



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 18 December 2023

Whole School

Office Cover - Message from the Headteacher

As most of you will be aware, we have been experiencing some staff absence and I have taken up residency in the office this week! Thank you for your patience, particularly if there has been any delay in responding to enquiries and thank you to all those staff who have covered admin duties. Mrs de Roeck has done an admirable job in sorting out tickets for the KS1 & KS2 performances, for which we are very grateful.

Moving forward, there are a few things that could support the workload in the office:

- Please try to get the children to school on time as they miss learning, disturb the class and delay the completion of the class register when they are late
- Children should be collected at 3:15pm when school finishes unless there is a specific reason for them leaving school early, this should be an exception rather than a regular occurrence
- Your child can hand any general letters or reply slips to the class teacher rather than the adult needing to walk all the way round to the school office
- Please keep the school informed if your child is absent, thank you to all those who left messages on the school absence line this week, it really did help. You can also email the office email account if this is easier: office@goatlees.kent.sch.uk
- Do check the school website for key information including dates and recent bulletins as these often provide the information you are looking for

Thank you for support in this matter as there is a great deal of work that takes place behind the scenes to keep everything running as smoothly as possible.

Ms Adams

Big Cat Little Wandle Reading Books - PLEASE can all Big Cat Little Wandle reading books be returned to your class teacher ASAP and by the last day of term. We are missing a huge number of these and will be forced to charge for replacements if they are not returned. Thank you.

Online Safety: Please take a look at the attached parent information leaflets regarding online safety

Sports Coaching: Please see attached flyer regarding external cricket coaching which may be of interest to families

Eaglewick House Non-uniform Day - Congratulations to all children in Eaglewick who have won the house point competition this term. If you are in Eaglewick you are invited to come to school in non-school uniform on Monday. Well done!

Billy Class - Reception

Parents are invited to attend our Christmas performance which will take place at on **Tuesday 14 December at 2:00pm**. Tickets for this are not required as it is only our class performing.

Please try and practice the sounds we have learned this term as much as you can and enjoy some stories together. Have a fabulous Christmas! 😊

Angora Class - Year 1

Phonics this week: we have been reviewing graphemes/sounds learned so far



Tricky words: we have been reviewing tricky words learned so far

Home learning this week: will be words to practise reading and decoding over Christmas, as well as the tricky words that we have been learning. Please practise reading and spelling the decodable and tricky words over Christmas - little and often is the best way!

Thank you for all your contributions to the **Class Christmas Party**, we had the most spectacular time! The children have enjoyed lots of Christmassy treats this week, from watching KS2's performance on Monday, to the Christmas lunch on Wednesday, a panto on Thursday, and watching Billy Class's Nativity and the Christmas party on Friday... they should sleep well this weekend!

Little Wandle Reading Books should be returned on **Monday** so that we can sort these, ready for groups in Term 3. Returning books means that we have a full pack that can be used for another group, so every single book counts! Well done to everyone who has worked so hard with their reading this term, we have noticed massive progress!

We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and New Year, and that your celebrations will be magical and memorable.

Alpine Class - Year 2

Thank you to all our families for your contributions to the Class Christmas Party.

Home Learning is due on **Monday**, so please send in or bring your models, photos or posters about flying machines from History and then we can share these together and even put them on display for the school to see!

If you have any old party invites at home, please could your child bring these in for us to use in our English lessons next term.

Please return your **Guided Reading books** on **Monday** so that we can sort these, ready for new groups in Term 3. We will make sure that you have a new reading book from our school library for the holidays if you need one.

Well done again for all your hard work and amazing ideas over the past two terms! We hope you have a magical Christmas and we will see you in 2024!

Kinder Class - Year 3

Well done to all the children for their amazing singing and acting in the production this week. We are very proud of them all.

Thank you for those who have contributed to our class party.

Next week we are having a DT Day on **Monday**. Please could the children bring in any spare cardboard from home.

Please try to ensure that your child is reading over the holiday period. 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.

Cashmere Class - Year 4

The children have been working really hard this term, and as a reward, there will be no homework over the holidays but please do keep up with timetables practice.



Please try to ensure that your child is reading over the holiday period as well. 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.

Pygora Class - Year 5

Thank you to all the parents who have helped the children learn lines for our production, they all did an amazing job and should be very proud of themselves! As they have worked so hard on this, there will not be any homework over the holidays, though please do ensure they continue with their reading.

On the last day of term, we may watch a Christmas film along with our activities - this will be a PG or U, please come and speak to me if you have any queries.

Next term, Pygora Class will be starting our swimming sessions more information will follow in the first week back.

Wednesday January 3 - Please remember to send your children to school in their PE kits on the first day of Term 3, thank you.

Pygmy Class - Year 6

The children have been working really hard this term, and so as a reward, there will be no homework over the holidays. Please make sure your child keeps reading over the holidays so we can fill in more bookmarks.

On Monday morning, the children will be watching 'The Punctuation Show Ho Ho!' on a livestream. Do ask your children what they have learned from it.

The children have been busy creating a video to send to their pen pals in UAE. We would like to include some pictures of the children taking part in their Christmas traditions at home - if you are able to send in a photo, please email them to epaggett@goatlees.kent.sch.uk.

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It has been a pleasure to teach your children in 2023. They have really impressed us with their hard work and constantly showing our school values - especially with all the areas of responsibility they have around school. We hope you all have a lovely holiday and we'll see you in 2024!