

# 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 27th March 2017  
**DINNER MENU WEEK 2**

## ATTENDANCE

**SCHOOL WEEKLY TARGET - 96%**  
**% for w/e 24<sup>th</sup> March - 92.9%**

Class	Weekly %	Points to Date
Donaldson	73.3	6
Hargreaves	92.9	1
Morpurgo	95	6
Dahl	98.8	7
Rowling	95.5	9
Tolkien	96.8	7

It's a close competition this half term, attendance still counts this week so let's see who is going to win the attendance party.

Due to the House and Attendance parties, we will not be holding an Celebration Assembly this week.

We would like to wish all our families a happy and safe Easter break and remind everybody that school opens again on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45am.**



## Thank you and Goodbye

As I write my last newsletter, I feel great sadness that I will no longer be the Head Teacher of Ongar Primary School yet at the same time I am full of appreciation towards so many of the school's community for making my very first Headship so utterly rewarding.



I would like to thank firstly the children for rising to the high expectations that we have of them; upholding the school's Three Rights and for being just so wonderful to talk to and work alongside. I have been so proud to take them out on trips or compete in interschool events as they are always the best behaved. Whenever I have had a challenge to face in my role of Head Teacher, the children have always managed to remind me of why I love my job and I am truly grateful to them for that.

Secondly, I would like to thank all of my staff. They are so dedicated and committed to ensuring that your children have the very best opportunities and learning experiences. Every one of the team here does more than the requirement of their role and because of this they have made the school the success that it is today. I am indebted to them.

Another set of school stakeholders that have gone above and beyond is this school's governing body led by the Chair, Rosemary Lovatt. They continually ensure that the school is progressing by carrying out their monitoring and sacrificing a great deal of their own time without financial gain. I would like to thank them for their efforts and wish them well for the future.

So finally, I leave my thanks with you, the parents of our pupils. Thank you for trusting in me and supporting the changes that I have made over the years. I have got to know most of you quite well and will miss talking to you on the gate. When we had our Ofsted inspection, I was overwhelmed by your comments on the parent survey and how you all got behind your school. Please continue to support Ongar Primary and the new Head Teacher so that it maintains its progress to the greatness that it is so capable of.

Goodbye Ongar Primary School x

## Red Nose Day

Last Friday was Red Nose Day and we celebrated by dressing up as Red Nose characters. The whole school participated in a Red Nose Hunt and house points were awarded for the house that found the most. Mrs Horne and Mrs Brown made special pizza with tomato noses and red characters on little cupcakes. In total we raised just under £100 to go towards Comic Relief.

In the afternoon we held our Red Nose Day talent show. The talents on display included football skills, tennis skills, singing, stargazing, dancing, comedy, juggling and magic. The judges decided that Sophie and Lucyanne were worthy key stage 2 winners having rehearsed their dance routine for nearly a month. The key stage 1 winner was the 'Marvellous Magician' Rocco. Each winning act received 100 house points. Well done everybody that participated.



## Easter Egg Raffle

Tickets for our Easter Egg Raffle will be on sale until Thursday morning. There are lots of Easter egg prizes to be won. Don't miss out! Tickets are available from the school office, £1 per strip.



## Phonics Screening Workshop

Thank you to those Year One parents who were able to attend the Phonics Screening Workshop on Friday. If you were unable to attend you can collect your child's mock result and practise pack from Mrs James. A Powerpoint presentation and a helpful video are available for you to view on the school website, under the phonics tab, in the Parent's Zone. Please do not hesitate to ask Ms Hollowbread or Mrs James for assistance if you are unsure of what to do with your pack.

## Summer Dinner Menu

When we return after the Easter break we will be introducing a new lunch menu, a copy is attached for your information. All Donaldson, Hargreaves and Morpurgo children are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal and this will be prepared for them every day, unless parents write to advise us that they do not wish their child to have a school meal. The costs of a school meal for Key Stage 2 children is £2 per day, and this needs to be paid in advance. We have a no debt policy in respect of school dinners, so please ensure your account is paid in full or supply your child with a packed lunch until such time that it is.



## Morpurgo Class Assembly

We were treated to a fantastic assembly on Thursday. Morpurgo class presented the story of "Jim and the Beanstalk", an alternative version of the well-known traditional tale. The narrators and actors performed very well together, to tell us all the story of Jim and a very old and infirm giant. The assembly finale was a triumph with a song and dance routine to remember. It was great to see so many parents in attendance, supporting their children. Well done Miss Sterzl, Mrs Hunter and Morpurgo class for an entertaining and informative assembly.

## Class Photographs

The school photographer will be here on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April for class photographs. Please ensure your child is in school as these photos are a nice memento of their time here. Children should be dressed in the correct logo'd uniform.



## House Lunches

Once again we will be opening our doors at lunchtime to parents. You are welcome to attend your child's house lunch and join your child eating a school dinner. An adult dinner including pudding is £2.52. Advanced bookings are welcome. If you are joining us for lunch please make sure you are in school by 12.15pm. Our catering staff looks forward to serving you.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Monkey house – Week 1

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Whale house – Week 2

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Giraffe house – Week 3

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Wolf house – Week 1

## Before and After School Clubs

Please remember that there will be a new Before and After School Club timetable when we return from the Easter break, therefore there will be no clubs until the week beginning Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. This does not affect Breakfast Club.

## Upcoming Sporting Events

### Netball Rally – St Andrews – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Two teams will be attending this morning rally and supporters are welcome to attend – St Andrews Primary School, North Weald 9.15am start. Thank you to those parents who are helping get the children to this event.

