

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 6th March February 2017
DINNER MENU WEEK 2

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL WEEKLY TARGET - 96%
% for w/e 3rd March -96.1%

We reached our target last week, well done everyone! Let's see if we can repeat our success this week.

Class	Weekly %	Points to Date
Donaldson	92.7	4
Hargreaves	93.3	1
Morpurgo	91.4	3
Dahl	98.8	4
Rowling	98.5	3
Tolkien	98.7	3

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

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

Donaldson	Hargreaves
Alisa	Elise
Lily	Tilly
Demi	Lilly-Ann
Blake	Riley
Kai	Macie
Ronnie	Layla
Max	Lexi
Rebecca	Neve
Morpurgo	Rocco
Sam	Alife
George	Maisie
Maisie	Dahl
Anthony	Katie
Morgan M	Lucyanne
Nathan	Max
Morgan S	Oliwier
Rowling	Oliver
Whole Class	Jack
Tolkien	
Naiomi	Tyler
Freddie	Francesca
Kieron	Brook
Ethan	Rosie
Frankie	Joe
Joe	Taylor
Demi	Ruby S
Grace	

World Book Day

Everyone looked absolutely fantastic in their World Book Day costumes and it was lovely to see so many of you at the Reading Breakfast- thank you for taking the time to come along. I would also like to thank Mrs Natrass for organising the day.

Before the parade, I spoke to the children about the importance of reading, but in particular, sharing a good story. In a world where children use screens more than books, they become less able to conjure up their own imaginative ideas about what characters look like and the setting in which they live. This in turn affects their creativity and also restricts their play. Consequently, they bore easily and cannot think of what to do when given some free time.

Every teacher here reads to their class, but when I asked the children if they ever have a story read to them at home, only a small proportion put up their hand. If you would like to borrow a school book, then please ask at the office and we can sign a story out for you. Please try and make time, at least once a week, if you do not already, to share that magical moment of reading a story to your child. They are never too old!

Healthy Snack Reminder

I have noticed that more and more children are bringing in 'unhealthy' snacks to eat at breaktimes. Snacks are important to refuel energy lost throughout the morning, but please remember crisps, chocolate bars, sweets and cakes are not healthy snacks and should not be bought in for snacks.

Red Nose Day

The school council have decided on the events for Red Nose Day (**Friday 24th March**). Everyone is encouraged to come to school dressed as one of the 2017 Red Nose characters or alternatively children can wear non-uniform. A donation of £1 is required which will go to the Red Nose Charity. In the afternoon we will be hosting 'Ongar Primary's Got Talent'. The children had great fun last time we ran this event and have already started practising their acts. We will also be holding a Key Stage 'Red Nose Hunt' competition, with the winning house from each Key Stage receiving 100 house points.



CIA Sponsored Read

Congratulations to all that took part in the sponsored read over the half term holiday. Total amount raised was £250 and we will receive an additional 30% from Usbourne to go towards our total. Alec and Piper, individually raised an exceptional amount and have been awarded with 50 house points each.

Upcoming Sporting Events



Year 3 & 4 Indoor Athletics

On Tuesday 7th March, selected children from Year 3 & 4 will be participating in the Indoor Sports Hall Athletics event being held at the Ongar Leisure Centre. The competition starts at 1pm and we look forward to seeing as many parent supporters there as possible. If your child has been selected to participate in this event you would have been sent an email at the end of last week. Alternatively a list of participants is available from the school office.

Key Stage 2 – Cross Country – Coopersale Hall

Thursday 9th March will see 16 Key Stage 2 children compete in the Coopersale Hall Cross Country Relay. The event will start at 1pm and spectators are very welcome, just wrap up warm and bring your wellies, it may be muddy! If your child has been selected for this event please make sure you return the permission slip by Tuesday 7th March.

Netball Match

Our final game this season will be against High Ongar Primary School at Chipping Ongar School on Tuesday 14th March 2017. This is an important match as it determines who the winners will be this season. The team will be later picked this week, with details being sent home shortly afterwards.

Weekly Reminders

Please remember that if your child is absent from school, it is your responsibility to contact the school on the first day of absence explaining why. On their return to school you must provide evidence, such as a letter, medical appointment card or medicine.



Payment for school meals needs to be made on the day the meal is taken or in advance. We now operate a **no debt policy** in respect of school meals. Thank you to all parents who adhere to this policy. The amount of outstanding debit has greatly reduced which allows additional funds to be put towards important resources for all the children. If you have any debt on your dinner money account, please be aware that you will be required to provide a packed lunch for your child until the debt is paid in full.

Diary Dates

Diary dates are now available on the school website – www.ongar-pri.essex.sch.uk. Please be aware diary dates are subject to change occasionally.