



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 15 April

Whole School

We want to wish everyone a very happy holiday and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 15 April 2024.

The E-bulletin has been going for a term and feedback has been positive. We try to keep whole school information brief and then parents/carers can go directly to the section for the relevant class. This is always scheduled for the last day on the school week, so it is easy to find the information. Don't forget, all the key term dates for this academic year and 2024-2025 are on the school website and the class pages will be added to during the Easter break - thanks to Mrs de Roeck!

Holiday activities: We know there are a variety of activities over the holiday and have attached those that have been shared with us in case they are of interest to families.

On **Saturday 6 April** and **Sunday 7 April**, Ashford Town Centre will be the hub of all things model railway when AIMREC run their Ashford Festival of Railway Modelling. The weekend will feature a model railway exhibition, a photographic exhibition, museum open days and plenty of children's activities. Follow the link for further information: [EVENTS \(aimrec.co.uk\)](https://aimrec.co.uk)

School Meals: Please be informed that the cost for school meals will be rising by 10p per meal to £2.60 per day from the start of Term 5. We work closely with our caterers, Aspens, to provide meals at a reasonable rate and this is still very competitive, but this increase is necessary to cover rising costs. Can we also remind parents/carers that meals must be paid for in advance on Arbor, as the company has a no debt policy, and meals should not be served if they have not been paid for. As we do not want to see a child go hungry, we agree to follow up on meal payments ourselves, but this adds unnecessary extra work for the school admin staff. Your support in this matter is much appreciated.

Arbor: Well done as we are now at an amazing 96% of families who are registered and have the app. If you need help to register, do ask at the school office as we will be very happy to support you. It is essential that everyone registers, or you may lose out on messages and opportunities for clubs.

Breakfast Club: Thank you to everyone who is now using Arbor and has booked their places in advance. We will be moving to taking the register on the iPad from Term 5 and all places must be booked via Arbor or the children will not appear on the register. Do speak to the school office if you need any support.

Ashford Libraries Easter holiday activities: There are lots of free fun activities at Ashford Library this holiday! Please see the school Facebook page or contact Ashford library for more details (ashfordlibrary@kent.gov.uk).

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. We would love it if every child could be sponsored to take part in the fitness circuit, as Sports for Champions have kindly agreed to giving us 60% of all sponsorship. Please follow the link below to donate or if you would prefer to bring in cash sponsorship, please speak to Mrs Pilbeam for a form. <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/goat-lees-primary-school>

Billy Class - Reception

Well done to all the children in Billy Class for another fantastic term! We are so proud of all of you and the progress you are making in so many ways, particularly in Phonics this term! Keep up with the reading, phoneme recognition and tricky words over the holidays!

Phonics first week of Term 5: reading CVCC words such as **went help tent wind**

Tricky words: said so have like

We shall be sending home an Easter home learning activity sheet today with some really nice activities for you to do with your child over the holidays.

Have a brilliant Easter holiday! We hope the Easter bunny brings you lots of yummy treats and we look forward to seeing you for the Summer term! 😊

Angora Class - Year 1

A huge well done to everyone for this term - the children have worked really hard and learned lots, so they deserve a good rest and hopefully some sunshine over the holidays!

Phonics this week: This term we will start reviewing the learning we have done this year. We will also practise the tricky words that we have learned.

Easter/Spring scene: We had some fantastic Easter/Spring scenes in a box. Well done to everyone who made one!

Reading books: A massive thank you for ensuring that reading books are returned on time. In the last week of term we had 27 back on time! Don't forget to keep reading and recording **each day** that your child reads at home - lots of opportunities to earn stickers over the holidays!

Class assembly: Angora's class assembly will be on **Wednesday 8 May**.

Easter home learning: Please practise your phonics lots over the holidays. Each child will have some Easter activities they can do. Don't forget to go outside to play as well - make the most of the sun when it comes!

Alpine Class - Year 2

Well done for all your amazing work, reading practise and maths work at home this term. The holidays have arrived so quickly and it is time for a well-earned rest, but also a chance to keep up some good practice at home as well!

Reading Books: Your child will be sent home with some stage books to read over the holiday and a library book too. This is a great chance to listen to them read and to read with your child as well. If they continue to practise over the two-week holiday, this will help them when they return to lessons in April.

Home Learning: Each child has been given two homework sheets to complete: some Easter-themed maths questions and a diary to write in during their holidays. There are lots of table points and House Points available for completing these tasks and it will help your child's learning and development to do a small amount of work each day. We cannot wait to read their entries and find out how everyone's holidays went!

Have a great holiday everybody and please don't forget to enjoy the sunshine and warmer weather as springtime finally sets in.

Kinder Class - Year 3

A massive well done to everyone for all their hard work this term. We have worked really hard and done lots excellent of excellent work.

Reading Books: Your child will be sent home with some stage books to read over the holiday. This is a great chance to listen to them read and to read with your child as well. If they continue to practise over the two-week holiday, this will help them when they return to lessons in April.

Have a wonderful Easter break. Enjoy your time with your families and hopefully the warmer weather and the sunshine.

Cashmere Class - Year 4

We've had a brilliant term and completed so much amazing work! Well done for the class assembly, you did so well with it.

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.

Easter homework:

The homework that needs to be completed over this term is as much times tables practice as possible and to ensure the children are reading daily. We really want to see lots of stickers for the reading bookmarks being handed out when we return. There is a competition set for TTRS to see who collects the most coins and gets the most correct answers over the break: prizes will be given out next term, good luck!

Have a lovely Easter break, and we hope the children come back ready to tackle our next unit of work - there's lots of work still to complete but so many exciting rewards and opportunities along the way as well. Do try and get outside and enjoy the weather and fresh air over the break!

Pygora Class - Year 5

Well done to Pygora Class for all your great work this term - I was especially impressed with the children's poetry books based on 'The crow's tale' which all look brilliant on our display and which they all enjoyed reading to Billy class.

Our swimming lessons are now finished, and we will be going back to our normal PE lessons which will be on **Monday** and **Wednesday** next term. They will therefore need to wear their PE kits on the first day back.

Easter homework:

Over the Easter holidays, please make sure the children are reading as much as possible and are starting to read for longer periods of time. They should read on a minimum of 7 days, but I will be giving out raffle tickets for any children who read every day and I will check their reading records on the first day back.

Have a fabulous break - I hope everyone has an enjoyable two weeks in which you can get out and enjoy (crossed fingers) some lovely sunshine and fresh air!

Pygmy Class - Year 6

We've had another busy term for Year 6, and we cannot believe how quickly the time is flying!

The trialling of maths assessment materials will take place on **Thursday 18 April**. The children will sit three maths tests (one arithmetic and two reasoning) in the morning and will be asked questions on what they think about the papers.

A reminder that SATs week begins on **Monday 13 May**. More information about what to expect will be sent home at the beginning of term 5.

Easter homework:

The children have been sent home with a pack of past papers to work on over the holiday. Please do encourage your child to complete these, as they will be useful revision tools. We will go through the answers as a class when they come back.

Have a restful Easter break, and we hope the children come back refreshed and ready to learn - we have a lot to do, but we will be rewarded with lots of exciting activities in the final term!