

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017  
**DINNER MENU WEEK 2**

## ATTENDANCE

**SCHOOL WEEKLY TARGET - 96%**  
**% for w/e 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

Class	Weekly %	Points to Date
Donaldson	90.7	3
Hargreaves	91.9	0
Morpurgo	95.7	2
Dahl	96.3	5
Rowling	91.5	0
Tolkien	95.5	2

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

*The following children will be receiving certificates in this Friday's assembly.*

Donaldson	Hargreaves
Danny	Shayla
Demi	Layla
Morpurgo	Lilly-Ann
Morgan M	Neve
Freddie	Riley
Stanley	Dejohn
Finley	Rowling
Morgan C	Cameron
Morgan S	Yasmin
Nathan	Joel
Maizie	Sonny
Samuel	Freddie H
Georgia	Taylor
George	Emma
Maisie	Tilly
Alec	Mille
	Alex
Tolkien	
Riley	Keira
Adam	Kieron
Demi-Lee	Jenny
Estelle	Jessica
Freddie	Brook
Iannis	Ruby S
CJ	Ruby C
Ethan	Joe

## DIARY DATES

Diary dates are now available on the school website – [www.ongar-pri.essex.sch.uk](http://www.ongar-pri.essex.sch.uk). Please be aware diary dates are subject to change occasionally.

Starting from this week, I will be supporting Dr Walkers every Tuesday and Wednesday morning as Mrs Myers is starting medical treatment due to ill health. If there are any matters to attend to during those mornings at Ongar Primary, then I will return promptly to address them. I have a very capable staff here and Mrs Beardsmore, the new SENCo will be working every Tuesday and has deputised for her previous Head Teacher on numerous occasions.

## Reading Challenge

The CIA's next fundraising event is a Sponsored Read. This will take place over the half term holiday and your child will be sponsored for the amount of time they read per day. There will be a prize for the most raised in each Key Stage. The more money raised, the more books the school receives. For example if each child in the school is sponsored 5p per minute and reads for ½ hour a day over seven days, we will receive the maximum amount of books available. Children will be coming home this afternoon with a letter, sponsor form and record sheet; please keep them safe until after the half term holiday, when we will be collecting them in with the sponsor money. Your support with encouraging your child to read is much appreciated and this will also help them progress in school too.

## Music Tuition

Mr Farmer has been busy trying to secure more music tuition classes for our pupils and unfortunately, there does not seem to be much interest which surprises me. Research has shown that learning a musical instrument has many benefits and I have listed 10 below:

- Increases Memory Skills
- Teaches Perseverance and Creates a Sense of Achievement
- Improves Coordination
- Improves Math Skills
- Improves Reading and Comprehension Skills
- Creates Responsibility
- Exposes the pupil to Culture and History
- Nurtures Self-Expressions
- Improves Listening Skills
- Improves Social Skills



If you would like your child to learn a musical instrument, then please see the office staff in order to reserve a place and then you may need to purchase some ear plugs as the early stages of their learning may not be note perfect!

## School Dinner for EYFS and Key Stage 1 Children

Last week we provided a hot meal for all children in Donaldson, Hargreaves and Morpurgo. If your child brought in a packed lunch they were given a sample of a school meal to taste. It was very successful with the children enjoying what they tried.

EYFS and Key Stage 1 children are entitled to a free school meal and all children in these classes will be provided with a meal **unless** you advise us in writing that you do not wish your child to have a school meal. You can, of course, still provide your child with a packed lunch whilst they sample the dinner.

