

# Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

## DINNER MENU 1

### Attendance

**School Weekly Target – 96%**

% for w/e 8<sup>th</sup> February – 95.8%

Class	Weekly %	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Donaldson	95		2
Ahlberg	95.7		3
Butterworth	97.4	2	5
Dahl	96.1	1	1
Rowling	95.3		11
Morpurgo	91.8		9
Horowitz	98.4	3	11

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 9.20am 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	3512
Monkey	3897
Whale	3522
Wolf	3955

### Daily Mile

This week we have walked a total of 75 miles making our grand total 10,742

### Year 3 and 4 Assembly

Thank you to Dahl and Rowling Classes who performed their class assembly to parents last week. The event was really well attended and received lots of positive feedback.

### Sportshall Athletics

Year 5 and 6 children competed in an indoor athletics festival last Tuesday at the Ongar Academy. We came 2<sup>nd</sup> and are through to the West Essex Finals in Loughton on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Well done to the team who showed great determination.



Year 3 and 4 will be competing in their athletics festival at The Ongar Academy on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. I am sure they will try just as hard to win a place in the finals.

### Young Voices

Our choir had a fantastic evening at the O2. They sang as part of an 8000 strong choir and were joined by celebrity special guests. It was truly a memorable experience and one we are keen to repeat next year.

### Library

Year 4 are off to Ongar Library on Friday (15<sup>th</sup> February). If you are able to help with the walk to and from the library, please speak to Miss Love. Unfortunately, Year 3 had to cancel their visit as we did not have enough volunteers to help walk to the library.

### ZooLab

Year 1 and Brightstars Preschool children will have the opportunity to meet some friendly animals this week when ZooLab come and visit our school. Look out for updates on Marvellous Me.



### 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

Just a reminder that we have arranged for an author to visit the school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

## Bikeability

We have arranged Level 1 Bikeability training for year 4 & 5 children shortly after half term. Bikeability is designed to enhance children's basic cycling skills in a fun a relaxed way in an off road location. Spaces are limited so please return your interest form to the school office by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February to guarantee your child a space.



## 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/>

## Marvellous Me

This is proving a really popular and effective means of updating parents with their child's learning and the wealth of opportunities we provide for the children at Ongar Primary. If you have not yet signed up and would like to, please speak to school office who can provide assistance.

## 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
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Library Visit	9am
18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>HALF TERM</b>	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School	8.45am
26 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 & Y4 Sportshall Athletics – The Ongar Academy	9.15 – 12 noon
<b>MARCH</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	EYFS Library Visit	9am
1 <sup>st</sup>	Y5 WOW Day – details to follow	All Day
4 <sup>th</sup>	Level 1 Bikeability – Y4&5	AM
6 <sup>th</sup>	Y5&6 Athletics Festival Final – Roding Valley High School	AM
7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day Breakfast	8.15am
8 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Library Visit	9am
11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Assessment Week	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Comic Relief Day	All Day
15 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Library Visit	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 - Sports Hall Athletics – Kings Harold Academy (details to follow)	PM
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Y1 Library Visit	9am
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5 Class Assembly	2.45pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening	3.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening	5pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Library Visit	9am
29 <sup>th</sup>	Author Visit	PM
<b>APRIL</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration of Work Afternoon	2.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Library Visit	9am
8-19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Back to School	8.45am
24 <sup>th</sup>	Y5&6 Bikeability L2	All Day
26 <sup>th</sup>	Y5&6 Bikeability L2	All Day
30 <sup>th</sup>	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
<b>MAY</b>		
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
9 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photographs	AM
14 <sup>th</sup>	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
19 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 Class Assembly	2.45pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
22 <sup>nd</sup>	EYFS Trip – TBC	All day
27-31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>	
<b>JUNE</b>		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Back to School	8.45am
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y4-6 Swimming	AM

10-14 <sup>th</sup>	Assessment Week	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
14 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day Breakfast	8.15am
18 <sup>th</sup>	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
21 <sup>st</sup>	Y2 Class Assembly	2.45pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
<b>JULY</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day – Details to follow	AM
9 <sup>th</sup>	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
12 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day	AM
24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM – Details to follow</b>	