



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 17 June

Whole School

Attendance: Evidence shows that children who have low attendance, particularly below 90%, tend to do less well in school. Please support us and your children by making sure they are in school whenever possible.

Well done to Pygmy class with the highest attendance of 96% this week.

RSPCA - Thank you to everyone who either bought chocolate lollipops or made a purchase from the Year 5 stall at the Summer Fair - in total we raised **£527** for the RSPCA who were kind enough to provide our residential earlier in the year free of charge.

Online Safety Briefing - Mr Leone will be hosting an online safety briefing for parents and families on Thursday 20 June at 2:45 to 3:15 (after which you can collect your child for normal home time) and again on Monday 24 June at 5:15 to 5:45. This will be a great chance for you to find out some important tips to keep your child safe online, to find out about the effects of screen time and to ask any questions you might have about apps, games or websites. Working together, we can make sure that our children are as safe as possible online, and make sure that they know what to do if they ever encounter problems online. We can't wait to see you there!

Free bike rides and workshops for adults: CycleCircle are running a number of cycling sessions for adults during July. This includes gentle rides (suitable for beginners and returning cyclists) to help you discover safe routes in and beyond Ashford. There are also a couple of Learn-to-Fix your bike workshops and some free bike fixing (Dr Bike) sessions. The next Affordable Refurbished Bicycle sale is on **Saturday 6 July**. This is open to the whole school community. Great value, refurbished bikes in all sizes. Please have a look at the link below <https://cyclecircle.co.uk/cyclefix/>

School Games Day is on Tuesday next week. It will be held at Sandy Acres and will commence at **10:00am**. Please refrain from taking your child away from their class during the day as we must carefully monitor all children who are there and ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment for the day.

Cricket Club: Year 5 and 6 children are invited to join our new Cricket Club which will run after school, until 4:15pm on Wednesday afternoons. Two ECB coaches and Mr Leone will help your child to develop their confidence, understanding and skills of this fantastic sport. Sign-up is available via Arbor until the morning of the first club night.

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Billy Class - Reception

Next week we will be reading words ending in -s where the s makes either the s sound (like sports) or z sound (like crowds) at the end of the word. We will also be reading words ending in -es such as dresses.

We will recap these tricky words: put pull full push here little says my by like some come love do

It is our School Games Day on **Tuesday 18 June**. This takes place at Sandy Acres and starts at 10am. We will be walking there with our Year 6 Billy buddies. The children will have their lunch on the field in their classes. All children will need a packed lunch, either from home or school. Please make sure all children are wearing their PE kit.

Thank you to all the parents that have paid for our class trip to the Rare Breeds Centre on **Friday 5 July**. Please make sure all payments are made by **Friday 21 June** through Arbor.

Angora Class - Year 1

The children have worked hard at their Phonics Screening this week, there were some unusual words in there! Results will be published to parents later on in the term when they are released.

Phonics: apologies, the phonics last week was an error, it is this week's phonics!

ph (as in phone)

ch (c as in Christmas sh as in chef)

wr (as in wrist)

ear (ur as in learn)

Schwa words (words where a vowel makes an 'uh' sound, e.g. celebrate, crocodile, difficult).

Tricky words reviewing could, would, should, who, whole, where, because, eye, people, laugh, many, any, friend, through

Cats' Protection: On Wednesday we had a visit from Juliette at Cats' Protection who taught us about how to look after cats and recognising when they are happy or annoyed. The children enjoyed asking questions and sharing their own cat shenanigans!

Reading: We have even more bronze certificates coming through, and some children are now on their silver! Remember to record **every day** that your child reads with you, as we give 1 sticker per day.

Folkestone Beach Trip: Please return your slips indicating your lunch choice and pay the £3.00 voluntary contribution online by **Monday 24 June**. Ssh! - we have a deal with Sandy's Fish and Chip shop for some ice lollies but it will be a surprise for the children. While the £3.00 contribution is voluntary, if we haven't received enough funds, we may have to cancel. If your letter hasn't made it home, please let us know asap!

Missing uniform: Please keep a look out any cardigans and jumpers (named) that are not yours, and a blue lightweight waterproof coat (also named).

Alpine Class - Year 2

The Alpine Class children impressed everyone at Godinton House with their knowledge and enthusiasm for bees and plants on Monday, during their Bees Day experience there. Thank you for your support, making sure that they all wore fantastic costumes and outfits to celebrate these tiny animals that make such a difference to our planet!

SRE Learning: Next week, we will begin our SRE learning in our PSHCE lessons, where we will be discussing female and male body parts with animals and human beings, using the scientific names for these. An email was sent to all parents about this last term but if you have any questions or concerns about this learning, please speak to Mr Leone who will be happy to explain.

