

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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

Monday 7th January 2019
DINNER MENU 2

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

This term, 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. 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 the teacher after school

Attendance

Please ensure your child is on time and in school every day. Just 10mins late every day equals 2 ½ days of missed learning this term.

Our expectation is that your child will achieve above 95% attendance. Attendance has a direct impact on your child's progress and learning.

Happy New Year!

Welcome back everyone. We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to working with you and your children again this term. A huge thank you from all staff for the generous gifts given to us at the end of term. It is really appreciated.

100% Attendance Awards

Congratulations to 46 children who achieved 100% attendance last term. Certificates will be awarded in this weeks' celebration assembly which will be held on Friday 9am.



Clubs

We have an exciting new range of clubs on offer this term that have been suggested by some of the children. Please do sign up as soon as possible to secure your child their preferred club. Clubs start next Monday – 14th January and will run until the end of week beginning Monday 18th March. Clubs packs will be going home with the children today.

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.

Online Payments

As you are aware we went cashless during the autumn term, and after a few hiccups in the beginning everything is running well. There are still a couple of families not signed up to the online payment system, email will be sent out later this week, please complete the registration process to ensure that your future payments are received as necessary. If you have any problems with signing up or in general, the school office is here to help.

Dinner Money and Breakfast Club Payments

We still have a number of children taking a school meal or attending breakfast club without making payment first. Please ensure there is money on your child's account before they request a school meal or attend breakfast club. Parents will be contacted if arrears arise and in the case of school meals debt, you will be asked to provide a packed lunch until arrears have been paid.

Books

We have invested in some new reading books for all ages and I know the children will be excited to bring them home and share them with you. Please can you ensure your child only brings home one book at a time and that this is cared for. If you do find any of our books at home, please could you return them to school as soon as possible. Thank you



HOURS LOST IN LEARNING

Description	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 Days	0	0
Good	99%	188 Days	2	10
	98%	186 Days	4	20
Satisfactory	97%	184 Days	6	30
	96%	182.5 Days	7.5	37.5

Description	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Cause for Concern	95%	180.5 Days	9.5	47.5
Un satisfactory	94%	178.5 Days	11.5	57.5
	93%	176.5 Days	13.5	67.5
	92%	174.5 Days	15.5	77.5
	91%	173 Days	17	85
Serious Cause for Concern	90%	171 Days	19	95
	89%	169 Days	21	105
Critical	88%	167 Days	23	115
	87%	165.5 Days	25	125
	86%	163.5 Days	26.5	132.5
	85%	161.5 Days	28.5	142.5

As a parent or carer, you are legally responsible for making sure your child receives a full time education.

Homework

Congratulations to the 101 pupils who completed ALL their homework last term. This number is increasing termly and the new homework menu is proving to be popular. This term there will also be the opportunity for your child to enrol in homework club. Homework is set in a menu style at the beginning of each half term. Your child is expected to complete one piece per week and return this on a Monday, in addition to reading and learning spellings. If your child does not complete the homework or learn their spellings then class teachers will support your child to do so in school, but outside of lesson time. One piece of work will be marked on a Monday, ready for books to be sent home on a Tuesday.



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
JANUARY		
7 th	Back to School – Dinner Menu Week 2	8.45am
15 th	Epping & Ongar District Cross Country Competition	1.15 – 2.30pm
FEBRUARY		
5 th	Choir @ Young Voices O2 Arena	PM
5 th	Y5 & Y6 Sportshall Athletics – The Ongar Academy	1-3pm
8 th	Y3 & Y4 Class Assembly	2.45pm
18 th -22 nd	HALF TERM	
25 th	Back to School	8.45am
26 th	Y3 & Y4 Sportshall Athletics – the Ongar Academy	9.15 – 12 noon
MARCH		
7 th	World Book Day Breakfast	8.15am
15 th	Comic Relief Day	All Day
15 th	Y2 - Sports Hall Athletics – Kings Harold Academy (details to follow)	PM
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