



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 3 March

Whole School

Moments Matter, Attendance Counts: See below for the attendance data for last week,

Well done to Year 2- Alpine Class for the highest attendance last week.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.6	95.1	97.5	93.9	92.6	96.3	95.2

A note for your diary- there will be **NO Junk modelling Club** after school on the **5 March**.

On Thursday 6 March: World Book Day -our catering company - Aspens - will be serving a book themed menu Neverland Burger and Jack's Beanstalk Burrito- pasta and jacket potato will also be available and there will also be a chance for all those having a school meal to win a lucky ticket! As part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals offer, all children in Reception and KS1 will be offered the chance to try any of the menu, but they can also bring a packed lunch if they still wish.

Humanities Ambassadors: we have formed a new group of children who are our 'Humanities Ambassadors.' Year 1 = Jenson and Thomas, Year 2 = Sienna and Mia, Year 3 = Eirinn and Arthur, Year 4 = Oscar, Charlotte and Nolly. Year 5 = Finn and Amber, Year 6 = Izzy and Laila.

These are children who have shown a real interest in History and Geography. They will be meeting regularly with Mrs de Roock/Mr Harlow/Miss Chapman and Mr Harrison to think about our curriculum and what we do in school. Some of them have already met with the School Governors this week and they spoke about the skills you need to be an excellent Geographer. They are also very excited about planning a map skills day for the whole school in the Summer Term. Next Wednesday, they will be helping us to plant our community orchard - please can they bring in some old tracksuit bottoms and trainers?

World Book Day: Thursday 6 March. Children can come to school dressed as a book character. All information was sent home at the end of term but can be found on our website: <https://www.goatlees.kent.sch.uk/news-and-events/newsletter-from-ht>

Whole School Cricket: On **Friday 28 February** we will be welcoming a community cricket coach, to the school. He is from Kent Cricket 'Chance to Shine', a charity programme. He will be running cricket sessions for **Year R, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 every Friday for the rest of term 4.** The children in these classes will need to wear PE kit every Friday.

Elite Football Club: For those children who attend, please ensure that your child brings appropriate clothing and footwear for playing football! We will mainly be on the playground, but if the weather improves, we will start training on the grass and therefore the children can wear football boots.

Friday Football Club: Going forward this club will run every Friday, unless you are informed otherwise. Please can you inform Mr Harrison or the school office if your child is unable to attend a

session. For those children who attend, please ensure that your child brings appropriate clothing and footwear for playing football! We may mainly be on the playground, but if the weather improves, we will start training on the grass and therefore the children can wear football boots.

Message from the FoGL: There will be a meeting this Wednesday 5 March at 2.30pm to discuss the upcoming Family Easter Craft Event. We would love to see as many parents/carers/grandparents as possible. Please come to the main office where you will be directed. Any questions please speak to Mrs Pilbeam (Year 3). Thank you.

Music Lessons: Payment is now due for Term 4's music lessons. Please pay £35 via the School Shop on Arbor. Thank you.

FLO (Family Liaison Officer)

Hi! I am Bea (Mrs Martinho) your Family Liaison Officer, I am here to support you and your child and help make a connection between Goat Lees and your home. If you have any queries or concerns, no matter how big or small, even if you just need someone to talk to, I am available. I love a chat so please feel free to come and find me.

I am on the gate 1st thing and in the office during the day and end of day. The school telephone number is 01233630201 and my e-mail is flo@goatlees.kent.sch.uk



Did you know there is a **Lego Club** on a **Saturday** at Ashford Library? It is from 11.45-12.45, for 5-10 year olds during term time who are accompanied by a responsible adult.

Billy Class

It's been lovely to see the children back in Billy Class this week!

Next week in Phonics we will be embedding the digraphs and trigraphs that were covered in Term 3. These sounds are: qu, ch, sh, th, ng, nk, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, **oo**, ar, or, ur, er, ow, oi, ear and air.

We will also go over all the tricky words with the children as it is crucial that all children can read these before moving on.

Last week and at the end of last term we completed Spring 1 Phonics assessments with the children. Today you will receive a feedback form regarding this assessment as well as highlighted graphemes on a sheet that we would like to ask you to practise at home with your child.

We started our map work this week and will continue with this next week. The children will talk about what they like about the story, 'Martha maps it out,' what they think of Martha and what she might like to do when she gets older, what they like about drawing maps and draw their own simple maps.

In Maths, we will be finding 9 and 10, comparing numbers to 10, representing 9 and 10 and subitising to 10.

We have been given a wonderful opportunity to have a community cricket coach visit our school on a Friday. The children have loved their first cricket lesson this week!

We are really looking forward to World Book Day next week and seeing all the children in their costumes!

Angora Class - Year 1

Phonics this week:

- or (ur in work)
- u (oo in pudding)
- oul (oo in could)
- are (air in dare)
- au (or in author)
- aur (or in dinosaur)
- oor (or in door)
- al (or in walk)

New Tricky words: once, laugh

Reviewing Tricky words: oh, their, our

It was lovely to see everyone come back so refreshed after their break! This week we have had our photos taken, introduced our new book (The Queen's Handbag), and introduced our new Geography focus 'What is it like to live in the UK?'.

Billy, Angora and Alpine Classes have been treated to a new 'Reading Nook' book area/arch, which they absolutely love! It has already been used lots this week, with the children enjoying this calm, cosy space!

