

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

Our real life learners are challenged and inspired in our safe, supportive and respectful school.



Monday 26th March 2018
DINNER MENU WEEK 3

School Weekly Target – 96%
% for w/e 23rd March 2018 –96.5%

Attendance

Class	Weekly %	Points to Date
Donaldson	93.3%	7
Ahlberg	97.8%	9
Waddell	91.6%	4
Dahl	100%	12
Wilson	98%	8
Morpurgo	97.9%	5
Horowitz	97.8%	12

Swimming Lessons

Thank you to all parents that have completed permission slips and paid for next terms swimming. We still have a number of permission slips and payments outstanding. These need to be with the school office by **Thursday 29th March**.



WE ARE GOING CASHLESS

Over the Easter holidays we will be updating our payment system to allow parents to pay online for dinners, trips etc. Details will be sent home after the Easter break with the Summer term being used to register parents and iron out any glitches. We plan to go 100% live with online payment when we return in September.



Outstanding Dinner and Breakfast Club monies

Please ensure that all outstanding payments are made before the end of term.

Parents Evening Success

Thank you to everybody who attended Parents Evening last week. We hope you found it informative. If you did not attend your appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative time.

E-Safety

After a successful presentation for parents in the Autumn term, we will be hosting this session again on **Tuesday 27th March** 3.30pm-4.30pm. As the presentation is not suitable for children we will offer childcare in the hall for those parents who wish to attend. This session is informative and a "must see" for any parent whose child has access to the internet, whether this be computing, through gaming or mobile devices.



Caught on Camera

Time's running out for your final 'caught on camera' challenge - **Playing a board game**. Please send in your pictures via our Facebook page. The winning entry for this half term will be chosen on the last day of term.



Lunches

When we return after the Easter break we will be introducing our new Summer menu. Please be aware that Jacket Potatoes are no longer an option, instead your child will be able to choose either the main meal or the 'baguette of the day'. Children will need to advise their class teacher at morning registration of their daily choice. School meals currently cost £2 per day. This needs to be paid in advance or on the day lunch is taken. New menus attached, first week back will be week 1.

Ongar Primary School and Brightstars Pre-school Funding Raising Committee

After all the wonderful fundraising events held over the last year by the CIA, Ongar Primary School and Brightstars Pre-school now have a new fundraising committee, the only thing missing is a name. Ideas are invited which encompasses our ethos of community based, partnership fundraising. Just email your ideas for a new name to brightstarspreschool@rocketmail.com or text them to the pre-school number on 07990 671278. Don't forget to include your name and ensure that we have your contact details. The closing date for entries is **Friday 7th April**. The winner will be announced on our return to school after the Easter holidays and a prize will be awarded!

The first events for the new committee are an Easter Raffle and Easter Craft competition. Raffles tickets are available from the school office or Brightstars Pre-School at £1 per strip. The draw will take place on **Thursday 29th March**. For the Easter Craft competition all you need to do is create your own Easter masterpiece (A4 size). Make sure you put your name and year group on the back and include a 50p entry fee. All entries must be in school by **Wednesday 28th March**.

Clubs

Attached is the new club timetable, we have some exciting new clubs this term. Club letters are available from the school reception area for you to complete and return. Please indicate your child's preference for all school run clubs and return to the school office asap. For all paid clubs, including breakfast club, you will need to complete the appropriate forms and return to the school office along with payment – spaces on these clubs will be issued on a first come first served basis.

What's Happening this Week

Year 5 and 6 are invited to bring their bikes to school for a fix-a-bike session tomorrow – **Tuesday 27th March**. The children will learn how to carry out basic safety checks to ensure their bike is road worthy.



Easter Crafts afternoon will take place on **Wednesday 28th March**. We will be making a variety of Easter themed craft. Please provide your child with a named carrier bag for them to bring their work home.



Perfect Pizza Friday will be on Thursday 29th March. Pizza on sale at 50p per slice.

EYFS Assembly will take place on **Thursday 29th March** at 2.45pm. All parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are invited to come and watch the children show what they have learnt this term.

WATCH OUT WATCH OUT THERE WILL BE SMARTIES ABOUT!!!!!! Check your child's book bag for more information later this week!

Finally, a very happy Easter to you all. Stay safe and don't eat all the chocolate eggs at once! Don't forget we are back to school on Monday 16th April at 8.45am.

Reminders

Residential Trip Payments

Please remember that payments are now due. Coach companies and adventure centres need to be paid before the trips take place so please ensure that payments are made as soon as possible so that payments can be made to suppliers.

Diary Dates – dates & times subject additions and deletions

We plan to hold a Celebration Assembly every Friday at 2.45pm. If for any reason this has to be cancelled, we will inform you as soon as possible via the notice board by the main school entrance.

Dates	Event	Time
February		
26 th	House Competition	All Day
27 th	Bikeability – Fix a Bike	AM & PM Session
27 th	e-Safety Talk for Parents	3.30pm
28 th	Easter Crafts afternoon	PM
29 th	EYFS Class Assembly	2.45pm
30 th March – 13 th April	Easter Holiday	
April		
16 th	Back to School	8.45am
19 th	Bikeability – Yr 6 – part 1	All Day
20 th	Bikeability – Yr 6 – Part 2	All Day
25 th	Donaldson Class Trip – Details to follow	AM
27 th	Parent Reading Session – No Celebration Assembly	2.45pm
May		
2 nd	Yr 3 & 4 Class Assembly	2.45pm
4 th	Parent Drop-in Session – No Celebration Assembly today	2.45pm
7 th	Bikeability – Yr 5 – Part 1	All Day
8 th	Bikeability – Yr 5 – Part 2	All Day
11 th	Crucial Crew – Yr 6 – details to follow	AM
25 th	Inset Day	All Day