



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 1 July

Whole School

Attendance: Well done to Angora class Year 1 who achieved **98.3% attendance** this week.

School Meals: A reminder to Year 2 Parents/Carers that you will be required to pay for school meals when your child moves into Year 3 in September. Please contact the School Office if you feel you may qualify for means-tested Free School Meals. If any other parent feels they may now be entitled as their circumstance have changed, do let us know.

Transition Day: Next **Wednesday** is 'Whole School Transition Day.' Your child will be spending the day in their new classrooms with their new teachers.

Free bike rides and workshops for adults in Ashford during July

Ashford Cycle Circle 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.

Summer Reading Challenge: This year's Summer Reading Challenge for children, Marvellous Makers, is nearly here! The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all primary school aged children and is designed for all reading abilities. Children have from **Saturday 6 July to Saturday 7 September** to earn their free medal and certificate at any of our libraries in Kent, including at any of our mobile library stops.

They can also choose to join in with the online Challenge, setting their own reading targets via the Marvellous Makers website. <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Last day of term: Please note our last day of term is **Friday 19 July** with an early finish at **2pm**.

Billy Class - Reception

Next week in Phonics we will be reading and writing words ending in -er and -est.

Tricky words: to into all are they one out today

We will be looking at artwork by the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo this week. He was a painter best known for creating imaginative portraits made entirely of objects such as fruits and vegetables. The children will create their own pieces of art in the style of this artist. In line with our fruit theme, we will also make fruit kebabs and write the recipe together.

In Maths, we will be consolidating what we have learned so far this term when counting, doubling, looking at odds and evens and number patterns.

On **Wednesday**, it is our whole school transition day. This means that the current Billy Class will get to spend the day with their new Year One teacher. Please drop them off and collect as usual.

On **Friday**, we have our trip to The Rare Breeds Centre. Please make sure that all children wear sunscreen, a sunhat, sensible shoes for walking and bring a waterproof jacket and lunch if they have not ordered a school one already.

Angora Class - Year 1

Phonics: reviewing aw (as in claw), a (o as in want), ea (e as in head), ou and oe (oa as in shoulder and goes)

We had the most amazing time at Folkestone beach, and the children were brilliant! We saw lots of different seaside features, walked along the harbour, threw stones in the sea, had a rocket lolly, played in the sand, and even talked to the fishermen to ask what they were catching! Look on the school Facebook page for photos!

This week we will be looking at the work of Yayoi Kusama in art - prepare for lots of dotty pictures!

Reading books: Just a reminder that this week (wb **Monday 1 July**) is the last week that we will send home reading and library books. After this week any school books at home should be returned as soon as possible so we can tick them all off! Thank you to everyone who has brought back their books on time this year, it has really helped!

Missing clothes: We still have missing jumpers and coats. Please check that your child is bringing home their own jumper, as at this time of year there are jumpers everywhere but on the children! We do try to check at the end of the day, but you may already have one lurking somewhere at home.

Transition Day: On **Wednesday** the children will spend a day in Year 2 with their new teacher. They will have an amazing time, but it is a change so please speak to us if you have any concerns about how your child will manage with the changes. We do pass on information to the next teacher so that the new year can start as smoothly as possible, so please be reassured that anything important will be communicated.

Alpine Class - Year 2

Well done Alpine Class for another amazing week, packed with learning, exercise and great memories. You have made us all so proud yet again!

Reading Books: The Year 2 children will have their final set of Guided Reading books this week, so please return any, and all school reading books that you have at home, next week, so that we can sort these into the correct places and groups. This will mean that your child and other children can benefit from a great selection of books next year, in Year 3! Don't forget to sign their reading journal so that they can earn their table points and stickers for their bookmarks.

Home Learning: Home learning is due on **Monday**, so please remind your child to bring this in so that they can earn their table points and house points. There will be one final piece of homework this week, due in on **Monday 8 July** and then we will offer the children some Summer Holiday home learning tasks to complete, to help them prepare for Year 3.

Transition Day: On **Wednesday** your child will meet their new teacher and spend a day in their new classroom with their new TAs as well. This is a very exciting day and a great chance for your child to settle in and get to know their new teacher. They have already begun meeting some of the class and I know that they cannot wait to get to know them even better this week!

Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been another excellent week in Kinder class. The children have worked very hard even in the hot weather.

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. It really does make a difference as they did a fabulous job in the recent Multiplication Table Check (MTC) and we are very proud of them for making such an effort. It really will help their maths in years to come.

Cashmere Class - Year 4

We had a great time at Godinton House this week, doing some science and artwork whilst there. The children were so well-behaved and polite to our host!

As swimming is now finished for the year, we will go back to having our PE days on **Monday and Fridays**. Please ensure they are in suitable clothing on those days.

Transition Day is on **Wednesday**, so the children will be in Year 5 for the day having an amazing time!

We will be collecting all reading books by next **Friday** so please ensure all reading books from home are **back in school by Friday 5 July**

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 have now completed all our trips for this term! The children have had a fantastic time on all of them: They enjoyed digging through compost to see what minibeasts they could find, we learnt all about how paper is made at the paper mill, and they had a go at sublimation printing in our art workshops at Godinton house. I have been really impressed with all of them as they have behaved brilliantly, been so polite and asked lots of questions! Hopefully, I will soon get some information from Godinton House about when you will be able to go and visit to see their sculpture trail, which includes a sculpture with the art that the children created!

Wednesday 3 July will be transition day, where the children will go to year 6 for the day. I'm sure they will have great fun and I know some of them are already looking forward to finding out more about having a Billy buddy next year!

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.62 & 63 - Solving time and measurement problems.

English - p.60 & 61 - Apostrophe practice.

Well done to all the children who are still reading consistently, do keep this up as there is still time for them to complete sides of their bookmarks.

Pygmy Class - Year 6

We hope that all the children were able to recover over the weekend from a busy residential - we all had an absolutely amazing time, and the children surpassed all expectation with the challenges that they faced. They were also very supportive, encouraging each other to try and push themselves out of their comfort zone. Hopefully they have told you all about their time away and have taken away lots of wonderful memories.

Next week, most of the children will be out on their transition events to secondary school. All of the schools are holding them on different days, so if you are unsure as to when your child should be attending, please check with their new school directly.

We are still busy preparing for the production at the end of the year. A letter will be sent home regarding tickets when they have returned from their transition days. They should have already brought home a letter regarding costumes, if you're not sure about this, please contact us. Apologies in advance if they start dancing round the house to the songs they've learnt as we are also starting to learn a few dances - wish us luck!