

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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



Monday 20th May 2019

Summer / Winter 2019

DINNER MENU 2

Attendance

School Weekly Target – 96%

% for w/e 10th May 2019 – 97.3%

Class	Weekly %	Weekly Points	Points to Date
Donaldson	95.2		2
Ahlberg	94.3		1
Butterworth	99.1	2	12
Dahl	96.4		1
Rowling	94.7		4
Morpurgo	99	1	7
Horowitz	100	3	5

School Funding

As you may be aware school funding has been systematically reduced year on year. In the last 5 years our funding has been reduced by £461 PER CHILD. The following website provides a valuation of these cuts on all schools, including us <https://schoolcuts.org.uk/>. Please do take a look.

Ongar Primary Association

OPA is our funding group in partnership with Bright Stars Pre-School. This small group of people are constantly looking at ways to raise money to provide our children with additional treats and experiences. Your support is important and without it the small things they are able to support us with would not happen. Please continue to support this dedicated team.

OPA's next event will be the Summer Fete on Sunday 30th June. Donation bags will be sent home shortly. We are looking for external stall holders - £15 per pitch. Please contact the school office for further information. Alternatively, if you know of any local business willing to offer a raffle prize, please let us know. Many thanks

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to you all for supporting our fundraising events last week. The book sale raised £350. This will help to buy additional books for our class libraries.

Our PTA arranged cake sale raised a total of £35. A big thank you to the PTA and the parents who donated cakes. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



SATs

Well done to all our year 6 children who completed their SATs last week. They all tried their very best. We hope you all enjoyed your reward trip to bowling on Friday. Thank you to OPA for funding this.

SATs continue this week with Year 2 taking tests. Please make sure your child is in school every day and arrives on times. Watch this space year 2 for your SATs treat later this week.



A huge thank you to OPA for providing the SATs breakfast last week, especially Teran Hedges who turned up bright and early every day to serve the children their breakfast.

Once again OPA funded the year 6 SATs treat to the Hollywood Bowl on Friday last week – everyone had a great time bowling, along with the other local primary schools.

Tennis Festival

Next week some of our year 5 and 6 pupils will be taking part in a tennis festival at Ongar Tennis Club, Love Lane. The children will be dropped at the venue by their parents, but we would like some volunteers to walk back with them to school at 12.00noon. If you can help please speak to the school office.

Celebration Assembly

Please remember parents are always invited to our celebration assemblies every Friday morning at 9.00am. The children share their work and successes from the week's learning. There really is something for everyone, so please do come along if you can.

Parking

Please continue to be considerate and safe when dropping your children to school. Parking on the pavement, blocking driveways or stopping in the middle of the road is unnecessary and extremely dangerous for our children. Please park further along Milton Crescent or on adjoining roads.



Polling Station

The school hall will be used as a polling station on Thursday 23rd May but the school will remain open as usual - the only difference will be that lunch is served in the classrooms.



Headlice

We are aware that there have been incidents of these troublesome visitors. Please check your child's hair regularly, even when there has been no evidence of lice. If lice are seen, please ensure you treat the whole family and wash bedding on a hot wash. It is not necessary to buy expensive lotions, wet combing with a lice comb, using ordinary shampoo is equally effective. Further advice can be found on <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Dinner, Club and Trip Payments

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.

If your child is participating in a paid club this term, please ensure that fees are paid otherwise your child's place is not guaranteed.

There are a number of class/year trips taking place this term, please remember to return your permission slips and make payment by the preferred date. The school is required to make deposit payments and this can only be done when payments from parents are made promptly.

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
MAY		
21 st	Y5-6 Swimming	TBA
22 nd	EYFS Trip	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	