

Ongar Primary School Newsletter



In our safe and supportive school, we provide lessons full of challenge, inspiration and real life learning in order to promote independent, respectful, high achievers who step out of their comfort zone, smiling.

Monday 12th December 2016

DINNER MENU WEEK 1

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL WEEKLY TARGET - 96%
% for w/e 9th December – 94.3%

Class	Weekly %	Points to Date
Donaldson	100	5
Hargreaves	82.4	1
Morpurgo	92.1	7
Dahl	98.1	14
Rowling	95.5	0
Tolkien	97.7	9

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

The children listed below will be receiving certificates in this Fridays Celebration Assembly.

Morpurgo	Rowling
Stanley	Logan
Anthony	Emma
Freddie	Tom
George	Joel
Morgan S	Amelia
Georgia	Freddie
Morgan C	Freddy
Finley	
Tolkien	
Francesca	Adam
Connor	Keira
Naiomi	Luke
Ruby S	Gracie
Frankie	Casey
Kieron	Demi-Lee
Tyler	Ethan
Ruby C	Jennifer

Diary Dates

Please check the school website – www.ongar-pri.essex.sch.uk for our diary dates.

CIA Christmas Bazaar

Don't forget Santa is coming to see us this afternoon at our Christmas Bazaar. The CIA has been working hard setting up stalls and preparing great games for everyone to participate in. Please show your support by joining us from 3.30pm. I hope to see you there.

Netball Success

Well done and congratulations to Mrs Peacham and her netball team who played fantastic netball and beat Dr Walkers 6-1. This is the most successful match in the sporting history of our school's netball and I am so proud of everyone. Our team consisted of – Rosie, Brook, Naiomi, Gracie, Ruby C, Joe, Estelle, Ruby O.



Well done Jenny!

Jenny is the first Year Five pupil to receive her black Ninja band for her multiplication tables which is such a huge achievement. Well done, Jenny!

Christmas Nativity

EYFS and KS1 will be performing an adaptation of 'Hosanna Rock' as our Nativity play. Performances will be on Wednesday 14th December at 2pm and Thursday 15th December at 5pm. All parents, carers, grandparents and family friends are welcome to watch; however, I would like to request that if you have lots of people wanting to watch that you spilt your group between the two performances so that everyone gets to see their child perform.

Children need to be back at school by 4.30pm on Thursday 15th December, so that they are able to get into their costumes before the evening performance.

Jack and the Beanstalk – Zinc Arts Centre

The whole school will be walking down to Zinc Arts Centre to see Jack and the Beanstalk on Tuesday 13th December. Thank you to all the parents who have paid their £5 towards the cost of this treat. If your contribution is still outstanding, the office will be open after school or in the morning.



Christingle Service

On Tuesday 20th December will be attending St Martin's church for our Christingle Service. The service will start at 10am and it would be lovely to see as many parents as possible joining us at the church. Volunteers are needed to assist us with walking the children to the service, if you are able to help please let your child's class teacher know.

Christmas Jumper Day

If your child has a Christmas jumper they can wear it to school on Friday 16th December. All other school uniform must be worn.

Key Stage One School Meals

As you know, if your child is in Donaldson, Hargreaves or Morpurgo they are entitled to a complimentary hot school meal every day. Our current uptake is below national averages for this provision and this is largely due to some of our children being unsure of trying new foods. We understand this. However, we want to encourage our children to try new flavours therefore we will provide your child with the hot meal that they are entitled to so that they have the opportunity to experience our meals, yet at the same time have the security of the packed lunch that they enjoy bringing into school. If your child normally brings a packed lunch into school and are in any of the above classes, they will be also be given hot school dinner but they will not be forced to eat it. We will trial this for the first full week back at school in the New Year and if we still find that children are reluctant to eat a hot school meal after this time, we will revert back to the children just bringing in a packed lunch.



What's Happening Next Week

Christmas Dinner will be on Tuesday 20th December and our Christmas Party Dinner will be on Wednesday 21st December. Attendance and House parties will on Tuesday afternoon – there is still time for your child to make a difference to their class attendance.

School closes for the Christmas holiday at 3.15pm on Wednesday 21st December 2016 and opens at 8.50am on Thursday 5th January 2017.