

Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 25 March

Whole School

Last day of term is Thursday 28 March at the usual time - Term 5 begins on Monday 15 April.

Easter Fair - Monday 25 March

Don't forget the Friends of Goat Lees are holding this event after school 3.30pm to 5.00pm. Posters around school provide more information.

Non Uniform Day - Wednesday 27 March - Whistlewolf House

Congratulations to Whistlewolf House who have won the House Points Competition for Term 3 and 4 with an amazing 2,826 points! That's 2,826 moments of amazing effort in their learning and showing our school values too. As a special treat to congratulate them, all children in Whistlewolf can wear their own clothes, if they want to, on **Wednesday 27 March**.

Scene in a Box

A further reminder that we are inviting children to participate in the Easter competition and this year it is for a Spring or Easter themed scene in a box - usually shoe box size but any box is acceptable. Children can decorate these and bring them into school on **Wednesday 27 March** for judging. We look forward to seeing what they come up with and don't forget to include their name.

School Menu change - Thursday 28 March

Please note the change of meal choice on this day. The option will be the usual Friday choice of Fish Fingers or Veggie fingers and a selection of Easter treats as this is the last day of term.

Breakfast Club

Those using Breakfast Club please REGISTER your child and book them in for the sessions they need to attend as we are now taking the daily attendance on Arbor. This must be done, even if you are exempt from making payments. Any payments that are being made will be deducted automatically

according to the daily attendance, so booking in advance is essential. If you now find you do not need to use this facility, please let us know as other children may wish to attend and spaces on some days are very limited.

Free School Meal Vouchers

For those families in receipt of Free School Meals, your supermarket vouchers for the Easter Holiday (£20 per child) will be sent out early next week. Please download promptly!

Billy Class - Reception

In Phonics we will be recapping the sounds we have learned in Reception this year as well as the tricky words.

Remember to wear PE kit on Wednesday.

In DT we will be making hanging Easter decorations. The children will need ribbon for this so they are welcome to bring in any ribbon from home that they would like to use.

Angora Class - Year 1

Phonics this week:

Ch - c (as in Christmas) and sh (as in chef)

Ze - z (as in breeze)

A - ai (as in acorn) ar (as in father) or (as in ball) o (as in swap)

Revisiting tricky words: laugh because our eye once thought

Reading books: Please return the Little Wandle reading books on **Tuesdays, even if they are not finished.** We are still having to chase up lots of books every week and this takes time away from helping the children's learning. Children can get a house point when their books are returned on time. Thank you for your help with this.

This week we have used our end of unit Science tasks to teach Billy class about their bodies and shared our own versions of 'The Queen's Handbag' with Kinder class. The children were so confident with sharing their work and they have become so knowledgeable about animals and human bodies as well as landmarks in the UK!

Book swap: It was great to see so many people at book swap this week. This is a great way to get new books and the children were so pleased with their finds!

The Big Plastic Count: Thank you to everyone who submitted their results. We have generated our class footprint which shows that Angora threw away 397 pieces of plastic, which on average would work out as 20,644 pieces a year! This data will help persuade the government to make positive changes to plastic production.

Alpine Class - Year 2

Thank you to all of our parents for your support and coming to see our lovely Seaside Holidays Assembly. We were so impressed by the children's lovely reading in front of so many people!

Reading books: Please remember to return reading books by **Tuesday** so that we can re-sort the book packs for our next groups. Each time your child reads with you, if you can log this in their reading journal, we will add to their bookmarks to earn House Points and other prizes.

Home Learning: Home Learning is due in on **Monday**, so please ensure that your child brings their homework book in on that day, to earn their House Points and Table Points. The next Home Learning task will include some Easter-themed English and Maths for the Holiday and there will be lots of House Points and Table Points on offer for completing this.

Don't forget that your child can also access **Spelling Shed** and **Numbots** to practise their spellings and Maths skills online, using a computer, tablet or phone.

Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been another brilliant week in Kinder class. The children have worked very hard and we have all been very impressed

This term we will be doing a times table test twice a week, once on a **Wednesday** and once on a **Friday**.

Maths and English homework has been set for this week.

Also, this term our geography topic is 'What is it like and where can I go to climb a mountain?' On **Monday** we set home learning based on the topic. It will be due on **Monday 25 March**. House points and Rocks points will be awarded for those who have completed their homework.

Sadly, we still have not seen some of children's reading records. Please could you ensure that you read *at least twice a week* with your child and sign their reading records. Any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to ask.

Please can we ensure that the children *do not* bring in any toys or playing cards to avoid them be lost or damaged, thank you for your support with this.

Cashmere Class - Year 4

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 <u>Thursday</u>. 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 reading a shorter stage book and they finish it over the holidays, please encourage them to read other books you have at home and log it in their reading record so we can continue to monitor and reward their efforts!

Don't forget, our class assembly is on Wednesday 27 March at 10:15.

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

Next term we will be starting our swimming sessions at Ashford school on **Tuesday 16 April**. Please remember to send them in with appropriate swimming gear (costume/shorts, towel, goggles) and loose fitting but warm clothing (PE kit) is good for when they get out of the pool.

Pygora Class - Year 5

Well done to all the children for completing their swimming lessons, they have all improved so much from when they started and gained confidence in the water.

The children have been learning all about South America this term, so do ask them to tell you about what they have learnt.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - P56 &57 - Perimeter English - P88 & 89 - words with 'ough'

5 games each of Spelling Shed and TTRS.

Pygmy Class - Year 6

The children should have brought home a letter this week from the NFER about trialling KS2 maths assessment materials. These trials will take place on **Thursday 18 April**. If you have any questions about these trials, please do not hesitate to contact us.

This week, we will be sending home a revision pack for the Easter holidays, which will include SATs papers for the children to complete. Please encourage your child to complete them ready to go through in the first week back.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.30 & 31 Progress test 1 English - p.51 Hyphens

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