



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 26 February

Whole School

Parent Governors:

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Francesca Dunn and Mrs Louise Emmerich as our new parent governors. Mrs Melanie Fuller will continue to support the governing board as she has now been co-opted as a member. We look forward to welcoming our new governors to the next Full Governing Board meeting in March.

Parking:

This is a reminder that there is NO PARKING available for parents/carers on the school site. In the morning, parents can drive through and use the drop off facility as the exit gate is open. This closes at 08:50am, when the school day starts. The disabled bays are available for blue badge holders at pick up and drop off times. During the school day, these spaces may be used by external visitors as we have no capacity to provide visitor spaces.

Punctuality:

If children are late for school, this does cause additional work as they must be registered by the office, logged in separately for their meal choices and it is disruptive for the class who start their learning at 8:50am. Of course, we do understand that some children are occasionally late for school for various reasons, but this should be an exception and not a regular occurrence. Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.

Arbor:

We are delighted that **85%** of parents have logged in to the new Arbor app! If you haven't yet discovered this, please make sure you log in at [Goat Lees Primary School \(arborsc\)](https://goatlees.kent.sch.uk/arborsc) Bookings for next month's Parent Consultation meetings are now open on the app and this is the only way to book so please make sure you log in to avoid missing out!

If you would like to meet with Miss Crockford, SENCO at the same time as your consultation please email SENCO@goatlees.kent.sch.uk giving her full details of your appointment.

Breakfast Club can be booked and paid for via the app but attendance is currently being manually reconciled so please bear with us while we finalise this process.

Class Assemblies: Please make a note of the dates of class assemblies which will be happening soon:

Year 6: Tuesday 5 March 2024

Year 2: Wednesday 20 March 2024

Year 4: Wednesday 27 March 2024

Year 5: Wednesday 24 April 2024

Year 1: Wednesday 8 May 2024

Year R: Wednesday 22 May 2024

Year 3: Wednesday 12 June 2024

Elite Football Club:

If your child attends Elite Football club after school on a **Tuesday**, please could they bring in football boots from next week as they will start to play on grass. Thank you.

Request for Magazines:

If anyone has any old magazines at home that they would be happy to donate, Pygora would appreciate them to use as part of our art lessons later this term. Please drop these off to Miss Chapman in Year 5, thank you.

Billy Class - Reception

Next week in Phonics we will be recapping: **er air**

We will also recap these tricky words: **and, full, push**

Please can all children ensure they wear the correct PE kit to school each Wednesday? This includes sensible shoes for sports such as plimsolls or trainers.

Angora Class - Year 1

Phonics this week:

- oo spelled u (as in push) and oul (as in could)
- ur spelled or (as in worm)
- or spelled au (as in as astronaut), aur (as in dinosaur), oor (as in floor) and al (as in walk).

Tricky words: once laugh

Our question for this term is 'What is it like to live in the UK?' We are very excited as this links to our tables which are named after the capital cities!

Reading books: Please ensure reading books are returned every **Tuesday (including any copied books)**. We are still having to chase some up every week and this takes time that could be used in better ways!

Alpine Class - Year 2

What an amazing week it has been. We have been so impressed by the children's Flotsam homework this week.

Please remember that there will be a new homework task on **Monday**, due for the next **Monday** and we give the children House Points and Table Points to encourage them to complete this. This little bit of extra learning each week adds up to huge amount for the year.

Reading books: Please remember to return reading books by **Tuesday** so that we have enough time to sort these books for their next groups. This should allow four nights of home reading before they need to be returned.

Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been a good start to the term. The children have worked very hard, and it is lovely to see everyone back.

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 will 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.

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 **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.

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**. We really are seeing a big increase in spellings score amongst those children who are practising regularly each week.

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

Pygora Class - Year 5

Welcome back to everyone in term 4, it has been great to hear about how much some of the children have been reading and what they have done in the holiday.

Thank you to those parents that have already signed up for Parents' Evening on Arbor - slots are now available to book.

Thank you for remembering to send the children in with their swimming gear this week. The children are all doing well with their swimming and have made great progress from the start of their lessons.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - Converting fractions to decimals sheet (this will be sent home with the children today)

English - p.40 & 41 - Commas in lists

5 games each of Spelling Shed and TTRS.

Pygmy Class - Year 6

Welcome back to term 4 - we hope you all had a restful half term holiday and it is good to see all the children back and ready to learn!

Thank you to those parents that have already signed up for Parents' Evening on Arbor - please note that although you can only sign up for Mrs L Cooper, both Mrs de Roeck and Mrs Cooper will be there on the two evenings.

We are very excited to be the first class to have their class assembly - the children will be busy practising next week, so please help them to learn any lines at home where necessary.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.27 Rounding decimals

English - p.14 Clauses

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