



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 7th April

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
95.2%	93.3%	94.8%	94.3%	93.5%	92.6%	85.8%

School meals: We have a new menu for terms 5 and 6- it is attached.

Art Competition: Our art competition is back for Term 5! The theme for this term is going to be... **Close Up Nature**. Artwork needs to be on an A4 sheet of paper and can use any medium, but it must be flat to the page so it can fit under the glass of our frames. All entries need to be handed to Miss Chapman by **Friday 16 May**. There is a prize for both EYFS/KS1 and KS2 and the winning entry from each group will be framed and on display in Ms Adams' or Mrs de Roeck's office. We had some fantastic entries for our last competition, so we can't wait to see what you all produce this term!

Elite Football Club: All KS2 have been sent a link via email to sign up to Elite Football. It is a first come first served club and is only for years 3,4,5 and 6.

Class assemblies: We are pleased to share with you the dates for our class assemblies. This is a chance for the children to share with you what they have been learning, and it is always lovely to welcome parents and carers to the school.

These will all be held in the hall and will start at **10:15** so please arrive just before that.

Year R: Thursday **22 May**
 Year 2: Wednesday **30 April**
 Year 3: Wednesday **21 May**
 Year 5: Wednesday **11 June**

Year R please note there has been a change in the date of the assembly.

FLO

Please read the attachments, there are some amazing Easter Events organised in the Ashford area and some of them are even free!! Easter Craft event at Ashford Library on **9 April from 10am-12pm**. Please see attached leaflet.

It was amazing to hand in the Attendance Certificates! I hope to have more names next time, how wonderful would be if our school could achieve 100%?

Have an "eggcellent" break, be kind and smile!

Your FLO

Billy Class

Well done to all of Billy Class for another very busy term at school! They have loved planting seeds this week and doing Easter crafts! Well done to all of those that joined in with the Easter egg competition too.

In Week 1 of Term 5 we will learn the following in Phonics: reading longer words (such as market), words ending in -ing (such as looking) and then compound words (such as rooftop). We will use the chunking method to read longer words which is when we break words into little chunks, sound-talk them, blend and then finally put the chunks together to read the whole word.

We will recap these tricky words: he we me be was you they all

Guided reading and library books will come home during the first week of term, we are keeping them in school over the holidays to check that all have been returned.

Please note the date for our class assembly has changed to **Thursday 22 May at 10:15am** in the school hall.

As the weather warms up, please can we remind you that children must bring a named sun hat to school and have sun cream applied in the morning at home. We will then top up their sun cream using our school one at lunch time. We will also encourage all children to drink lots of water from their school water bottle.

Have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Angora Class - Year 1

We cannot believe that we are at the end of the Spring Term already! This week we have explored the events of Holy Week, with the children making posters to teach other children.

Reading Rabbit and the Reading Box are helping the Easter Bunny over the holidays, so he won't be going home with anyone this week. Thank you to everyone so far who has taken the time to share Reading Rabbit's book, share the hot chocolate and record your thoughts in the journal.

Next term our theme will be 'What makes a Queen great?', exploring the legacy of our greatest Queens. You might like to explore the lives of Queen Elizabeth 1, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II at home.

This week we have been revising the new graphemes we have learned so far in Year 1.

Phonics this week:

ay (play)

a_e (shake)

ea (each)

e (he)

Reviewing Tricky words: eye, sure, pure, said, were

Phonics Assessment Feedback: the results of this term's Phonics assessments will be sent home this week along with Phonics Screening Check information. It is vital that children practise their Phonics regularly over the holidays, so they don't fall behind. Please use the words enclosed to help with this.

Reading Books must be returned on **Tuesdays** at the latest. This week Miss Gore spent nearly an hour chasing up missing books, which is lost learning time. Thank you to everyone who returns their books on time!

Otterden Outdoor Learning: on 30 April we are going on an Outdoor Learning afternoon on the Otterden Estate (near Faversham). Children will need wellies and suitable clothes for getting muddy/dirty. Further details to follow, after the holidays.

Parents Consultations: if you were unable to make an appointment, please see us about arranging one for after the Easter Holidays!

Finally have a lovely Easter break and we hope the children get a well-earned rest - they deserve it!

