



## Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 23 December

### Whole School

**Moments Matter, Attendance Counts:** See below for the attendance data for this week, well done to **Year R -Billy Class** for the highest attendance this week.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
92.7%	92.4%	85.3%	91.5%	85.2%	92.2%	85.9%

**Swimming:** A reminder for year 5 that swimming be on a Tuesday next term and contributions for these sessions should be made through the Arbor shop. We ask that voluntary contributions are made promptly in order for the sessions to continue in the future.

**Mini Bus:** As you may know our minibus is no longer working and we have made the decision to invest in a new one. This is quite a financial commitment, and we are grateful to the Friends of Goat Lees for their support, as we cannot do this alone. Having the minibus does ensure we can participate in lots of local visits and allows us to transport children to swimming, which keeps the cost of this down.

**Art Competition:** Next term we are starting a termly art competition. The children will be given a theme each term and if they would like to enter, they can create a piece of art based on the theme and hand it in to Miss Chapman. There will be one winner from EYFS/KS1 and one winner from KS2. The winner's work will be displayed in frames in either Ms Adams or Mrs de Roeck's office for the following term. Any entries need to be A4 size, can either be portrait or landscape, can use any medium but it must be flat and not have any 3D elements, and needs to be based on the given theme. Next term's theme will be... Winter. This is completely optional, but it will be lovely to see some more of the children's artwork!

Please remember to collect and bring in your drink cans from over the Christmas period, so that we can take them to the EMR for recycling and raise funds for the school.

We wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in all the New Year-2025. Remember the children return on **7 January 2025**.

### Billy Class

We wanted to say a **BIG** thank you for all your support with our class Nativity, thank you for practising the children's songs, lines and providing them with costumes. We are so proud of all of them for how well they performed!

Next term, we move onto learning **digraphs** and **trigraphs** in Phonics. A digraph is made up of **two letters that make one sound**. A trigraph is made up of **three letters that make one sound**. During the first week, we will learn: ai, ee, igh, oa.

PE will now be on **Friday** from next term so please send your child into school wearing their PE kit.

Our first week back will have an RE focus. We will be thinking about what is special about our world. Within this, we will talk about what different faiths believe is special about our world.

In Maths, we will learn about zero, finding zero to five objects and move onto subitising up to five. Subitising means being able to know there are, for example, three objects, without needing to count them.

We would like to say thank you again for your generosity this Christmas. The whole of our EYFS team really do appreciate the cards, gifts and words of thanks that we have received before the end of term. Have a fantastic Christmas and we really look forward to seeing you in the New Year. 😊

### Angora Class - Year 1

It seems a lifetime ago that the children started in Year 1! We have done so much since September, and we are noticing them make leaps and bounds with their progress. This term has seen 3 class trips, culminating in the fabulous festivities at Godinton House. Do look on the school Facebook page for a few photos from this!

**Phonics:** reviewing aw (or), e\_e (split ee) and ie (ee as field)

**Tricky words:** all tricky words learned so far in Year 1.

**Christmas Phonics Challenges:** It is so important to keep practising phonics, reading and maths over the holidays where you can. To help with this, we're sending home some phonics activities that you can do. Complete them all to earn a golden house-point!

**Reading books:** Books will go home as normal on Friday, please return them on the first day back (**Tuesday 7 January**). Don't forget to record every day that your child reads to gain extra stickers for their bookmark!

**PE and PE kit:** PE will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that children are wearing the school kit of a Goat Lees purple PE top, plain dark bottoms, trainers and school jumper.

**Next term...**

In **History** we will be learning about key events and why we remember them. This will focus on the Great Fire of London and The Gunpowder Plot. We look forward to welcoming KiC theatre back on **Thursday 9 January** to do some drama on this!

**Christenings:** In RE we will be looking at how Christians and Muslims welcome babies. If your child had a Christening and would like to share some photos/objects from this, we will be learning about this in the week of **Monday 10 February**.

We will start to do more whole class activities in our English and Maths as our next transition step from EYFS. We will continue with our play-based learning in the afternoons.

Have a very happy Christmas and we send you lots of wishes for a peaceful, family time (and hopefully restful) together!

