

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 3rd December 2018

DINNER MENU WEEK 3

Attendance

School Weekly Target – 96%

% for w/e 30th November 2018 –96.9%

Class	Weekly %	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Donaldson	100	4	6
Ahlberg	96.9	1	9
Butterworth	99.1	3	6
Dahl	94.2	1	3
Rowling	98	2	4
Morpurgo	95.2	1	13
Horowitz	95.6	1	10

What a great week for attendance in Donaldson class. Well done to you all.

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 42 miles, making our grand total 10,293 miles.



House Points

House	Points This Week	Total House Points
Giraffe	707	3774
Monkey	727	3693
Whale	620	3645
Wolf	634	3383

Thorndon Country Park

Dahl, Rowling, Morpurgo and Horowitz classes had an amazing day at Thorndon Park last week and immersed themselves in different periods from history. Their visit included building Anderson Shelters, making stone age tools and lighting fires.

Boccia Festival

This week 6 students will be representing our school at a Boccia competition at the Ongar Academy. The children that took part last year had great fun try out a new sport.



Tennis

We are having Tennis Taster sessions for all our KS2 children on Friday 7th December. Tennis is a new club that we are hoping to offer KS2 when we return in January from 3.15pm- 4.00pm. This taster session is the ideal opportunity for your child to 'try before you buy!'

Year 5/6 WOW Day

Year 5&6 had a thoroughly enjoyable day transforming into WW2 evacuees. They were given 1940s names (such as Gloria, Patricia and Terry), locations that they would be evacuated to and then had to make the equipment that they needed for their journey. We made gas masks and gas masks boxes to protect ourselves from any surprise gas attacks. Lunch had to be purchased with ration books that were stamped by our midday assistants; an amazing journey into the past was had by all!

Goodbye and Hello

Last week I mentioned that Ms Sterzl would be leaving us. Her final day will be this Thursday, 6th December. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her good luck. We will have a new Sports Coach, Mr Gildersleeve joining us in January.

Christmas Bazaar

With the bazaar just around the corner, we urgently need help with setting up, running stalls and clearing up. If you can spare some time to help please let Mrs Robinson or Claire Owers know as soon as possible.

We look forward to another spectacular Christmas Bazaar next Monday, 10th December from 3.15pm.

Pantomime

On Wednesday 5th December, we will be taking the children to Harlow Playhouse to see the matinee performance of Aladdin. It is expected that we will return to school around 5.15pm. Please check the school Facebook page for updates.



Those children not attending are expected to remain in school and need to be collected at normal time, 3.15pm. Fun activities are planned for the afternoon.

Christmas Dinner

We will be having our school Christmas dinner on Tuesday 18th December. So that we can ensure that we cater for all the children, we have attached our Christmas meal menu. If you do not wish your child to have a Christmas meal, please advise the school office by Thursday 6th. There will be no baguette option on this day. It will be Christmas Dinner or Packed Lunch.



Christmas Craft Afternoon & Jumper Day

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

Celebration of Work Afternoon

Thank you to all the parents who attended the celebration of work afternoon. The children were thrilled to share their learning from this term with so many of you. We hope you found it informative and enjoyable.

Advance Notice

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

EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance

Next week, EYFS and KS1 children will be showing us their Christmas performance. They have all been practising very hard and it has been a real pleasure to hear their singing coming from the hall in the afternoon. We will be having 2 performances - 1.30pm on Wednesday 12th December (**this is the intended performance for families with siblings under school age**) and an evening performance at 5pm on Thursday 13th December (**children under school age will not be admitted to this performance**). Please note children need to be back at school for 4.30pm on 13th December to change into their costumes.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Note from Miss Bellett

Year 6 will be doing some craft activities over the next two weeks. We would love you to send in any old magazines that can be used for collages and any odd socks that have lost their other half ☺. The magazines can be of any content (so long as they are child-friendly) and the socks must be in relatively good condition – no holey ones please! ☺ Please send them in ASAP from Tuesday 4th 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
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	2pm
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 – Early Close	1.30pm
20 th – 31 st	XMAS HOLIDAY	
JANUARY		
1 st -2 nd	XMAS HOLIDAY	
3 rd	Inset Day	
4 th	Inset Day	
7 th	Back to School	8.45am