

Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 29 April

Whole School

Waste not want not project: Thank you to the people who visited our 'Waste not want not' project outside Year 6 this week. It was great to see the fruit going to a good home rather than being thrown away. Don't forget it is open for donations (before school) and collection (after school) on Mondays and Fridays.

After School Clubs: Please remember to sign up for After School Clubs on Arbor by noon on Wednesday 1 May. If you are finding that you cannot add your child to a particular club, it may now be full. However, if you are having any problems, Mrs de Roeck is available at the end of school today to assist you. You will find her by the Year 6 classroom. Thank you for bearing with us while we set this up.

Competition Winner: We want to say well done to Dylan in Year 1 for his winning bug hotel design, which is now on display at the Ashford Outlet and was officially opened on Thursday. Do have a look if you visit as it looks fantastic.

Sports for Champions UK: We are very lucky to have a special visitor coming to Goat Lees on **Tuesday 21 May.** Pierre Henry-Fontaine, who was a former team GB basketball player, will be coming in to do a fitness circuit and special talk to the children about his career. Please return all sponsorship forms and money (cash only or donate through the link below) to Mrs Pilbeam by **Monday 20 May.** https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/goat-lees-primary-school

Billy Class - Reception

Phonics next week: CCVCC words such as 'stamp'

Tricky words: were here little says

We are learning to tell the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' using Makaton! Ask your child to show you if they can! 😊

Trip: On **Wednesday 1 May** we will be visiting Godinton House to explore the gardens and the house itself. We will leave school soon after morning registration and will return before lunchtime. The children will be travelling by school minibus. We will bring water and snacks with us from school. Please wear suitable footwear such as trainers and PE kit and bring a waterproof and warm coat.

Please make sure all guided reading books are returned to school by **Tuesday** every week.

Angora Class - Year 1

Phonics: ue (as in rescue and blue), ew (as in chew and few), u-e (as in rude and cute), aw (as in claw).

Tricky words: today, their, people, your any

Angora had a fabulous day dressing up as their favourite Fairytale character! There was such a range of outfits and some very creative ones too! Well done to everyone.

Class assembly: Don't forget Angora's class assembly on **Wednesday 8 May** at **10.15am**, which will last for approximately 20 minutes. The children took home their words on **Thursday 25 April** to practise - please let us know if you need another copy or if it didn't get as far as home! We look forward to seeing you all there.

Alpine Class - Year 2

Thank you to our Year 2 families for your amazing home reading and the excellent home learning that we have seen from the children in Weeks 1 and 2. This extra practice will make such a difference to your child's progress and give you a chance to find out what they have been learning as well.

Reading Books: Year 2 children will come home with a new Guided Reading book which they have been practising in their groups. Please can these be returned by **Tuesday** so that we can re-sort these for their next group.

Home Learning: Home Learning is due on Monday so please make sure that your child brings this in to earn Table Points and House Points for their hard work.

Godinton House Bees Day - Monday 10 June

Next Term, on **Monday 10 June**, we will be visiting Godinton House to learn about plants and bees, and how they help our world to survive. We also be trying some different types of honey and learning how bees make this. The children are encouraged to wear a **bee-themed costume** to celebrate these amazing insects. This could just be a yellow-and-black outfit or a full costume if you wish. This should be a really exciting day, with lots of Science learning and opportunities to produce some fantastic work as well.

Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been another busy but great week in Kinder class.

Trip: Thursday 2 May - On the morning of our trip, please arrive promptly at 8am, enter through the main playground gates and bring the children straight to the main classroom door. Please do not forget packed lunches, waterproof coats (the weather is forecast to be raining but may change) and water bottles.

Just a reminder to keep up the times tables practice and reading at home as it all helps!

Home learning: Each child has been set home learning based on this term's history topic of the Romans. House Points will be available for completing these tasks and we will present what the children have done on **Friday 24 May**.

During Maths this term we will be looking at time so any opportunity you can find to help your child practice this important skill would be greatly appreciated! It really does make such a difference and we can never cover it all at school.

Please remember our PE days are now Monday and Friday

Cashmere Class - Year 4

Please remember our PE days are now **Monday** and **Tuesday** (Tuesday being our swimming lesson). Please send your child into school in their PE kits on those days. On Tuesday's please don't send in large hoodies, dressing gowns, or towelling robes for after swimming. As the weather is warmer, these aren't necessary and just takes up space in their bag making it difficult to carry and pack.

Please try to ensure that your child is reading a minimum of 4 days a week and that they bring in their signed reading records on **Friday**. If they have a shorter stage book, they will need to read their book twice before changing it to ensure they have a good understanding of the text and the language used within it. If your child is taking a stage book home, please ensure they are reading this book as this is the level we have assessed them as working at, so it will greatly benefit them to consolidate on their reading skill before tackling more challenging books. They also need to bring these books in so we can change them.

Please help your children access Spelling Shed as they should be playing **5 games** on it a week or writing their spellings out and bringing them in on **Friday**.

Any support you can give your children with their times tables would be beneficial.

Pygora Class - Year 5

Thank you to everyone who came to our class assembly, and for helping the children to learn their lines. They did a great job and enjoyed learning about South America.

Some of the children have been asking for the recipe for Brigadeiros so I have included this below if you would like to have a go at making them at home.

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon of butter (14g)
- 395g tin of condensed milk
- ¹/₄ cup cocoa powder (30g)
- Chocolate sprinkles to coat

Instructions:

- In a pot over low heat, melt the butter, condensed milk and cocoa powder, stirring continuously (or it will burn) until it has thickened, and you can see the bottom of the pot for 2-3 seconds when dragging a spatula through.
- Pour onto a greased plate, then chill for a minimum of 1 hour.
- Shape and roll the chilled mixture into small balls with your hands.
- Roll the balls in chocolate sprinkles to coat.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.58 & 59 - Area English - p.94 & 95 - Homophones

5 games each of Spelling Shed and TTRS.

The children should also be reading a <u>minimum</u> of 3 times a week, however I would now be expecting most of them be reading more than this, for at least 15-20 minutes at a time.

Pygmy Class - Year 6

The children have worked hard during the mock test papers they completed this week. Hopefully the children now feel ready to take on their SATs in May, as they know how the process works, and what is involved. Just two more weeks to go!

Please remember that you can make payments for the residential via Arbor. Payments need to be made by Friday 10 May.

Some of the secondary schools have started to contact us and will be coming in to school over the next two terms to meet with your children.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.84 & 85 Line Graphs English - p.84 & 85 Word endings - 'ably' and 'ibly'

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