

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 25th March 2019

DINNER MENU 3

Attendance

School Weekly Target – 96%

% for w/e 15th March 2019 – 94.4%

Congratulations to Rowling class for being in school every day this week. Let's see if any class can do the same next week!

Class	Weekly %	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Donaldson	85.9		2
Ahlberg	97.9	1	1
Butterworth	95.8		7
Dahl	90.5		0
Rowling	100	3	4
Morpurgo	99.1	2	10
Horowitz	94.4		2

House Points

House	House points to date
Giraffe	2269
Monkey	2635
Whale	2570
Wolf	2536

Daily Mile

This week we completed 32 miles making a grand total of 13,570 miles.

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.**



Meet the Teacher – Y5 Only

Mrs Newton will be our Y5 teacher after the Easter break and we are very fortunate to have her in school all this week. She will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' session for Y5 parents on Thursday 28th March at 3.20pm in the Y5 classroom. Please come and say hello.

Parking

A number of local residents have contacted the school regarding concerns over parking near the school. I ask that if you need to drive to the school, please park considerately – not blocking driveways or parking on the pavements. The roads around the school have a 20mph speed limit, this is to keep your children safe. Finally, the parking bays in Betjeman Way are for residents only; they are not to be used by parents collecting children from the school. Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Newsletters Via ParentMail

This is the final week that you will receive correspondence through ParentMail. As of next week we will trail Tapestry (EYFS) or MarvellousMe (Y1-Y6) as a way to send correspondence to parents during the Summer Term. All newsletters are available on the school website.

Library

Year 6 are off to Ongar Library on Friday, 29th March. If you are able to help with the walk to and from the library, please speak to Miss Bellett. Without support from parents, these visits cannot take place.

Parents Evening

Don't forget Parents Evening on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. At these meetings you will have an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher and talk about any other concerns you may have.

Y5 & Y6 – Colchester Zoo

On Tuesday 2nd April Y5 & Y6 will be visiting Colchester Zoo as part of their topic. Please can you ensure that your child is in school by 8.30am so that we can board the coach and leave promptly at 8.45am. Thank you to those that have returned their permission slips and made payment. Additional permission forms are available from the school office and payment is required using SIMS PAY by Wednesday 27th March. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

KS2 Virtual Reality Experience

The whole of Key Stage 2 will be experiencing their current topic through Virtual Reality later this week. Pupils will be able to see amazing 360° perspective of either the Amazon Rain Forest or Ancient Egypt, almost giving them the feel of being there. This is a fantastic way for them to get really involved in their topic work.

Mother's Day Tea

On 1st April 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. We 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)

Bikeability

If you wish your child to participate on either of the Bikeability courses we are running, forms need to be returned by Friday 29th March at the latest. If the minimum number of participants is not met, we will have no choice but to cancel these valuable courses.

Y3 & Y4 – British Museum

A great time was had by all on our visit to the British Museum last Friday. The children got to see some of the many Egyptian artefacts, which helped them with their current class topic. Many thanks to parents that helped on this trip.

Clubs

All teacher led clubs are now finished until the Spring term. We are currently in the process of compiling a new club list, offering new and exciting clubs – **WATCH THIS SPACE!**

Author Visit

Sibel Beadle will be visiting our school on Friday 29th March to read some of her books. 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.

You are still able to pre-order the Witchy Travel Tale books before Ms Beadle's visit on Friday - just drop your order form and payment to the school office. Otherwise there will be an opportunity for you to purchase her books after school.

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
MARCH		
26 th	Parents Evening	3.30pm
27 th	Parents Evening	5pm
29 th	Y6 Library Visit	9am
29 th	Author Visit	PM
APRIL		
1 st	Mother's Day Tea	Various
4 th	Y4 Bikeability L1	
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	Y5-6 Swimming	TBC
MAY		
7 th	Y5-6 Swimming	TBC
9 th	Class Photographs	AM
14 th	Y5-6 Swimming	AM
21 st	Y5-6 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	Y5-6 Swimming	TBC
10-14 th	Assessment Week	
11 th	Y5-6 Swimming	TBC
14 th	Father's Day Breakfast	8.15am
14 th	Y6 Crucial Crew – details to follow	PM
18 th	Y5&6 Swimming	TBC
21 st	Y1 & Y2 Class Assembly	2.45pm
25 th	Y5-6 Swimming	TBC
25 th	Y6 - It's Your Move	1.30pm
JULY		
2 nd	Y5-6 Swimming	AM
4 th	Sports Day – Details to follow	AM
8 th	INSET DAY	All day
9 th	Y5-6 Swimming	TBC
12 th	Reserve Sports Day	AM
24 th	LAST DAY OF TERM – Details to follow	