

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 10th December 2018

DINNER MENU WEEK 1

Attendance

School Weekly Target – 96%

% for w/e 6th December 2018 –95.8%

Class	Weekly %	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Donaldson	97.1	1	7
Ahlberg	97.7	2	11
Butterworth	97.3		6
Dahl	89.6		3
Rowling	98		4
Morpurgo	97.8	3	16
Horowitz	94.8		10

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

House Points

House	Points This Week	Total House Points
Giraffe	1029	4803
Monkey	1086	4779
Whale	842	4487
Wolf	1120	4503

NOTICE

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

Christmas Bazaar

Christmas bazaar this afternoon 3.15-5.15pm. OPA have been working really hard organising stalls for the event. We currently still have a few unmanned stalls, so if you are able to help please ring the school office and they will pass the message to OPA.



Father Christmas looks forward to seeing you all later today for some festive fun.

Christmas Crafts

On Monday 17th December we will be running a carousel of Christmas crafts. If you are able to help on this afternoon from 1.15 - 3.15pm please let the office know. Please send in a carrier bag with your child's name on it to enable them to bring home all their Christmas creations. Children are to wear their Christmas jumpers to the school on this day if they wish.



Nativity Performances

Donaldson, Ahlberg and Butterworth Classes will be performing their version of the nativity this week: 'Prickly Hay.' Performances are at 2pm on Wednesday and 5pm on Thursday, children will need to be back in school by 4.30pm to get ready for this performance. Please be reminded that photos are for your personal use only and are not to be shared on social media.



We would encourage those of you with very young children and babies to attend the afternoon performance if possible. All the children have worked really hard and it would be such a shame if their performance was spoiled by audience distractions. We appreciate your co-operation in ensuring that there are no disruptions to the performance.

Post Box

Our Christmas post box is now in operation. To help our post elves deliver cards please make sure the child's name and year group is clearly written on the envelope.



Year 1 & 2 WOW day

Year 1 and 2 will be holding their 'Ugly Bug Ball' this Friday.

There will be NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK.

Christmas Dinner

We will be having our school Christmas dinner on Tuesday 18th December. All children sit together and enjoy a traditional roast turkey dinner. If you pay for your child's lunch, please ensure that there is money in your child's account as we operate a no debt policy for school meals.

Party Lunch

Wednesday 19th December is our last day before the Christmas holiday and we will be providing a Party Lunch at lunch time, menu is attached. If you do not wish your child to have a party lunch, please let the office know by **Thursday 13th December.**

Boccia Festival

Congratulations to Anthony, George, Leyland, Molly, Morgan S & Victoria who came 2nd in the Boccia competition. They will be representing the school at the West Essex final this Friday.

Tennis

Our KS2 children thoroughly enjoyed their tennis taster sessions last Friday. Your child brought Home a flier with further details for the club we will be running in the spring term.



Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club runs from 7.45- 8.45am. Unfortunately, we cannot accept children earlier than this. If you would like a place a breakfast club, please speak to Nicky in the office. Costs are minimal, at £1 per day.

Charity Donations for the Homeless in Chelmsford

Recently on Facebook there have been some discussions on charity collections. Mrs Robinson has been in touch with a lady who volunteers at Sanctus Homeless Café who is collecting for the homeless in Chelmsford. They are hoping to give out Christmas bags of new essential items. If you are able to donate anything from the list below, please bring into the school office by Monday 17th December. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

Items required (**New items only**) – socks, gloves, hats, scarves, deodorant, wet wipes, hand sanitiser, disposable razors, tissues, flannels/small towels, small first aid kits, torches with batteries, sewing kit, chocolate, cereal bars, energy bars, multivitamins, thermal cups and playing cards/small games

Dinner Money & Breakfast Club Arrears

As we nearing the end of term, please ensure that all monies outstanding for Diners or Breakfast club are paid before the Christmas break. Payment needs to be made using the online payment system. Thank you.

Job Opportunity

We have been approached by a local business, who currently have the following office vacancy – Inspirometer are a small local company based in Ongar, looking to recruit a part time administrator for approximately 10 hours per week. Salary £10 per hour, hours can be flexible to suit child care arrangements. Admin experience essential as is the ability to work on your own initiative. If you are interested or for further information, please call Julia on 07539 684497 or 01279 731110

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		
10 th	Christmas Bazaar	3.15pm
11 th	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal	PM
12 th	Choir - Mulberry House	PM
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 – Dinner Menu Week 2	8.45am