

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 20th March 2017

DINNER MENU WEEK 1

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL WEEKLY TARGET - 96%

% for w/e 17th March -94.5%

Class	Weekly %	Points to Date
Donaldson	93.3	6
Hargreaves	91.4	1
Morpurgo	89.3	6
Dahl	91.3	4
Rowling	99.5	8
Tolkien	98.1	5

TARGETS ACHIEVED

The children listed below will be receiving certificates this week.

Donaldson	Morpurgo
Teddy	Maizie
Rebecca	Stanley
Denholm	Georgia
Alisa	Anthony
Max	Alec
Demi	Morgan M
Rowling	Finley
Taylor	Morgan C
Thomas	Tolkien
Cameron	Naiomi
Tilly	Iannis
Rhian	Francesca
Freddie H	Connor
Tilly	Adam
Rhylee	Ruby S
Logan	Ethan
Alex	Alfie
Ruby	Ruby C
Freddy K	Grace O
	Joe
	Tyler
	Demi-Lee
	Riley
	Jennifer
	CJ
	Keira

Red Nose Day

Don't forget 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 it has been wonderful to see so many of the children perfecting their act.



As part of our Red Nose Day activities we will be having a themed dinner on Friday 24th March which will include 'Red Nosed' Pizza, Chips and Beans along with Red Nose Fairy Cakes.

Please note that due to the 'Talent Show' there will be no Celebration Assembly on Friday.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is becoming more and more popular which is fantastic to see but it also means that we would like a volunteer to help Mrs Marcon on the busy days. Please ask at the office if you are interested.

Last week, some children arrived before Breakfast Club opens at 7.45am. It is lovely to see such eager pupils, but there is not a school adult available before this time and so in order to safeguard your child, please ensure that they arrive after 7.45am. Please note that breakfast is served until 8.30am only. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Netball Heroes!

Our netball team which consists of – Rosie, Brook, Naiomi, Gracie, Ruby C, Joe, Ruby, Francesca, Estelle, Ethan Connor, Grace has been the most successful team on the school's record. We finished second in the league and played excellent netball throughout this year's tournament. I am so proud of our team as they not only play well, but are well mannered, respectful of their opponents and encouraging towards each other. Well done all of you!

Phonics Screen Workshop

Unfortunately, response to the Phonics Screening Workshop has been low. Phonics skills are the basic building blocks from which we learn to read. The Phonics Screen is a tool, for the government and the local authority, to gauge how well reading is being taught on a national scale. It is also an opportunity for us, as a school, to monitor your child's progress in reading and determine if they are on track to meet the expected standards.

Parental engagement is important, as it shows the children we are all working together to achieve the best results possible for them.

At present there is no evening session arranged, this of course can change should more interest be shown.

Easter Egg Raffle

Raffle tickets are now on sale from the school office at £1 per strip for your chance to grab an extra Easter egg. Lots of eggs have been donated so don't miss out. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 30th March.



Upcoming Sporting Events

Netball Rally – St Andrews – Tuesday 28th March

Two teams will be attending this morning rally and supporters are welcome to attend. Permission letters will be sent home with selected players later this week.



Weekly Reminders

Absences from school

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.



Dinner Payments

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.