

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 4th February 2019

DINNER MENU 3

Attendance

School Weekly Target – 96%

% for w/e 1st February – 95.7%

Class	Weekly %	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Donaldson	94.5		2
Ahlberg	97	1	3
Butterworth	96.5		3
Dahl	93.9		3
Rowling	98.7	3	11
Morpurgo	98.6	2	9
Horowitz	92.8		8

Once again we are nearing the end of a very busy and productive half term. Thank you to you all in ensuring your children are in school regularly and on time. Research has shown how attendance at Primary school can impact on outcomes and opportunities for later life. The attendance policy for all local schools reflects the value of punctuality. Our policy is as follows:

Children marked as late after the register closes at 9.20 will be given an unauthorised absence. 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks will result in a penalty notice being issued.

When I note attendance is falling a letter will be sent to you with your child's attendance summary to keep you informed and address any concerns.

House Points

House	Total House Points
Giraffe	2870
Monkey	3261
Whale	2742
Wolf	3167

Daily Mile

This week we have walked a total of 96 miles.

We have a busy week ahead, with lots of enrichment events planned before the half term holiday.

Headteacher's Coffee Morning

Don't forget, I will be holding my termly coffee morning on **Thursday 7th February** at 9.00am. Please pop in after dropping your children to school. It would be great to get some feedback on our Marvellous Me App, the Celebration of Work Afternoon, clubs plus, any other aspects of school life. I look forward to seeing you.



Sportshall Athletics

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children are off to the Ongar Academy to compete in an indoor athletics festival tomorrow afternoon, 5th February. Please ensure all PE kits are in school.

Reading Workshops

Six children from Year 5 and 6 complete their reading workshops at Cooper and Theydon Garnon Primary School this week. The sessions are based on the book 'The Fastest Boy in the World'.

Young Voices

Also on Tuesday our Young Voices choir are off to sing at the O2. I know our children, parents and accompanying teachers are looking forward to it and we look forward to hearing all about this fantastic experience.

Year 3 and 4 Assembly

Dahl and Rowling Classes would like to invite all family and friends to their class assembly on Friday - 8th February at 2.45pm.

There will be **NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY** on this date.

Dinner Money and Breakfast Club Arrears

This school operates a **NO DEBT** policy in relation to school meals and breakfast club payments. Please ensure that your accounts are in credit before your child has a school meal or attends breakfast club. Children will no longer be given a school meal if they have a debit on their account and parents will be called requesting a packed lunch be provided.

Author Visit

We have arranged for an author to visit the school on Friday 29th March. She will be reading one of her books to each Key Stage and the children will have a chance to ask questions at the end of each session. After half term you will have the opportunity to place an order for any of Ms Beadle's books which will be signed and handed out on her visit. Having authors visit is a valuable experience for the children, and a brilliant way to engage with storytelling and reading. I hope that you will be able to support this visit. Her biography is attached for your reference.

Parking

Please continue to be considerate and safe when dropping your children to school. Parking on the pavement or stopping in the middle of the road is unnecessary and extremely dangerous for our children. Please park further along Milton Crescent or on the adjoining roads.



Headlice

We are aware of incidents involving these troublesome visitors again. Please check your child's hair regularly, even if there has been no evidence. If lice are seen, you will need to treat the whole family and wash bedding on a hot wash. Expensive lotions are not necessary, wet combing with a lice comb and using ordinary shampoo is equally effective. Further advice can be found on <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Library

This Friday, 8th February, Year 3 are off to Ongar Library. If you are able to help with the walk to and from the library, please speak to Miss Wilkinson.

Diary Dates — **dates & times are subject to additions and deletions**

Celebration Assembly will continue to be held on Friday mornings at 9am. 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 or our Facebook page.

Dates	Event	Time
FEBRUARY		
5 th	Choir @ Young Voices O2 Arena	PM
5 th	Y5 & Y6 Sportshall Athletics – The Ongar Academy	1-3pm
8 th	No Celebration Assembly	AM
8 th	Y3 & Y4 Class Assembly	2.45pm
8 th	Y3 Library Visit	9am
15 th	Y4 Library Visit	9am
HALF TERM		
18 th -22 nd		
25 th	Back to School	8.45am
26 th	Y3 & Y4 Sportshall Athletics – the Ongar Academy	9.15 – 12 noon
MARCH		
1 st	EYFS Library Visit	9am
7 th	World Book Day Breakfast	8.15am
8 th	Y2 Library Visit	9am
11 th -15 th	Assessment Week	
15 th	Comic Relief Day	All Day
15 th	Y5 Library Visit	
15 th	Y2 - Sports Hall Athletics – Kings Harold Academy (details to follow)	PM
22 nd	Y1 Library Visit	9am
22 nd	Y5 Class Assembly	2.45pm
26 th	Parents Evening	3.30pm
27 th	Parents Evening	5pm
29 th	Y6 Library Visit	9am
APRIL		
4 th	Celebration of Work Afternoon	2.30pm
5 th	Y3 Library Visit	9am
8-19 th	EASTER HOLIDAYS	
22 nd	EASTER MONDAY	
23 rd	Back to School	8.45am
30 th	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
MAY		
7 th	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
9 th	Class Photographs	AM
14 th	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
19 th	Y1 Class Assembly	2.45pm
21 st	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
22 nd	EYFS Trip – TBC	All day
27-31 st	HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
JUNE		
3 rd	Back to School	8.45am
4 th	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
10-14 th	Assessment Week	
11 th	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
14 th	Father's Day Breakfast	8.15am
18 th	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
21 st	Y2 Class Assembly	2.45pm
25 th	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
JULY		
2 nd	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
4 th	Sports Day – Details to follow	AM
9 th	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
12 th	Reserve Sports Day	AM
24 th	LAST DAY OF TERM – Details to follow	