



## Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 13 May

### Whole School

#### Reading Bookmarks

We are noticing an increasing trend between the children who read on a daily basis at home and their scores in reading assessments. They are consistently scoring higher than their peers who are not regularly reading. Please support your children in reading as much as possible during the week and signing their reading record to show us they have done so. This all counts towards earning stickers for their reading bookmarks and a bronze, silver or gold certificate and then their very own book when they have filled four sides of a bookmark. Thank you.

#### Times Table Workshops

For the attention of parents with children in **Year 2, 3 and 4**, there is a times tables workshop on **Friday 17 May** and **Tuesday 21 May** from 2:45-3:15. The aim of this is to help develop and support the learning of times tables for children at home and to show parents the systems and resources that we use in school to support your child's learning of this vital Maths skill. Mr Leone, Mr Harrison and Mr Harlow cannot wait to see you there!

#### Menu change

We will be switching the menu around next Thursday/Friday as Aspens are running a promotion and children having school meals may win a prize with a lucky sticker. Therefore, on **Thursday 16 May** we will be serving **Fish Fingers/Cheesy leek fingers and chips** and on **Friday** it will be **sausage rolls/mac and cheese**. The usual pasta and jacket potato options are still available.

#### Attendance

**This week's attendance is 94.4%**

Both Year 2 and Year 5 have the top attendance percentage this week at **96.7%**, well done Alpine and Pygora Classes.

**Non uniform day for The Friends of Goat Lees**

**This will take place on Friday 17 May.** Children and staff are invited to come into school in non-uniform in exchange for a tombola prize for the summer Fair in June. Do support us and make sure your children are wearing clothes that are still suitable for a school environment.

### School Trips

As you may be aware, several classes have trips over the next few weeks. In the past, we have used coaches for the bigger outings that are going further afield but the costs have increased. As a result, we are now using our minibus much more as well as borrowing one from Phoenix Primary School. Of course, we still must cover these costs so we will be asking for voluntary contributions for visits outside Ashford. We will inform you if this is the case.

### Billy Class - Reception

Next week we will be reading words ending in **ing** such as zooming, waiting, singing, **ed** such as in bumped and **es** such as in plumpest.

New tricky words: out today

Please provide your child with a sunhat during the warmer weather. Please also apply suncream before school and we can apply again at lunchtime, weather permitting.

### Angora Class - Year 1

**Phonics:** i as in tiger, a as in paper, ow as in snow, u as in unicorn (yoo sound)

**Tricky words:** two eye thought through friend

We had the most tremendous week! Angora had a super Wednesday, doing a fabulous **class assembly** all about the UK - so many staff have commented on their singing and public speaking skills! We then had a **wonderful walk to Sandycres** to investigate trees. We looked at the leaves to identify them (a huge thank you to our wildlife expert Mrs Paggett for her help with this!), measured the girth with string to compare their sizes, and did some bark rubbings. Mrs Pilbeam challenged us to see how many children we could fit around the girth of a tree - we managed 11!

On Friday we created some **windmill structures** as part of our DT. It was fiddly but everyone seemed proud with what they made! There will be photos of some of the examples on the school Facebook page.

We have finished reading **George's Marvellous Medicine** in our story time this week, which the children absolutely loved. The Year 1 team take no responsibility for any marvellous medicines made at home!! We have voted to read **The Magic Finger** next!

**Reading books:** Thank you to everyone who is returning their reading book on time. It really helps as Miss Gore can then help other children with their learning, rather than having to chase up books. Lots of adults have commented on how well the children's reading is progressing, so a huge well done to them!

Remember that you can also read other books at home once you have finished your Phonics book!

### Alpine Class - Year 2

Well done for another week of great home reading, home learning and superb work in Alpine Class this week!

**Reading books:** Please remember to return your child's Guided Reading book by **Tuesday at the latest** so that we can sort these for new groups in Year 1, 2 and Reception Class.

**Home Learning:** Home learning is due on **Monday** this week. This is a great opportunity to find out what skills and knowledge your child has been learning in school and a chance to work with them as well. Please make sure they bring it in on **Monday** to earn their House Points and Table Points.

#### Kinder Class - Year 3

Well done year 3 for another fantastic week. We have worked hard and had lots of fun.

There is a times tables workshop on **Friday 17 May** and **Tuesday 21 May** from 2:45-3:15pm. The aim of this is to help develop and support the learning of children whilst at home and to show parents the systems and resources the school is using.

Please could your child bring in any cardboard boxes that you have at home for **Friday 17 May**. Thank you.

Congratulations to all the children who have completed their bronze, silver or gold certificates in reading this year. There is still time for your child to complete their bookmark. Please don't forget the importance of reading at home with your child.

**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.

Please remember our PE days are now **Monday** and **Friday**

#### Cashmere Class - Year 4

Swimming **Tuesday** - Please remember to bring all your swimming gear with you.

The letter about our class trip to the Natural History Museum in London went out on **Wednesday 8 May**, please return the slip as soon as possible and make all payments through Arbor.

There is a times tables workshop on **Friday 17 May** and **Tuesday 21 May** from 2:45-3:15. The aim of this is to help develop and support the learning of children at home and to show parents the systems and resources the school is using.

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 skills before tackling more challenging books. They also need to bring these books in so we can change them. We've had a few more children gaining their certificates for reading this week so well done to those children! We're very proud of you for your achievements.

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

I hope everyone had a great bank holiday weekend and all the children are refreshed ready for the last two weeks of term!

**Monday 13 May**- In the afternoon we will be doing an activity outside to start off our English work of writing a diary entry of a smuggler. Please (for this day only) could the children wear suitable shoes for running around outdoors.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.68 & 69 - Angle rules

English - p.22 - Subordinating conjunctions

5 games each of Spelling Shed and TTRS.

The children should also be reading a minimum 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 week we have been preparing for is finally here - SATs week! The timetable will be as follows:

**Monday 13 May:** Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling papers

**Tuesday 14 May:** Reading paper

**Wednesday 15 May:** Maths paper 1 (arithmetic) & Maths paper 2 (reasoning)

**Thursday 16 May:** Maths paper 3 (reasoning)

Please ensure that your child is in promptly on these days, so that we can start the tests as soon as possible. To help prepare, encourage your child to get a good night's sleep, and eat a good breakfast each day - they will need the energy to get through the week! We know that they have all been working hard in the run up to SATs, and we will make sure they are rewarded at the end of the week. We want to wish all the children good luck - we know that they will do their best.

A letter has been sent home with regards to two trips at the end of term 5: one to Mallydams on **Tuesday 21 May** and a river study on **Wednesday 22 May**. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible.

Your child should also have given you the medical form for the residential. Please return this to Mrs de Roeck ASAP. We will send out a clothing list before half term so you can get prepared. Please don't buy anything new though as they will be getting dirty!

This week's homework:

There is none except plenty of rest ready for the week ahead!