



## Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 10 February

### Whole School

**Moments Matter, Attendance Counts:** See below for the attendance data for this week.

Well done to **Billy Class - Year R** for the highest attendance this week.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.8%	95.7%	95.3%	89.6%	86.7%	94.8%	86.3%

**FSM:** Supermarket vouchers for the Half Term holiday, to the value of £10 per child, will be sent to those in receipt of means-tested Free School Meals during next week. Please download promptly as there is an expiry date.

Congratulations! In the Asda Cashpot for Schools Rewards app, Goat Lees Primary School raised £197.96. Thank you all very much and this will be put to good use.

**Safer Internet Day:** Next week, the children will be completing activities as part of Safer Internet Day. If you wish to talk to your child further about online safety, then many great resources can be found at <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers> and <https://www.internetmatters.org/>, and they include useful guidance on how to start up conversations with your children about these matters. We have also attached a parent guide to managing screen time, which some of you may find helpful.

**School Meals:** As we approach the end of term, please could we remind you to top up your child's school meal accounts on Arbor? Aspens have a no debt policy, so any school meal payments owed to them has to be paid out of school funds. Thank you.

**Breakfast Club:** A polite reminder to always book your children onto Breakfast Club if they are attending as we need to ensure our ratios are covered. This can be done through the Arbor clubs. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Billy Class

This week in Phonics we have started assessing the children, this will carry on into next week. Please practise recognising the digraphs and trigraphs that were previously sent home, as well as tricky words.

Please ensure that all guided reading books and library books are returned to school by **Tuesday 11 Feb** so that we can sort through them ready for Term 4.

Next week, we will continue constructing the children's boats as part of our DT project. If there is any additional junk modelling that your child wishes to use for their boat, then please send it into school early next week. The children will then test their boats in water.

Thank you for all the amazing 'wow apples' that we have received. These are for us to share the children's new achievements from home with the rest of the class and for us to build a better, clearer picture of their development. Only one apple needs to come into school, as and when your child achieves something. Please do not feel that you need to fill them all in one go! They could be for new achievements such as dressing themselves, learning a new skill, helping a sibling, riding their bike, using cutlery correctly, persistent good manners or writing a card to a relative. We love to hear about how well they are doing at home!

In Maths, we will be learning about length, height and time. Children will compare the length of different items such as sticks, using vocabulary such as 'short' and 'long.' They will use blocks to build tall and short towers. They will also use time vocabulary to talk about their day, such as 'first', 'next', 'before', 'after', and 'yesterday.'

### Angora Class - Year 1

#### Phonics this week:

ou (oo as in soup)

ui (oo as fruit)

ee - written ea, e, e\_e, ie, ey, y, ee

s - written ss, c, se, ce

z - written zz, s, se

oa - written ow, oe, ou, o\_e, o, oa

**Reviewing Tricky words:** water, want, any, many, again, could, would, should, who, whole, where, two, ask, Mr, Mrs, Ms, school, call, different, people, your, their, thought, through, friend, work

We have had another great week; the children have been looking at the significant individuals in the Gunpowder Plot and writing diaries as if they were in the Great Fire of London!

**Class Dojos:** well done to those children who have reached 40 dojos and are looking forward to some bike time! After 50 we will reset for a chance to earn more rewards!

**Reading books:** please ensure that these are in by Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you to everywhere who returns their books on time, it means that the adults can spend more time helping the learning, instead of chasing up missing books!

### Alpine Class - Year 2

We have had a great week in Alpine Class. The children have been working hard in English, getting ready to write a letter to their friend in Kenya. In maths, the children have been continuing to work on developing their understanding of the multiplication symbol in calculations.

In PE we have continued practising jumps and turns in gymnastics, and we will be refining our sequences in our last session next week.

Homework will be sent out on Monday.

Please make sure that your child's reading book and library book is returned by **Tuesday 11 February**. Remember, for each time that your child reads they receive a sticker on their bookmark. The more stickers that they get, the more chance they have of achieving a certificate. Keep reading!

### Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been another busy week in year 3. The children have worked hard and were able to read their 'How to wash a Woolly Mammoth guide' to the children in Billy Class. The children really enjoyed this experience.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p. 28

English - p. 21

We apologise for mix up of homework pages for the last few weeks. Thank you for your understanding and those who found the correct pages.

If your child has accidentally completed pages they should not of by mistake, please speak to a member of Kinder Class.

Last term, we set homework based on topic of the Stoneage. Please choose three of these tasks to present on Monday.

Please could you continue to practise times tables with your child. We are focusing on the 2s, 3s,4s 5s, 8s and 10s. Please where possible practise these on TTRS. We have started to put the children's logins in the front of their reading records. If your child is struggling to login into TTRS at home, speak to an adult in Kinder class and we will happily assist you. There are also some great videos/songs on the internet to help with this!

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.

Your child will continue to bring home a stage book, please could the book be read twice through to check for understanding and fluency. When your child has read, please sign and date their reading record. We will change their books as often as needed to keep up their love of reading! If your child continues to not bring in their reading record, they will have to stay in to do reading with an adult at playtime as it is so important they read regularly.

### Cashmere Class - Year 4

We've had a great week in Cashmere Class. The children have continued to carry out research on the Rainforests of the World and their inhabitants and will collect the information to put into a book that we will make. In Maths we've been learning about finding the perimeter of a shape and how to find the missing side of a shape. It's certainly been a challenge, but they've shown great determination in battling these tough questions. As you know, any additional help would be great.

The children have an opportunity to go to Highworth on **Friday 14 February** to a concert called "Kidenza". We are leaving promptly after registration; can you please ensure your child is in on time.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.59

English - p.29

Reading 3 days a week minimum.

5 games each of Spelling Shed and 20 minutes of TTRS.

If your child is having difficulty with completing their homework, they are encouraged to bring in their homework book on **Monday** or **Tuesday** and speak to an adult, who will go through it with them. We do want them to get into good routines and extending their learning at home really does support what we do in school.

### Pygora Class - Year 5

We are having an exciting day today in Pygora class cooking our Spaghetti Bolognese for our DT. The children will be bringing a portion home for them to eat, it just needs to be heated up in a microwave. If possible, please could you return the containers once they have been used, so we can re-use them, thank you.

Next week in some of our Maths sessions, the children will be having a go at example verbal and non-verbal reasoning tests so they can see what these are like for if they take the Kent test next year. I will share their scores at parents' consultations next term to help you come to a decision on if you would like to enter your child.

#### **This week's homework pages are:**

Maths - p.36 & 37 - Multiplying with fractions

English - p.21 - Co-ordinating conjunctions

Reading 3 days a week minimum.

5 games each of Spelling Shed and 20 minutes of TTRS.

If your child is having difficulty with completing their homework, they are encouraged to bring in their homework book on **Monday** or **Tuesday** and speak to an adult, who will go through it with them.

### Pygmy Class - Year 6

This week, as well as all their usual lessons, the children have been making a start on their new DT and art projects. For DT, the children are making 'steady-hand games', which links to our science topic of electricity. In Art, the children are designing and making Totem Poles, as they have also been learning about North America in Geography.

As a follow up to our message about WhatsApp last week, you might find this link useful: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/whatsapp> . It is so important that you check your child's phone so you can understand what their online presence is like.

**Residential:** You might have heard that Kingswood has been taken over by PGL. They are still honouring the price quoted to us by Kingswood and we are sure the children will still have a very positive experience. Please remember that you can continue to pay some money on Arbor towards the residential in **June**. All payments need to be made by: **Friday 9 May 2025**.

#### **This week's homework pages are:**

Maths - p.25 Multiplying decimals

English - p.70 & 71 Prefixes- 'aero', 'micro', 'tele', 'photo' and 'circum'

Reading 3 days a week minimum.

5 games each of Spelling Shed and 20 minutes of TTRS.

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