Alpine Class - Year 2

What an absolutely super term we have had! The children have been captivated by our topic of the Seaside and have produced some incredible work, which we can't wait to show you in our class assembly early next term!

After Easter, our topic is going to be all about the different climate zones, discussing hot and cold climates, and the animals we might find there.

A home learning challenge has been sent out for the Easter Holiday, due back on 29 April. Children are aware that any of the three challenges completed are worth 10 house points! Don't forget to keep up the fantastic reading efforts over the holidays too, any book read together supports your child's learning and helps them remember and consolidate their skills.

If we didn't manage to speak to you for a guardian consultation, please ensure to arrange one with us for after the Easter Holidays, it is so lovely to have the chance to discuss your child's progress with you.

Have a wonderful break and we can't wait to see all our lovely Alpine Goats again (**in PE kit!**) on Tuesday 22 April.

Happy Easter!

Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been a busy, but very productive term. The children have worked very hard and have earnt their time off. The adults in Kinder class want to thank them for all their efforts with their "Mountain" home learning. Their projects looked fantastic and were very impressive.

For Easter there will be no pages of the homework book set. However, we are setting homework based on our topic for term 5 'the Romans'. This is due in on the 19 of May. Any questions please come and ask.

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 each day they have read in 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 brilliant term in Cashmere, it has flown by! The children have worked so hard in all the different areas of the curriculum and producing an excellent class assembly. They've thoroughly enjoyed the Science lessons from Mrs Cooper and were able to carry out some experiments to deepen their understanding on the unit.

For Easter there will be no pages of the homework book set. However, please do plenty of reading and continue to practice those times tables! There will be a reward for the top three children who have been accessing TTRS!

Next term, PE will be on **Tuesday** and **Friday**, so children can wear PE kit on these days. Just a reminder that children should be wearing the school PE kit which is a purple PE top, plain dark bottoms, trainers and school jumper/cardigan or fleece.

We will be going swimming every Tuesday afternoon from the second week back. You can pay for this through the Arbor App. This will replace our Monday PE session so please make sure to send your child into school in school uniform on Monday, and on Tuesday send them into school in their PE kit with their swimming gear in a separate bag. The children will need to wear appropriate swimming costumes (not bikinis or crop tops), or shorts/swimming trunks. They will need a towel and goggles (if they wish to use them).

We all hope you have a fabulous break over the half term, and we look forward to seeing you all back for Term 5!

Pygora Class - Year 5

This term seems to have flown by with how busy our last few weeks have been! The children have particularly enjoyed some of our outdoor sessions - we have done some weaving, outdoor maths and even a bit of basic first aid. Now that the temperature is warming up, hopefully we can make the most of our outdoor area in the last few terms.

Today a few of us went to post our non-chronological reports to Paddington, so we will cross our fingers that he isn't too busy eating marmalade sandwiches to reply!

Please do try and support your children to read as much as possible over the Easter holidays as it is so important for them to build up their ability to read for a sustained period.

Next term we will be starting our exciting topic of smugglers in History, continuing our project with Global Action Plan for PSHE, drawing fantasy maps in art and studying the Highwayman (Miss Chapman's favourite poem) in English.

PE Days - As we are no longer swimming or PE days will be changing next term. We will now be doing PE on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** in Term 5.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.58 & 59 - Area

English - Write a short story about a topic of your choice. Make sure to include Setting/character descriptions with expanded noun phrases, speech punctuated with inverted commas, written in past tense, relative clauses, similes and parenthesis.

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

What a busy end to the term we have had! The children have been sewing their own (miniature) waistcoats - although it was quite tricky, most of them are pleased with what they have produced! We have also been finishing off our autobiographies about David Attenborough - perhaps you could ask your child some interesting facts about him.

Thank you for coming to watch our class assembly, we know that some of Pygmy don't enjoy speaking in front of an audience, so we were pleased that they all got involved, especially as it is their last ever class assembly of primary school!

A reminder that **SATs week will begin in term 5 on 12 May.** We will send home a leaflet with all the information on during the first week back after the Easter holidays, and we will also inform you if your child will receive any access arrangements. We will be having a mock SATs week during week 2 of term 5, where children can get used to the exam conditions.

This week's homework pages are:
Maths - p.61 Volumes of cubes and cuboids
English - p.51 Word endings - 'ably' & 'ibly'

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