

# Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## DINNER MENU WEEK 3

### Attendance

**School Weekly Target – 96%**

% for w/e 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 –96.4%

Class	Weekly %	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Donaldson	95.7	1	1
Ahlberg	96.9	2	5
Butterworth	92.3	1	1
Dahl	95.2	1	1
Rowling	95.3	1	1
Morpurgo	100	4	5
Horowitz	98.8	2	5

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 50 miles, making our grand total 10172 miles.



### House Points

House	Points This Week	Total House Points
Giraffe	731	2305
Monkey	687	2139
Whale	517	2215
Wolf	604	1852

### Thank You

Thank you to our head boy and girl, Joel and Zara and their deputies, Owen and Yasmin who represented our school at the Ongar Remembrance Service yesterday. They took part in the service and were a real credit to our school and community.



### KS2 Thorndon Country Park Visit

Permission slips for this visit need to be returned to the school office as soon as possible and payment needs to be made by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**, if not already done so. If you are still not signed up to our online payment system, please speak to the school office.

### Uniform

Please remember to send your child to school in their correct school uniform. Grey tights or grey trousers for girls, **leggings are not part of our school uniform**. Dance bows are not permitted, and hair should be tied back with a plain band. Trainers and boots are not suitable footwear for school.



### Head Teachers Coffee Morning

You are warmly invited to Mrs Attridge's coffee morning, on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Library Visit



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

### WOW days!

Last week Rowling and Dahl were archaeologists for the day to find out more about the Bronze and Stone Age. They made clay pots and tried their hand at weaving. They found these tasks hard and as a group decided that living in the Bronze and Stone Age was not for them.



### Cross Country

We will be hosting the Key Stage 2 Cross Country Qualifier on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am. It would be great to see as many parents as possible supporting our runners. We will inform the children this week if they are taking part. If your child is selected, please ensure that they have their PE Kit, trainers and a tracksuit in school for the event.



### Y6 Assembly

Year 6 would like to invite all parents to their class assembly on Thursday at 2.45pm. This is an opportunity for them to share their learning on the topic of World War II.

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

Years 3 & 4 will be visiting St Martins Church on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



### 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

With Christmas fast approaching OPA will be sending out donation bags this afternoon. 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.



To start off Christmas fundraising, OPA are taking part in a Christmas Card and Gift art project. If you are interested in participating and producing a unique gift for your friends and family, please return your completed forms to the school office by Friday 16<sup>th</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.

### 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.

# 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>		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Multi Skills Competition	12.30pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Class Assembly	2.45pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS September 2019 Intake Tour	1.30pm
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
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<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