

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 22nd May 2017
DINNER MENU WEEK 3

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL WEEKLY TARGET - 96%

% for w/e 19th May – 94.9%

Class	Weekly %	Points to Date
Donaldson	95.1	4
Hargreaves	90.6	1
Morpurgo	95.2	4
Dahl	96.8	16
Rowling	95.7	8
Tolkien	96.1	6

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

The following children have achieved their current targets. Well done to you all.

Donaldson	Dahl
Olivia	Billy
Alisa	Keira
Blake	Harry
Lily	Sophie
Ronnie	Katie
Teddy	Jimmy
Rebecca	Ruby-May
Danny	
Demi	
Denholm	
Kai	
Rowling	
Cameron	
Taylor	
Thomas	
Amelia	
Owen	
Rhian	
Emma	
Logan	
Daniel	
Yasmin	

Tolkien Class Enrichment Activity

Not long now until we spend an exciting couple of days at Thriftwood. I would once again like to remind parents that all outstanding money for this, **MUST** be paid by the end of this week (Friday 26th May). A big thank you to all that have been making regular payments or have paid in full already.



Last week, a new medical form along with another copy of the kit list was sent home. If you did not receive these please let the office know and they will be happy to give you a copy.

Year 2 SATs

Well done to Morpurgo class who have shown a fantastic approach to their “quizzies” this week and made me feel very welcome each time I have been their teacher. In our learning time, we have been focusing on journeys, described in poems. We have particularly focused on the Owl and the Pussy-cat by Edward Lear. The children have enjoyed planning their own journeys and the opportunities to act out parts of the poem.

Amazing Work

I have been impressed with a range of design and technology activities seen right across the school: Donaldson made tasty cake (I was lucky enough to be given a slice); Morpurgo made some fabulous vehicles; Rowling produced beautiful Greek pots and Tolkien applied their scientific learning to making aerodynamic vehicles.



Hargreaves Class Assembly

Hargreaves class will be presenting this term’s class topic in an assembly on **Thursday 25th May at 2.45pm**. All Hargreaves parents are invited to this assembly and we look forward to seeing you there.

Healthy Eating

One of our school development priorities is to promote healthy lifestyles and along with our school council, I will be monitoring the children’s choices when taking a school lunch and the content of packed lunch boxes, along with snack choices at breaktime.

By way of a reminder:

Children can be provided with a healthy snack at breaktime e.g: fruit, cheese & crackers, cereal bar or tube yoghurt. Breaktime snacks must not include **nut based items** and its best that chocolate is avoided.

Packed lunches should contain a **small snack** to re-energise the children for an afternoon of learning. These can include a chocolate based item but once again please remember **no nuts are allowed**.

Sweets are not part of a healthy eating programme and should not be included in any snack form but can be bought in as a birthday treat to be given out at the end of the day.

WOW Day

We will be continuing with our WOW days when we return after half term and attached is a letter from Mr Farmer with further information.

Summer Term 2 Topics are:

Donaldson – Holidays
Hargreaves – Under the Sea
Morpurgo – Way, Way Down in the Ocean
Dahl and Rowling – Fabulous French
Tolkien – World War II

CIA – Ongar Carnival and Summer Extravaganza

Final fundraising events for this year will be the Ongar Carnival and the Summer Extravaganza. The CIA will be on Tuesday 6th June and then every Monday until the Extravaganza itself. All parents are invited to attend these meetings so that we can work together and raise money for the children as well as increasing our profile in the local community. We look forward to seeing as many as possible on Tuesday 6th June.

Road Safety

The last couple of weeks have seen me writing about parking outside the school; on the occasions I have been outside to monitor this I am happy to report a big improvement which in turn makes the pathway outside the school a much safer place for your children.

Unfortunately, it has been reported to the school that cars are driving very fast around the narrow roads leading to the school at drop off and pick up times. Please could everyone take care when driving, especially to the school, stick to the speed limits and be aware of the actions of other road users.

Vacancies on our governing body

The purpose of our governing body is to secure the future of the school and ensure that our school is doing the best it can for our children.

We currently have a couple of vacancies on our governing body. These are open to anyone to apply, either a parent or someone you know (e.g. family member, neighbour, friend, or work colleague). We would like to get more members of our local community on our governing body so if anyone is interested in joining our governing body we would love to hear from you. If you would like to know more please contact the school who will pass on your details to me. *Many thanks, Rosemary Lovatt - Chair of Governors*

Upcoming Events for this Term (please note changes can made to the dates below)

Monday 5th June – Inset Day
Tuesday 6th June – WOW Day
Thursday 8th June – September EYFS intake ‘Meet the Teacher’
Monday 12th June – Healthy Eating Week
Friday 9th June – Sports Day
Thursday 15th June – Yr6 Crucial Crew
Friday 16th June – Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 22nd June – Tolkien Class – enrichment activity (part 1)
Tuesday 27th June – Yr5&6 Athletics – Ongar Academy
Wednesday 28th June – KS2 Summer Trip
Thursday 29th June – September EYFS intake ‘Free Flow and Play’
Friday 30th June – Summer Extravaganza
Tuesday 4th July – EYFS & KS1 Summer Trip
Tuesday 4th July – Yr3&4 Athletics – Ongar Academy
Friday 7th July – Inset Day
Monday 10th July – Meet your new teacher for September 2017 (Pupils only)
Thursday 13th July – Yr5&6 – enrichment activity (part 2)
Thursday 13th July – September EYFS intake ‘Picnic’
Friday 21st July – Leaver’s Assembly