Class Assembly: our class assembly will be on **Wednesday 26 March at 10.15am** in the hall, and families are invited to come and watch! To prepare for this, the children will take home their lines on **Friday 28 February**. Please help them practise these at home lots - they do not need to learn them by heart but at least need to feel confident with what they are saying!

Week of Stories: during the week beginning **10 March**, the children can bring in a book from home every day to share with their friends. We recommend writing names in books so they can easily be returned if lost!

World Book Day activities: PE kits will **NOT** be needed next Thursday. Can we request that any costume accessories are clearly named, as we cannot guarantee they will stay close to the child! For our World Book Day focus each child will need a medium sized box (e.g. cereal, shoe).

Alpine Class - Year 2

We have had a wonderful first week back from half term, it has been great seeing how much the children have remembered, and we have so enjoyed seeing all their half-term home-learning! What a variety of wonderful pieces of work! Over half term we have been treated to a lovely new reading arch which the children are enjoying!

In our spellings this week we have been focussing on words starting with the /wr/ digraph, and we have started looking at the book 'Flotsam' in our English. This book is unusual because it has no words at all, so we have had to infer from the pictures what is happening. This has opened so many fantastic discussions and we have really been unlocking our imagination! Ask your child the meaning of flotsam and jetsam! In maths we are working on our 2x tables and using our knowledge to help us with halving and doubling.

We had our class photo taken this week and the children all look very smart, don't forget to scan the form that came home, to have a look at the photo!

PE: We are very lucky to have secured a cricket coach to come and work with us this term, which will mean that **PE is now on Tuesdays and Fridays** for this term so please come in PE kits on those days.

World Book Day: PE kits will **NOT** be needed next Thursday. Can we request that any costume accessories are clearly named, as we cannot guarantee they will stay close to the child! For our World Book Day focus each child will need a medium sized box (e.g. cereal, shoe)

Kinder Class - Year 3

We in Kinder class hope you all have had a lovely half term. It has been great to see all the children and they have worked hard this week. We have started our mountain topic and read our new English book the 'Last Tree'

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p. 10

English - p. 58

We have set Geography homework based on our new topic of 'Mountains'. This will be due in on the **31 March**.

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

It has been great to see all the children back and they've worked hard this week tackling new topics and units of work.

We have started a new story for our English this week - 'Spy Fox'. Ask your child about the story - it isn't a text, we've been luckily enough to study short, animated film this term. The children had Mrs Cooper teaching their PE and Science lesson this week, and that will continue this term, as I'll be teaching History in Year 6! Mrs Cooper is a fantastic scientist and gymnast, so they'll be having a great afternoon with her!

This term we have an exciting opportunity to have a community cricket coach visit our school on a Friday, for the whole of term 4, so we'll be taking the opportunity to make the most of this and will be taught cricket instead of netball and basketball.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p. 65

English - p. 32 + 33

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.

Pygora Class - Year 5

This week, we have started our new English book, 'A Crow's Tale' as well as looking at South America in Geography. We also have some other interesting topics coming up including looping and remixing in Music and continuing our work on forces in science.

This evening, your child should bring home a photo permission letter for a project we will be participating in over Term 3 and 4. We have been selected to take part in an exciting opportunity, delivered by environmental charity Global Action Plan, called 'Transform Our World'. This is an initiative running in Kent schools, to help young people act on issues they care about and is funded by the **#iwill Fund**. More information on what is involved will be on the letter and attached permission slip.

We have a bit of a change in plan with our PE lessons this term, as we have an exciting opportunity to have a community cricket coach visit our school on a Friday, for the whole of term 4, to teach the class cricket. We will therefore be changing our **Wednesday PE day to a Friday**, so the children will now need to wear **school uniform on Wednesdays and PE kit on a Friday**. Swimming will continue as normal on Tuesdays.

Our sleepover has nearly arrived! Hopefully the children are getting excited ready for **next Friday**. Here are a few important reminders:

- The children should be collected at the end of the school day as normal and arrive back at school between **5:00 and 5:15pm**.
- They can wear non-uniform but please make sure this is still appropriate for a range of activities.
- They need to be collected on **Saturday at 9:00am**.
- If your child needs any type of medication in the evening or overnight, please complete a medical form from the office and hand these back to Miss Chapman as soon as possible (so far, I have not had any forms which were due back on the last day of Term 3). Please then hand any medication to Miss Chapman on the morning of the sleepover in a named bag.
- No snacks, food or electronic devices will be allowed.
- The children will be able to sleep on the PE mats if they do not have their own sleeping mat (no blow-up mattresses).
- If your child is not staying overnight, please let me know on drop off, arrangements for when you would like to collect or for us to phone you.

If you have any other questions, please do come and speak to me at collection. I have been busy planning all our activities and I'm sure we will have an amazing time!

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.38 & 39 - Writing decimals as fractions.

English - p.13 - Relative pronouns.

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

It has been great to see all the children back and raring to go this week!

We have started a new book for our English this week - 'Varmints'. Ask your child about the story - there is even a short film about it online. The children also enjoyed their new History topic about World War II, which was made even more fun as Mr. Harlow came along to teach it! This topic is his speciality, and he will be teaching History to the class for the rest of the term.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.28 (& 29 if you want a challenge!) Fractions, decimals and percentages

English - p.38 & 39 Sentence practice

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.