

# 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 1**

## ATTENDANCE

**SCHOOL WEEKLY TARGET - 96%**  
**% for w/e 31st March – 95.2%**

Congratulations to Rowling Class for achieving best attendance for the last half term and to Wolf House for collecting the most house points.

As we are at the start of a new term, let's see who wins this time round.

## CONGRATULATIONS

The following children will be awarded certificates in Friday's Celebration Assembly for achieving 100% attendance this term.

### Bronze Award (100% Attendance Spring Term)

Morgan C	Morpurgo
Taylor	Rowling
Tilly	Rowling
Harry	Dahl
Sonny	Rowling
Iannis	Tolkien
Nathan	Morpurgo
Riley	Tolkien
Sophie	Dahl
Ronnie	Donaldson
Maisie	Morpurgo
Yasmin	Rowling
Freddie	Tolkien
Maisie	Hargreaves
James	Hargreaves
Alfie	Hargreaves
Thomas	Rowling

### Silver Award (100% Attendance Autumn and Spring Term)

Ethan	Tolkien
Cameron	Rowling
Luke	Tolkien
Samuel	Morpurgo
Millie	Rowling
Grace	Tolkien
Kai	Donaldson
Tyler	Tolkien
Emma	Rowling

Welcome back - I hope you had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed the fine weather (and the chocolate eggs).



In this, my first newsletter piece, I would like to introduce myself and set out the hopes that I have for my time at Ongar. I must start by extending some heartfelt thanks to those I have already met and who have made me feel so welcome. I would also like to extend thanks to Miss Bellett for running a successful Easter booster programme for our Year 6 children and most importantly to Mrs Thomas for the amazing job that she did as Ongar's Headteacher for the past three years.

I have been in headship since 2005 and within this period I led one of my schools to becoming an outstanding school. I firmly believe that safe, happy and comfortable children are those who are truly ready to learn; and will ensure that this philosophy will be apparent as I lead Ongar for the summer term. I have been a teacher for the entirety of my working life and I am proud to be in, in my opinion, the best job in the world.

In a personal footnote, I am husband to Deborah and proud father to Samantha, Alec and Stuart who are now embarked on their careers as a Project Manager, Primary School Teacher and Royal Marine Bandsman respectively. I am also a lifelong supporter of Manchester City football club.

I am delighted to have been asked to support Ongar for this term and I look forward to working with you all.

## Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to everybody who purchased a raffle ticket and congratulations to all those that went home with one (or in some cases two or three) Easter eggs. In total £188 was raised, we will advise you on how this money will be spent at a later date.

## Class Photographs

Please don't forget 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 correct logo'd uniform.



## Before and After School Clubs

Our new Club timetable will start week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> April. If your child wishes to participate in any of the activities you will need to complete a permission slip and return it to the school office as soon as possible, as numbers attending clubs are limited.

## Breakfast Club

From next week, if you wish to send your child to Breakfast Club you must have completed a permission slip and received confirmation back. Breakfast Club has had a significant increase in numbers recently, and although this is great news, we are now having to limit numbers. You will also have to ensure that payment for Breakfast Club is kept up to date. Unfortunately due to an increase in non-payment we cannot confirm any places for children with outstanding balances.

## House Lunches

Our first House lunch will be held this Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April (**Monkey House**). All parents of children in Monkey House are welcome to join us for lunch at 12.15pm, dinner will cost parents £2.52 per parent. If you are interested in any of the house lunches, please advise the school office as soon as possible. Our catering staff looks forward to serving you.

## Yr 5&6 Enrichment Activity

A reminder to all Tolkien Class parents – full payment for enrichment activities is due by 26<sup>th</sup> May. Please ensure that all payments are made by this date. Thank you to all those of you who have been making monthly payments or paid in full.

## Upcoming Events for this Term

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

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Class Photographs

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Parents Evening -3.30 –5.30pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Parents Evening – 5-7pm

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

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Giraffe house – Week 3 (Please note date change)**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Yr6 SATS week - Please ensure your child is in school this week.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Hargreaves Class Assembly

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

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Inset Day

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – WOW Day

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June – September EYFS intake ‘Meet the Teacher’

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Healthy Eating Week

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Yr6 Crucial Crew

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Reserve Sports Day

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Tolkien Class – enrichment activity (part 1)

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Yr5&6 Athletics – Ongar Academy

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – KS2 Summer Trip

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June – September EYFS intake ‘Free Flow and Play’

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Extravaganza

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – EYFS & KS1 Summer Trip

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Yr3&4 Athletics – Ongar Academy

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Inset Day

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Meet your new teacher for September 2017 (Pupils only)

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Yr5&6 – enrichment activity (part 2)

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July – September EYFS intake ‘Picnic’

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Science Day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Leaver’s Assembly