### Alpine Class - Year 2

Merry Christmas to our amazing families in Year 2 and thank you so much for your kind messages this week as well.

**Home Learning:** To prepare the children for next Term's English and Geography themes, we have set an Africa Project for the children to complete. They may want to complete a poster about a person or country, make a model of an African landmark or read about the continent and report on their research. Mrs Rodriguez will give out Golden House Tokens to children who complete a task and bring it in, in Week 1 of Term 3.

**Reading Books:** Each child has a school library book to read over the Christmas break. Please record any home reading that your child completes so that we can give out their well-earned House Points and Reading Stickers for their efforts.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been a lovely term which has felt extremely busy. Well done to all the children for participating in our school carol concert. Thank you to everyone who came and watched. This week we have finished off letters in English and produced some lovely landscape art.

Thank you to all who brought in Christmas cards/gifts; the adults in Kinder class are very grateful.

**PE:** Next term PE will be on Mondays and Tuesday, so children can wear PE kit on these days. Just a reminder that children should be wearing the school PE kit of Goat Lees which is a purple PE top, plain dark bottoms, trainers and school jumper.

On the first week back, the children will be taking part in KIC theatre once again, this time with a focus on the Stoneage which links to our new History Topic.

**Homework:**

There will be **no homework** pages set over the Christmas holidays! We do still hope they'll do some reading, and a little bit of times tables practice over the break though. However, coming home today will be homework based on next terms topic of the Stoneage. Please choose three of these tasks to present on **Monday 10 February**.

We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday, and you all get to spend plenty of time with loved ones. We look forward to seeing you all when we return in January.

### Cashmere Class - Year 4

What a busy term this has been. The children have achieved so much, and they deserve a rest over Christmas!

**PE:** This will continue to be on Mondays and Fridays, so children can wear PE kit on these days. Just a reminder that children should be wearing the school kit- Goat Lees purple PE top, plain dark bottoms, trainers and school jumper.

On the first week back, the children will be taking part in KIC theatre once again, this time with a focus on rainforests around the world which links to our new Geography unit. We look forward to seeing the drama the children produce!

**Homework:**

There will be **no homework** set over the Christmas holidays! We do still hope they'll do some reading, and a little bit of times tables practice over the break though 😊.

We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday and get plenty of rest! We look forward to seeing you all on our return in January.

### Pygora Class - Year 5

It really has been a great term but seemingly very long indeed! The children were brilliant in our production and should be very proud of themselves, thank you to everyone who was able to come and watch. This week they were finishing making their stuffed toys in DT which turned out really well

considering we had 30 children with needles to thread, but they all helped each other out which made the lessons very enjoyable. They then painted their final pieces for art, watercolour penguins - do look on the school Facebook page for a few pictures of their fabulous work!

**Swimming:** Pygora class will be starting to swim for the next two terms, every **Tuesday**. These will begin on the first day back (**Tuesday 7 January**) so they will need to remember to bring their swimming kits on this day: Swimsuit (one-piece for girls and shorts above the knee for boys), a towel, and goggles which are optional. They can come in their PE kits on swimming days and must remember to bring a coat or something warm to put on afterwards as it can be very chilly in winter - a hair towel for those with long hair may be useful. Payment for the Swimming sessions should be made through the Arbor Shop.

Our other PE day will continue to be **Wednesday**.

#### **Homework:**

There will be **no homework** set over the Christmas holidays!

There will however be bonus stickers available for those who read as well as the stickers to go on their bookmarks for every day they read.

We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas holiday and rest, relax and recuperate ready for next term.

#### **Pygmy Class - Year 6**

What a busy term this has been! We know that the children are ready for their Christmas holiday and hopefully will come back refreshed in the new year.

**PE:** This will continue to be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, so children can wear PE kit on these days. Just a reminder that children should be wearing the school kit of a Goat Lees purple PE top, plain dark bottoms, trainers and school jumper. Swimming has now finished for the year.

On the first week back, the children will be taking part in KIC theatre once again, this time with a focus on North America, which links to our new topic. We look forward to seeing the drama that the children produce!

**Homework:** There will be **no homework** set over the Christmas holidays! But please keep up with the reading.

We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday and get plenty of rest! We look forward to seeing you all return in January.