

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 17th December 2018

Christmas Special

Monday 7th January 2019

DINNER MENU 2

Christmas Bazaar

Thank you to all those that supported the Christmas Bazaar last Monday. A huge thank you to the OPA who worked tirelessly to make it a huge success.



Nativity Performances

The Nativity production 'Prickly Hay' was a resounding success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who came to see it. Well done to staff and children who worked so hard to make this possible.

Payment Reminder

Can you ensure that all outstanding dinner money or breakfast club money is paid in full before the Christmas break. Payments need to be made using our online system.

Boccia Festival

Congratulations to Anthony, George, Leyland, Molly, Morgan S & Victoria who came 6th in the West Essex Boccia competition.

Tennis

We are offering a tennis club for Years 3-6 every Monday next half term, for just £3.50 per session. Please let the school office know if you are interested in securing a place for your child.

A new club timetable will be available at the beginning of next term. We are hoping to offer some new and exciting clubs to all age groups.

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 at breakfast club, please speak to the school office. Costs are minimal, at £1 per day.

What's happening this Week

We have lots of exciting events to take us up to the end of term.

Today we will be taking part in a Christmas crafts afternoon. If you are able to help please join us at 1.15pm.

Tuesday is Christmas dinner day. All children will sit down for a celebratory lunch. Wednesday we will have our party lunch, please see attached menu.

On **Wednesday** there will be the termly treat for both the house winners and our positive role models from each class.

Don't forget, school finishes at 1.30pm on Wednesday 19th December.

Children return to school on Monday 7th January 2019 at 8.45am

From this date we ask that **ALL** children come into school independently and that parents say goodbye at the gate. This is to ensure a timely start to lessons and to ease congestion around the school. I have liaised with Mrs Matthews regarding our children in Donaldson class and we are both in agreement that the children are settled enough in our school to manage this. Please support your child in achieving this. Should you need to pass on a message, please inform the adult on the gate. If you need to see a class teacher, please make an appointment at the school office to see them after school.

Attendance

School Weekly Target – 96%

% for w/e 14th December 2018 –96.3%

Class	Weekly %	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Donaldson	95.2		7
Ahlberg	100	3	15
Butterworth	98.6	2	10
Dahl	93		4
Rowling	94.7		5
Morpurgo	96.5		17
Horowitz	96.3	1	12

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	238	5041
Monkey	450	5229
Whale	449	4936
Wolf	4889	4503

Finally, we wish a safe and happy Christmas to you all and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year.



Diary Dates – **dates & times are subject to additions and deletions**

Celebration Assembly will continue to be held on Friday mornings at 9am. 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		
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
FEBRUARY		
5 th	Choir @ Young Voices O2 Arena	PM
8 th	Y3 & Y4 Class Assembly	2.45pm
18 th -22 nd	HALF TERM	
25 th	Back to School	8.45am
MARCH		
7 th	World Book Day Breakfast	8.15am
15 th	Comic Relief Day	All Day
22 nd	Y5 Class Assembly	2.45pm
26 th	Parents Evening	3.30pm
27 th	Parents Evening	5pm
APRIL		
4 th	Celebration of Work Afternoon	2.30pm
8-19 th	EASTER HOLIDAYS	
22 nd	EASTER MONDAY	
23 rd	Back to School	8.45am