

# Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
**DINNER MENU 3**

## Attendance

**School Weekly Target – 96%**

% for w/e 1<sup>st</sup> March – 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

## House Points

House	Total House Points
Giraffe	6540
Monkey	7231
Whale	7375
Wolf	7544

## Daily Mile

This week we have walked a total of 39 miles making our grand total 10,910 miles

## End of term

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April school will finish at 1.30pm, in line with other schools in The Bridge Academy Trust. We return to school at 8.45am on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.



## Uniform

Reminder to all parents – Trainers and boots are not suitable school footwear. Grey **not** black, trousers or tights should be worn. Please also remember that dance bows are not part of our school uniform.

## World Book Day

World Book Day is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 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. 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.

## Sportshall Athletics

Year 3 and 4 children took part in an indoor athletics festival last Tuesday morning at the Ongar Academy. They all tried really hard and were a credit to the school, coming fourth overall.



This Wednesday our Year 5 and 6 children will be competing in the Sportshall Athletics final at Roding Valley High School. If your child is participating, please ensure they are in school by **8.15am** as we will be leaving at 8.25am. Children can come to school in their PE kits or change at school, but please remember they will need their school uniform to change into when they return to school.

## Library

Year 2 are off to Ongar Library on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March. If you are able to help with the walk to and from the library, please speak to Mrs Natrass. Without support from parents, these visits cannot take place.

## Internet Safety

Please be advised that we held an assembly last week on staying safe online. This was in response to concerns regarding recent reports in the media and some disclosures by children in school that they had seen things online that had made them feel uncomfortable. Please discuss the assembly with your child and encourage them to tell you or any adult if they come across anything online that worries them. Just a reminder of the age requirements for some of the most popular apps:



**Snap chat/ Instagram - 13 years old**

**Whatsapp - 16 years old**

**YouTube - 18 years old (13 years old with parental permission)**

**Fortnite - 12 years old**

## Swimming

We will be starting swimming lessons after the Easter Holidays, but due to changes to the pool timetable, we are now unable to offer swimming lessons to year 4 pupils. Year 5&6 children will be participating in swimming lessons for 10 weeks commencing on Tuesday 3th April. The Ongar Leisure Centre have altered the school swimming times to afternoon sessions, with our timeslot being 2-3pm. We will endeavour to get the children back to school for the end of the school day, but please be patient if we are running a little bit behind.



You can now make payment for your child's swimming lesson online and please remember to return your permission slips to the school office before the Easter holidays.

## Residential Trip – September 2019

Once again we will be taking our 2019/20 year 6 class to Carroty Wood for 3 days of fun packed adventure. Letters went home last week with further details. Please return your permission slips to the office as soon as possible and make your deposit payment using Sims Pay (Sims Agora) online.



A number of parents have advised us that they are having trouble signing into the online system. This is due to Sims Agora changing their name to Sims Pay. All you need to do is retype Sims Agora into your search engine and re-enter the site. If you still are having problems, do not hesitate to contact the school office.

## Dinner Menu Changes

To coincide with World Book Day and Red Nose Day we have made some minor changes to the dinner menus. Our special menus are attached for your reference.

Please also note that dessert tomorrow will be pancakes instead of a fruit platter.



## 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

Today some year 4 and 5 children took part in the Level 1 Bikeability workshop. This ensures the children are safe and competent riders before going out onto the road for their level 2 training in year 5 or 6. There will be another opportunity for children to compete this invaluable training before the Easter holidays – letters will go out later this week.



We have arranged for year 6 children to complete their Level 2 Bikeability later after the Easter holidays. Look out for letters coming home soon, spaces are limited and will be issued on first come first served basis.

## 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>MARCH</b>		
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>	Red Nose Day	All Day
15 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Library Visit	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 - Sports Hall Athletics – Kings Harold Academy	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	TBC
<b>MAY</b>		
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y4-6 Swimming	TBC
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	TBA
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	TBC
10-14 <sup>th</sup>	Assessment Week	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Y4-6 Swimming	TBC
14 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day Breakfast	8.15am
14 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Crucial Crew – details to follow	PM
18 <sup>th</sup>	Y4-6 Swimming	TBC
21 <sup>st</sup>	Y2 Class Assembly	2.45pm
25 <sup>th</sup>	Y4-6 Swimming	TBC
<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	TBC
12 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day	AM
24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM – Details to follow</b>	