

# Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 26th November 2018

## DINNER MENU WEEK 2

### Attendance

**School Weekly Target – 96%**

% for w/e 23rd November 2018 – 93.6%

Class	Weekly %	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Donaldson	88.7		2
Ahlberg	96.2	2	8
Butterworth	94.9		3
Dahl	89.6		2
Rowling	93.3		2
Morpurgo	98.4	3	12
Horowitz	95	1	9

A little drop in attendance this week. With the colder weather now here, please make sure that your child has a warm coat in school.

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 57 miles, making our grand total 10308 miles.



### House Points

House	Points This Week	Total House Points
Giraffe	192	3067
Monkey	178	2966
Whale	260	3025
Wolf	181	2749

### Ongar Light Switch On

Our choir will be singing at St Martins Church on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 5.50pm. Hope to see you there for some Christmas carolling!

### Celebration of Work Afternoon

You are all invited to attend our celebration of work afternoon this Friday at 2.45pm. This will be held in the classroom and is an opportunity for your child to show you their work so far this year. We are very proud of our broad curriculum and the range of learning experiences your child has, while at our school. Please do drop in to see all the hard work on display.



### Puzzles

A request from Donaldson class for any jigsaw puzzles you may have but no longer want, that could be donated to the school. Of course we need it to have all the pieces.

### Year 5/6 WOW Day

Year 5 and 6 will be transported back in time on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November to World War II for their wow day. Keep a look for updates on Marvellous Me.

### KS2 Trip

Dahl, Rowling, Morpurgo and Horowitz classes are off for their class visit to Thorndon Country Park this Thursday. Whilst there they will be taking part in World War II and Stone Age adventures. An additional ParentMail note will be sent out later today, giving clear details on what clothing the children need to wear, please keep an eye out for this.

### Good bye

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye and good luck to Ms Sterzl next week. We will have a new sports coach starting next term – details to follow. I am sure you will join me in saying a huge thank you to Ms Sterzl for her hard work and dedication to our school.



### Individual Photographs

We are no longer able to accept any photographs orders at the school office. If you still wish to purchase your child's photograph, you can do so by going onto the photographers' website and ordering online. You will be able to order online with an additional postage cost until Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

### OPA

This Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> November at 9am, OPA will be holding another coffee morning to make final preparations for the Christmas bazaar. All offers of help are warmly welcomed. We look forward to seeing you at the coffee morning.



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.

Congratulations to Monkey house for donating the most items for the bazaar, they will receive 100 house points. Donations are still welcome at the school office. We are also needing empty boxes of all shapes and sizes.

Finally, OPA and Brightstars Preschool will be running a number of stalls at the Ongar Light Switch On this Friday. You will find them in the Budworth Hall, please show your support.

## Christmas Craft Afternoon & Jumper Day

To coincide with our Christmas Craft Afternoon on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, we will be having our Christmas Jumper day. Children can come to school in their Christmas jumper and enjoy the activities the craft activities in the afternoon.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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>		
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>	Last day of School – Early Close	1.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	XMAS HOLIDAY	
<b>JANUARY</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup>	XMAS HOLIDAY	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Inset Day	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School	8.45am