

# Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019

## DINNER MENU 2

### Attendance

**School Weekly Target – 96%**

% for w/e 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – 95.5%

A little bit lower than our target but still room to improve before the end of the Spring term.

Class	Weekly %	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Donaldson	93.3		2
Ahlberg	94.5		0
Butterworth	96.7	2	7
Dahl	95.7		0
Rowling	96	1	1
Morpurgo	97.2	3	8
Horowitz	94.9		2

### House Points

House	House point this week
Giraffe	1728
Monkey	1858
Whale	1839
Wolf	1964

### Daily Mile

This week we completed 1038 miles making a grand total of 13,538 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.

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

Thank you all for participating in our Comic Relief day. It was great to see the children taking part and raising money for this worthy cause. In total we raised £131. Thank you all once again.



### Clubs

This week is our **LAST WEEK** of after school clubs as we have parents evening next week. If your child attends after school boosters, your child's class teacher will update you on these sessions. Appointment times for Parents Evening will be on the classroom doors from today for you to booked your preferred time slot.

### Goodbye

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye and good luck to Mr Butler at Easter, who is leaving due to personal circumstances. We will have a new, experienced class teacher starting next term Miss Newton. We are currently arranging a date for Miss Newton to meet with Year 5 children and their parents before the Easter holidays. I am sure you will join me in saying a huge thank you to Mr Butler for his hard work and dedication to our school. We wish him all the very best for the future.



### Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Bellett who, **from September**, has secured a promotion; she will be working across the Bridge Academy Trust. Miss Bellett will still continue to work with our school but will no longer be class based. She will also be working with the Year 7's at The Ongar Academy. It is a real credit to our school that our staff's talents and hard work are recognised. We really do wish Miss Bellett every success in her well-deserved new role. We are in the process of appointing a new deputy head and will keep you informed.

Congratulations also to Mrs Barnes, who is expecting her second child in the summer term.

### Sports Hall Athletics

Year 2 had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon on Friday as they participated in the indoor athletics festival at King Harold Academy in Waltham Abbey.



### Library

Year 1 are off to Ongar Library on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. If you are able to help with the walk to and from the library, please speak to Miss Green. Without support from parents, these visits cannot take place.

### Year 3 and 4 Class trip

This Friday Years 3 & 4 are off to the British Museum as part of their topic work on the Ancient Egyptians. We will be leaving promptly at 8.30am, so please ensure your child arrives at school before this time.



## Mother's Day Tea

We will once again be hosting a Mother's Day Tea for all the 'Mother' figures in our pupils lives. We will be holding 3 sessions, times listed below and look forward to welcoming all 'mums'.

1.30pm - 2pm – Years 1,2 & 3 (Ahlberg, Butterworth & Dahl)

2.15pm - 2.45pm – Years 4,5 & 6 (Rowling, Morpurgo & Horowitz)

2.50pm – 3.10pm – Early Years (Donaldson)

## 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 have been sent home 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. Once all deposits have been received you will be able to make payments for the full trip in instalments.



## Bikeability

Reminders will be sent home today to our Year 4 children regarding Bikeability Level 1 being held on 4<sup>th</sup> April. If you would like your child to participate please return the form by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March otherwise places will be offered to Year 5 children.

We are also fortunate to have been able to arrange a Bikeability Level 2 for Year 6 children. We will be sending Expression of Interest forms out again today. These need to be returned to the school office by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. If we do not reach the course requirement we will have no choice but to cancel the course.



## Head Lice

As most of you are aware there is a recurring problem of head lice. Parents are treating their children and then they catch it again very soon afterwards.

Would **ALL** parents please check their child's head regularly and if they find head lice please treat as soon as possible.

Head lice live on just a little blood which they get by biting the scalp. Their bites leave tiny red spots (another tell-tale sign of head lice) and these can itch intensely but only after lice have been present for several weeks.

If you already have these unwelcome visitors, the first step is to get an effective treat which will kill the lice, and treat **ALL THE FAMILY WITH IT**. There is a cost free way of keeping on top of head lice. When washing our child's hair, use a good dollop of conditioner and comb through using a nit comb.

### *Head Lice Home Remedies – Tea Tree Oil*

Tea tree essential oil is a natural insecticide, making it an effective treatment for head lice.

- Mix together one teaspoon of tea tree oil, one ounce of natural shampoo and three tablespoons of coconut or olive oil.
- Apply the solution gently throughout your head and cover with a shower cap or towel. Leave your head covered for a half an hour and then rinse thoroughly with hot water.
- Finally, comb through your hair while it is still wet to remove the dead lice.

**DO NOT APPLY TEA TREE DIRECTLY TO THE SCALP**

Click here for more information - [Once a Week, Take a Peek Website](#)

## 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.

## 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.

## 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>		
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>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Mother's Day Tea</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Bikeability L1	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration of Work Afternoon	2.30pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Library Visit	9am
<b>8-19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<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>	Y5-6 Swimming	TBC
<b>MAY</b>		
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5-6 Swimming	TBC
9 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photographs	AM
14 <sup>th</sup>	Y5-6 Swimming	AM
21 <sup>st</sup>	Y5-6 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>	Y5-6 Swimming	TBC
10-14 <sup>th</sup>	Assessment Week	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Y5-6 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>	Y5&6 Swimming	TBC
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Y1 &amp; Y2 Class Assembly</b>	<b>2.45pm</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	Y5-6 Swimming	TBC
25 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 - It's Your Move	1.30pm
<b>JULY</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5-6 Swimming	AM
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day – Details to follow	AM
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>All day</b>
9 <sup>th</sup>	Y5-6 Swimming	TBC
12 <sup>th</sup>	Reserve Sports Day	AM
24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM – Details to follow</b>	