

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 11th March
DINNER MENU 1

Attendance

School Weekly Target – 96%

% for w/e 8th March – 94.8%

Class	Weekly %	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Donaldson	91.8		2
Ahlberg	90.7		0
Butterworth	96.7	2	5
Dahl	95.5		0
Rowling	92		0
Morpurgo	98.2	3	5
Horowitz	96	1	2

End of term

On Friday 5th 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 23rd 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.

Please also ensure your child has a full PE kit in school at all times. This includes trainers, white PE top, navy blue shorts and a dark tracksuit, for outside use.

Comic Relief

This Friday we will be holding our termly charity event and are asking the children to bring in £1 to wear their pyjamas to school. All money raised will be donated to Comic Relief.



World Book Day

Well done to all those children who dressed up to participate in our World Book Day celebrations. This was the 20th anniversary of the event and is a great way to inspire children's reading. Thank you to all those parents who attended our Reading Breakfast and to Mrs Natrass for organising it.



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.

Sportshall Athletics

Last Wednesday our Year 5 and 6 pupils competed in the sports hall athletics final at Roding Valley. As always the children were a credit to our school and participated with enthusiasm. We finished 6th Overall against some very stiff competition.



Year 2 will be competing in the indoor athletics competition at King Harold Academy on Friday 15th March. They will be having an early lunch before leaving by coach for this event. They are expected to be back at school at the end of the school day, traffic permitting. Please don't forget to return your permission slip to the school office by Tuesday 12th March – Thank you.

Library

Year 5 are off to Ongar Library on Friday, 5th March. If you are able to help with the walk to and from the library, please speak to Mr Butler. Without support from parents, these visits cannot take place.

Dinner Menu Changes

Don't forget we will be having pizza and chips on Red Nose Day.

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.

School Bags

Due to limited storage facilities in the cloakrooms from next week children are required to bring in a book bag which will be placed in their class tray. Their PE bag will remain on cloakroom pegs along with their coat.

Swimming

We will be starting swimming lessons after the Easter Holidays, for Year 5&6 children for 10 weeks commencing on Tuesday 30th April. Due to changes made by Ongar Leisure Centre our timeslot will be 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.



Payment needs to be made 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 Carrotty 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 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.

Bikeability

We have arranged for another Level 1 Bikeability course for Thursday 4th April for year 4 pupils. If your child is interested, please return permission slips sent out last week



A Level 2 course for year 6 pupils has also been arranged for 24th and 26th April, please return your interest form as soon as possible. Spaces are limited and will be issued on first come first served basis.

School Correspondence

Please check your child's bag regularly for any school correspondence. It is coming to that time of year when we are organising school trips etc, and it is important that permission slips are returned to the school office and payments are made online by set deadlines. If you have any questions regarding school trips, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office

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
MARCH		
11 th -15 th	Assessment Week	
15 th	Red Nose Day	All Day
15 th	Y5 Library Visit	
15 th	Y2 - Sports Hall Athletics – Kings Harold Academy	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	Bikeability Level 1	
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	