



The  
**Ongar**  
Academy

Parental Bulletin – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018  
Week Commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018 will be A Week.

### **WORD OF THE WEEK**

Next week, the word of the week will be: Affable – Friendly, good-natured, or easy to talk to.

Synonyms: friendly, amiable, genial, congenial, cordial, warm, pleasant, pleasing, nice, likeable, personable, charming, agreeable, sympathetic, benevolent, good-humoured, good-natured, kindly, kind, courteous, civil, gracious, approachable.

We encourage you to discuss this word with your son/daughter.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

THE *greatest* VIEW  
COMES AFTER THE  
*hardest* CLIMB

### **INSET DAY REMINDER**

A reminder that school will be closed tomorrow, on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, for an Inset Day. We hope that parents, carers and our students enjoy some well-deserved rest.

### **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Year 7 – Scarlett Chart  
Year 8 – Casey Nettle-Pavitt  
Year 9 – Lois Chandler  
Year 10 – Michelina Marigliano

### **REMEMBERANCE DAY**

We are proud to announce that The Ongar Academy raised £57.07 through poppy sales on behalf of Epping and District Royal British Legion. Every little helps, however we hope to significantly increase this next year!

## **CHILDREN IN NEED**

Children in Need at TOA was a day to behold. Staff and students put incredible efforts into pulling off a truly successful day. Well done TOA, we have managed to raise:



This is an incredible achievement – well done TOA!

Congratulations to Fraser Wells and Seanna Farrelly who won our Ongar Bake Off! The following students were also awarded for good presentation and taste:

<b>Award for Presentation</b>	<b>Award for Taste</b>
Connor Robinson	Albie Sawyer
Layla and Ralph Bubb	Harrington Knap
Katie Jessop	Isabella Pickering

Congratulations to Kajus Nemuntaitis who won our “Guess Who?” competition!

## **NOTE FROM MISS TAYLOR**

Please can containers left over from Food Technology lessons be collected at your son/daughters earliest convenience. Any leftover containers will be reused.

## **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**

TOA is getting into the Christmas spirit this year with a generous amount of events and fundraisers. Please see further information below: -

## **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

We are proud to present our first Christmas Performance and Creative Arts Showcase at The Ongar Academy on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm. As a school community, our students have been working tirelessly on a mix of Christmas carols, drama performances, PE practical performances, readings and art work and are proud to present a challenging programme to our parents and carers. We hope you will support us, and if your son/daughter is attending, along with spectators, please ensure that a consent form has been completed and returned to the school office by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

## **CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

We are thrilled that our school choir have been invited to take part in a candlelit carol service, held in St Mary and St Michael’s Church in London, on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018. This is a free and unticketed event, if parents and carers would like to spectate.

## **ONGAR CAROL FESTIVAL**

Our choir will also be taking part in The Ongar Carol Festival on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November at St. Martins C of E Church. This is on the evening of the Ongar Christmas Lights event, and if parents and carers are in the area, we encourage them to pop along and support our students. Our students will be performing first, at 5:15pm. We are so happy and privileged to be able to take part in this festive event with our community.

## **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY/CHRISTMAS DINNER**

We are excited to inform you that, to help our students get into the Christmas spirit, we will be taking part in Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Christmas Jumper Day takes place nationally on this date, to raise funds and awareness for Save The Children. Students and staff are asked to donate £2, and wear their brightest, funniest, craziest Christmas jumpers. To add to the festivities, our staff and students will be able to enjoy a Christmas lunch from our canteen – further information regarding this has been sent home in a letter this week. We will make sure that all students can enjoy this special occasion together with staff, and we would like to reassure parents and carers that there will be a vegetarian option, and any other dietary needs will be catered for.

## **LAST DAY OF TERM**

The last day of term is Wednesday December 19<sup>th</sup>, and school will close at 12:10pm.

## **PTA UPDATE**

If you would like to support us at any events coming up this year, please let us know at [ongarpta@gmail.com](mailto:ongarpta@gmail.com). Follow us on Facebook via **THE ONGAR ACADEMY PTA**. You can also contact us on twitter [@ongarpta](https://twitter.com/ongarpta).

## **CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT TOA – VOLUNTEERING WITH THE PTA**

A quarter of the money we've raised to date is because you buy our refreshments and support our raffles! The school's Christmas production is coming (13 Dec), once again we'll be selling refreshments and hosting a raffle, but we need you!

1. Do you have a raffle prize you can donate?
2. Can you spare an hour to support our refreshment stall?
3. Will you buy a drink/raffle ticket on the night and support us to support your child(ren) at our lovely school?

We value your support and the school always benefits. DM or email us on [ongarpta@gmail.com](mailto:ongarpta@gmail.com) if you'd like to help.

## **PTA - PRE CHRISTMAS DRINKS AND BUFFET – THE WHITE HART, MORETON**

Is 5th December in your diary? If you'd like to come along and catch up with/meet other parents and carers at The Ongar Academy, just mail us, [ongarpta@gmail.com](mailto:ongarpta@gmail.com) or DM us through our Facebook page for payment details. £20 per head to include a glass of wine and buffet.

## **FORGOTTEN ITEMS**

We encourage our parents and carers to avoid bringing forgotten items into school. We would like to instil independence and resilience in our students and items are often forgotten, and end up in lost property. Thank you for your support with this.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Please find below contact details for the Heads of Faculties:

English	Mrs Suttle	staffpsu@theongaracademy.org
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Science	Mrs Manning	staffema@theongaracademy.org
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If you need to contact the Headteacher please use the following email address: [head@theongaracademy.org](mailto:head@theongaracademy.org)

For any queries regarding your Wisepay account, please use the following email address: [wisepay@theongaracademy.org](mailto:wisepay@theongaracademy.org)

Please make sure to keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter accounts for regular updates, both using the handle @theongaracademy

Our staff will endeavour to respond within **24 hours**.

## **COMMUNITY BOARD**

We now have a display board in the reception of the school, where we have space to advertise local events or clubs. If you would like to advertise, please send your requests via email.

## **CAR PARK**

We would like to remind our parents and carers with regards to car park etiquette, when using this invaluable space. Please ensure that your car is parked in a responsible position when collecting, or dropping off your son/daughter. We have received complaints of dangerous parking, and we encourage everyone to use the space fairly and safely. We appreciate your ongoing support with this.

## **ENRICHMENT TRIPS**

A reminder from Mr Evans to please ensure that medical consent forms are being returned for enrichment trips. We hope that students are excited for this fantastic opportunity!

## **WISEPAY APP**

We are pleased to inform you that The Ongar Academy now has its own Wisepay app. Parents and carers can store their card details to speed up checkout, and it also provides a “quick top-up” option. The flyer is now available on our website under Parents Zone – Letters Sent Home. **Our organisation code is: 59191688**

## **LETTERS HOME THIS WEEK**

All letters are available under Parents Zone – Letters Sent Home.

- Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – Inset Day – School closed

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Celebration

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term – School closes at 12:10pm

## **FIXTURES**

To keep up to date with our latest results, please keep an eye on our PE departments Twitter page, via the handle @OngarPE, and encourage your son/daughter to regularly check the PE board and their MILK accounts for more information regarding fixtures.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Girls Football Tournament – Away @ Passmores

*The bus will leave The Ongar Academy at 3:15pm and return to The Ongar Academy at 5:30pm.*

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Rugby vs Davenant

*If you do have any issues related to school which you would like to discuss,  
please do not hesitate to contact the school office.*