

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 25th February 2019

DINNER MENU 2

Attendance

School Weekly Target – 96%

% for w/e 15th February – 97.2%

Class	Weekly %	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Donaldson	99.1	4	6
Ahlberg	98.6	1	4
Butterworth	98.7	3	9
Dahl	97	1	5
Rowling	98.7	3	14
Morpurgo	98.2	1	10
Horowitz	91.6	1	12

Just a reminder that our attendance policy requires you to call us before 9.20 am on the first day of your child's absence stating the reason for the absence and when you expect them to return to school. This needs to be followed up with a written note on your child's return to school. Without BOTH of these forms of communication the absence cannot be authorised. For any absence over 3 days medical evidence must be supplied.

House Points

House	Total House Points
Giraffe	4891
Monkey	5551
Whale	5179
Wolf	5468

Daily Mile

This week we have walked a total of 75 miles making our grand total 10,871

Welcome back!

Welcome back. We hope you had a lovely half term and were able to make the most of the beautiful weather. We have another busy half term ahead as we continue to provide enrichment opportunities for all our children. This includes world book day activities, WOW days, class visits and sporting events. Please see the calendar for further details.

World Book Day

World Book Day is Thursday 7th March. To celebrate this event, we will be holding a World Book Day breakfast from 8.15am We invite you to share breakfast and a book with your child at this time. We also ask that the children dress up as a BOOK CHARACTER for the day. Please do not feel you need to buy expensive fancy dress outfits, there are lots of homemade options. The internet has a wealth of ideas. Have a look at the following for some ideas - <http://www.huemehappy.com/100-ideas-world-book-day-dress/>



Author Visit

Don't forget, 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. 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. *Children will be coming home with a letter and order form later this week should you wish to pre-order any books.*

Sportshall Athletics

Year 3 and 4 children will compete in an indoor athletics festival tomorrow morning (Tuesday 26th February) at The Ongar Academy. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school.



Library

Donaldson Class are off to Ongar Library on Friday, 1st March. If you are able to help with the walk to and from the library, please speak to Ms Matthews. Without support from parents, these visits cannot take place.

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.

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

Year 4&5 pupils who expressed an interest will be taking part in the Level 1 Bikeability scheme on Monday 4th March. Please remember to return your consent form to the school office before Thursday 28th February 2019, if you have not already done so. If your child is involved, please ensure that their bike is roadworthy with pumped up tyre and working brakes. They will also need to wear suitable clothing and have a cycle helmet. All training will take place on the school playground.



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		
26 th	Y3 & Y4 Sportshall Athletics – The Ongar Academy	9.15 – 12 noon
MARCH		
1 st	EYFS Library Visit	9am
1 st	Y5 WOW Day – details to follow	All Day
4 th	Level 1 Bikeability – Y4&5	AM
6 th	Y5&6 Athletics Festival Final – Roding Valley High School	AM
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
29 th	Author Visit	PM
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
24 th	Y5&6 Bikeability L2	All Day
26 th	Y5&6 Bikeability L2	All Day
30 th	Y4-6 Swimming	TBC
MAY		
7 th	Y4-6 Swimming	TBC
9 th	Class Photographs	AM
14 th	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
19 th	Y1 Class Assembly	2.45pm
21 st	Y4-6 Swimming	TBA
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	TBC
10-14 th	Assessment Week	
11 th	Y4-6 Swimming	TBC
14 th	Father's Day Breakfast	8.15am
14 th	Y6 Crucial Crew – details to follow	PM
18 th	Y4-6 Swimming	TBC
21 st	Y2 Class Assembly	2.45pm
25 th	Y4-6 Swimming	TBC
JULY		
2 nd	Y4-6 Swimming	AM
4 th	Sports Day – Details to follow	AM
9 th	Y4-6 Swimming	TBC
12 th	Reserve Sports Day	AM
24 th	LAST DAY OF TERM – Details to follow	