

Thank you to the parents who attended the coffee morning last week. It was pleasing to hear the positive responses to the new Marvellous Me app. If you haven't yet signed up, please do. If you need further help, please contact the school office.



### Driving

For those parents who need to drive to school, please be reminded that this is a residential area and we all need to be mindful of the speed limits. Concerns have been raised by local residents at the speed of some of the vehicles dropping children at our school.



### KS2 Thorndon Country Park Visit

We still have a number of permission slips and payment outstanding for this trip. Please can you return any slips and ensure payment is made on SIMS Agora by **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November**. If you are having problems with our online payment system, please contact the school office for assistance. Many thanks to the majority of parents that have made payment.

### Reminders

Please remember that this Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November, is a non-pupil day. School will reopen on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, instead of our usual Celebration Assembly we will be having an open afternoon where parents are invited to visit their child's class to view some of the work they have produced this term. Doors open at 2.45pm, we look forward to seeing you.

### Advance Notice

In line with other schools in the trust we will be finishing school at 1.30pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## Epping ReUse

We have been contacted by Epping ReUse who are holding a Christmas lunch for some Epping Forest District pensioners who are on their own this Christmas. They have asked if any of our families would like to donate items towards a food hamper, which will be made up to be taken home after the meal. Any donations should be brought to the school office by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## 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.

## OPA

Donation bags were sent out last week, please return them by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November if you are able to help with any donations.



If your child wishes to make a personalised Christmas card this year, please return your order form to the school office by Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

These fundraising events are a vital to the school and as a school we would like to thank everybody who has given their time and support.

# 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
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
20 <sup>th</sup>	Y3&4 Visit to St Martins Church	9am
22 <sup>nd</sup>	The Big Debate	2.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET DAY	All Day
29 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Trip – Thorndon Country Park	All Day
30 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Library	9am
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Assessment Week	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime	2pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Library	9am
10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Bazaar	3.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal	PM
12 <sup>th</sup>	Choir - Mulberry House	TBA
12 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity performance to Parents	1.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Nativity performance to Parents	5pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Library Visit	9am
17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Craft Afternoon	1.30pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch	12noon
19 <sup>th</sup>	Party Lunch	12noon
19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last day of School – Early Close</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>XMAS HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>JANUARY</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>XMAS HOLIDAY</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School	8.45am