Reading Books: Please make sure that your child returns their reading books by **Tuesday** so that we can reorganise these for the next group. Also, when your child reads with you at home, please log this in their Home Reading Journal so that we can give them their hard-earned table points and bookmark stickers to reward them for their efforts (and yours!).

Home Learning: Home learning sheets are due on **Monday** so please make sure that your child completes their sheet by then and we can give them Table Points and House Points to congratulate them. It is also a great opportunity to see what English and Maths your child has been learning in recent weeks.

If you need a new Reading Journal or Homework Book, please let us know and we will happily find a new one for you.

Led by the Wild Trip: Friday 28 June

On Friday 28 June, Alpine Class will be visiting the Led By The Wild nature reserve near Aldington, where we will experience pond-dipping, bug-hunting and an amazing forest-school space there. We will be leaving and returning within normal time, but the children will need packed lunches. There will be a letter about this next week so that we can make sure that they all have a packed lunch to take on the trip. We can't wait to visit as this was a great trip with Year 2, last year.

Kinder Class - Year 3

Well done Kinder class for a wonderful class assembly. Every child read their line brilliantly and we are all really proud of you.

Homework: English and maths homework pages have been set for this week and are due on **Friday 21 June**. Any questions regarding any home learning please come and ask

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 remaining weeks of term to read as often as possible 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 practise this important skill would be greatly appreciated! It really does make such a difference.

Over the next few weeks, please do plenty of times-tables and spelling practice to support your child in upcoming spelling and times tables tests.

Cashmere Class - Year 4

As it is School Games Day next **Tuesday**, there is no swimming on that day. Please do not send your child in with any swimming equipment. They will need a hat, in case it's warm, and plenty to drink.

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. If your child is taking a stage book home, please ensure they are reading this book as this is the level we have assessed them as working at, so it will greatly benefit them to consolidate on their reading skills before tackling more challenging books. They also need to bring these books in so we can change them. We've had a few more children gaining their certificates for reading this week so well done to those children! We're very proud of you for your achievements.

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**.

Pygora Class - Year 5

We enjoyed our talks this week with Cats Protection and on Road safety, so do ask your children what they learnt.

Thursday 20 June - We will be visiting Godinton house for the first of our day trips, to take part in an art project. The children will need to take a packed lunch, if you would like your child to have a school packed lunch, please let me know before Tuesday 18 June. We will be travelling by a coach provided by Godinton House and will be leaving just after 9am so please make sure the children are prompt to school.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.6 - Counting back through zero.

English - p.33, 34 & 35 - Standard and non-standard English.

5 games each of Spelling Shed and TTRS.

Reading: The children should also be reading a minimum of 3 times a week, however I would now be expecting most of them to be reading more than this, for at least 15-20 minutes at a time.

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Pygmy Class - Year 6

We enjoyed our talks this week with Cats Protection and on Road safety, so do ask your children what they learnt.

Production rehearsals are continuing at a steady place - please make sure your children are really working hard to learn their lines at home, as it makes everything go much more smoothly in school! This is their only homework - along with reading.

Fiver Challenge: The children have been coming up with some exciting ideas, and are now ready to start making their products. Some have expressed an interest in bringing in items that they may

already have at home to help with their creations - this is fine as long as you are happy that they can do so.

Wednesday 19 June to Friday 21 June - Residential.

We are very excited that it is finally here! Here are several things to remember:

- Children come in at normal school time on Wednesday and leave school at the usual time on Friday, wearing non-uniform
- No lunch will be required for that day as Kingswood are providing food - however they may want to bring a morning snack just for the Wednesday
- The children can bring up to £5 spending money - please make sure this is in a labelled envelope and handed to Mrs Cooper on Wednesday morning
- Any medication must be clearly labelled and given to Mrs de Roeck on Wednesday morning
- As our luggage will be taken by our school minibus over to Kingswood in the morning, children will not have access to anything they have packed until after lunch when they get to their rooms. Therefore, we suggest that the children also bring a small backpack that has things they might need for the morning (water bottle, sunhat, raincoat etc.). They can then keep this with them
- Do keep an eye on the weather forecast - it seems to be quite changeable lately, so make sure they are covered for any wet, hot and/or cold weather; it is highly likely we will see all weather types during the trip!
- Children can bring a snack or two with them for the evening when they are in their dormitory. Please don't send them with too much, as they are offered very filling meals, and we will bring along a few snacks for the children to have during the day
- Children can bring a small game, book etc. for the evening - but please no electronic devices (which includes mobile phones!)

We know that the children will have an amazing time, and we look forward to telling you all about it on our return.

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