



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 3 June

Whole School

Staff Development Days: Please note that school will be **CLOSED** to pupils tomorrow, **Friday 24 May**, and **Monday 3 June** for staff development. We will see you all back at school on **Tuesday 4 June**.

Attendance: Congratulations to Angora class Year 1 who achieved 99% attendance this week closely followed by Pygora Year 5 in second place with 96% attendance. Well done!

RSE in term 6 - information about RSE lessons has been emailed out to all parents this week. Do take some time to check over the documents, as it is important that you are informed about what we teach in school.

Visitors: The school enjoyed a visit from Pierre Henry-Fontaine on Tuesday where he talked about his career in basketball, showed us some skills and led class fitness circuits. Thank you to everyone for taking part and to those who were able to be sponsored to take part in the fitness circuit. Some of the money raised will come back to the school to go towards new equipment. You all made us very proud and Pierre said he would like to visit again as he was so impressed by all the children.

Competition Winners: Many congratulations to Year 5 and Miss Chapman for winning the Disney cruise competition, there has been a buzz of excitement all around school and we are so happy for you all to have such an amazing experience!

Billy Class - Reception

Well done to all of the children in Billy Class this term! You have had a busy term filled with lots of learning and fun. A huge congratulations for an amazing class assembly, it was lovely to see lots of parents too!

In Phonics during the first week of Term 6 we will be reading words containing long vowel sounds.

We will be practising the tricky words: **we be me he she of says then where what one**

Our focus for the first week is an RE theme of 'Which places are special and why?' We will talk about which places are special to us and special places for Christians and Muslims.

In Maths we will be learning about odd & even as well as doubling.

Angora Class - Year 1

Phonics Screening Check: During week commencing **June 10**, Year 1 children will undertake the Phonics Screening Check, which is a government check, testing children's decoding and blending skills. Mrs Pronger and Miss Caddy will do the tests with the children and it will feel very informal for them - it will just feel like another phonics practise! You will be informed of your child's score with their end of year report. Please speak to Miss Caddy if you have any questions.

Seaside photos: Next term we will be learning about the seaside, using photos of us at the seaside as our starter. We have lots of great photos already! Please could each child send in a picture of themselves at the seaside (if they have one), either printed out or email to the office by the end of **Tuesday 4 June**.

After half term we will be looking forward to a trip to the seaside on **Thursday 27 June** - more details to follow soon!

Remember to keep up the reading over half term - lots of opportunities to earn stickers for every day read!!

Have a super holiday - bring on the sunshine!

Alpine Class - Year 2

Well done for an amazingly creative, hardworking and exciting Term 5, Alpine Class. Thank you for all of your support with your child's home learning and home reading as well.

Reading Books: Your child will have their Guided Reading book, a stage book and a longer Library book to read over the holiday. Please return these books in Week 1 and make sure that any reading is recorded in your child's Reading Journal so that we can keep track of their important home reading.

Home Learning: This half-term, we are encouraging your child to make a **poster** about, **research-file** on, or **model** of a **castle** as we begin our castles-theme in History next term. Please bring these in, early in Week 1, so that we can give your child House Points and Table Points and also share their learning with their classmates. Your child can also complete spellings activities on **Spelling Shed** and use **Numbots** or **TTRockstars** to practise their Maths skills.

Bees Day Monday 10 June: In Week 2, next term, we will be visiting Godinton House to learn about bees and other pollinating insects and how they help plants to pollinate and all of us to survive. We are encouraging all pupils to dress up as bees for the day. They can either dress up in yellow, black or come in a full bee costume if you wish. The children just need to arrive at normal school time and we will return from Godinton House for lunch time, before trying different types of honey in the afternoon! We can't wait to share this exciting day with the class!

Kinder Class - Year 3

A massive well done to the whole of Kinder class for another excellent term.

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. Please use the holidays to read plenty and continue to fill in your bookmarks.

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.

Over the holidays, please do plenty of timetables practice.

Have a wonderful half term, enjoy your time with your families and hopefully the warmer weather.

Cashmere Class - Year 4

We are swimming the first week back to school so please ensure the children have their swimming gear for **Tuesday 4 June**.

Please return any slips for the trip to The Natural History Museum by **Wednesday 5 June**, as we must finalise groups and our paperwork before the trip, which is on **Monday 10 June**, please see the letter that was sent out for all your information about this day.

We have our Multiplication Tables Check in the second week back to school so please help your child practice these as much as possible to give them the best chance to achieve the score they deserve. We will **not** be having swimming on **Tuesday 18 June** as it is School Games Day in the morning and early afternoon.

Pygora Class - Year 5

What can I say this week other than - We Won! It still hasn't quite sunk in yet! Thank you all for managing to keep it a secret from the children as well as myself - I do apologise to any of you who I asked about the filming, you did a believable job as I didn't suspect it at all. Thank you as well to those of you who gave me the flowers, ears and chocolates - I didn't expect anything but that was very thoughtful. Now we can all look forward to setting sail in August!

Your homework for this half term holiday will be to read as much as possible - and maybe doing a bit of researching about our cruise.

In term 6, we are taking part in an art project based at Godinton House. Your child should bring home a letter about this today. Please note, there is also a permission slip for photographs and filming - this needs to be returned to school before our first visit on **Thursday 20 June**. The dates for the year 5 sessions are:

Thursday 20 June - Whole class all day so the children will need a packed lunch from home or school.

Wednesday 26 June - Half the class in the morning and the other half in the afternoon. We will be in school for lunch.

Pygmy Class - Year 6

What a busy week!! We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Mallydams on Tuesday. We explored the woods hunting for hedgehog clues and learned a lot about the skulls of animals - we even got to look up close

at some real skulls! We also had fun visiting the River Stour on Wednesday, where we recapped lots of our Geography topic, and we had all had a go at pond dipping.

We have sent home scripts for the Year 6 production - Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back! Please encourage your child to start learning their lines over the holidays. It is amazing how quickly time goes in term 6 with residential and transition events, which leaves little time for rehearsing - the more children can learn at home, the better! This will be the only homework we are setting at the moment alongside regular reading of course!

In term 6, we are taking part in an art project based at Godinton House. Your child should have brought home a letter about this. Please note, there is also a permission slip for photographs and filming - this needs to be returned to school before our first visit on **Thursday 6 June**. The dates for the year 6 sessions are:

Thursday 6 June - half the class in the morning and the other half in the afternoon. We will be in school for lunch.

Tuesday 9 July - the whole class all day so the children will need a packed lunch from home or school.