



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 16 July

Whole School

TIME OF THE SCHOOL DAY IS CHANGING

From September 2024, all schools must meet the requirements for the number of hours and minutes in school. We are therefore required to extend the school day by 5 minutes and will be finishing at 3.20pm. Please make the necessary arrangements if you need to notify transport or childcare providers. This will not impact the After School Club as the children will still be escorted over to the Community Hall by staff at the usual time of 3.30pm.

Attendance: Our top attending class for this week is Pygmy Class with 98.3%, with Angora Class coming a close second with 97.2%. Well done to both classes as they were well above the school average for the week at 94%.

Tuesday 16 July - Friends of Goat Lees Meeting 2.30pm - 3.00pm in the School Hall

Anyone who is interested in being part of a team to support fundraising in the school, do come along. FoGL does an amazing job and as the current committee step down, they are keen to plan for succession and need your support. If you are interested in finding out more and are willing to help, even in a small way, we would appreciate any time that people can give.

Friday 19 July - Goatfest: Our end of term festival is back! The theme this year is 'colour'. The children can come in dressed in non-uniform with bright colours for the day. There will be lots of activities in the morning, including a talent show, gymnastics area, quiz room and mocktails! We will finish the event with the annual 'Staff vs Year 6' football match. ***Don't forget that school finishes at 2pm on the final day.***

Fiver Challenge: Year 6 want to say a huge thank you to our wonderful Goat Lees community for supporting their Fiver Challenge Market. It was a great success, and some children couldn't believe

how quickly they sold out! The children managed to make a whopping **£260** profit - they just now need to decide collectively what to spend it on!

There is no after school Football Club on **Friday 19 July**.

FSM Supermarket Vouchers: Supermarket vouchers for the summer holiday to the total of £100 per child will be sent to those families in receipt of means-tested FSM before the end of term. Please could we remind parents to check their e-voucher account as any outstanding vouchers issued up to March this year will expire at the end of July.

School Meals: Due to every-increasing costs incurred by Aspens, our catering contractor, from **1 September** the price of a school meal will increase by 20p to **£2.80**. We have compared our school meal costs to other schools and the price rise is generally in line with other schools in the area.

Please remember children going into Year 3 in September will now have to pay for school meals unless they are eligible and in receipt of Free School Meals. **Please see attached our exciting menu for the last day of term on Friday 19 July!**

Billy Class - Reception

We are nearly at the end of Billy Class' first year of school! All the children have done such an amazing job in so many ways and all of us are so proud of everything they have achieved. They have made brilliant progress in their learning, particularly Phonics this year. It has been a joy to watch them develop over the past year, they are a wonderful group of children and we will miss them very much. We wish all of them lots of luck for Year 1 in September.

Next week we will revise the Phonics we have covered this year including all of the phonemes and tricky words. We will be writing cards to our Year Six buddies who have been fantastic with our Billy Class children this year. We will also revise what we have learned about numbers this year.

Please can all children bring in a named carrier bag so that they can take home their work from the year by **Wednesday 17 July**.

On **Friday 19 July** we have our Goatfest! There will be lots of fun activities for all the children in the school to get involved with!

Please wear PE kit on **Wednesday 17 July**.

On **Thursday 18 July**, Billy Class children can bring in their favourite toy or game to play with for the day!

Angora Class - Year 1

We can't believe it's at this point already. The time really does fly by and when we look at the children now it seems amazing to think of the progress that they have all made. Firstly, a massive well done to them for all their hard work and learning this year. They have stepped up to new challenges and it has been delightful to see them coming out of their shells and flourish. Secondly, a huge thank you to all the families and family friends who have been so supportive with helping the children with their learning at home - it really has made a big difference to them. It has been a year full of fun and new experiences and we hope that the children will look back on these with fond memories - we know we will!

Next week:

- We will have PE on **Tuesday** as normal, so please remember to wear PE kits.
- Please return Phonics books and library books if you have any left (unfortunately we will have to charge for books not returned).
- We will be having a Class Party on **Thursday** afternoon. Children should come in their normal clothes, but we might be providing a few extra nibbles!
- Remember Goatfest on **Friday** and early collection at **2.00pm**.

Please send the children into school with a carrier bag/large bag to take home their books from this year on **Wednesday 17 July**.

We would also like to take the opportunity to say a fond farewell to Miss Mallon who, after being a great member of the Goat Lees team, is moving on to pastures new in September. We wish her all the best!

Finally the Year 1 Team have had the most tremendous year with our children and we will miss them terribly - but they will have the best time in Year 2, and Mr Leone is really looking forward to it! We hope you all have a fantastic Summer and the children have a well earned break.

Alpine Class - Year 2

Well done for an amazing year, Alpine Class! As many of you saw on Monday at the Class Exhibition, the children have worked very hard throughout the year and produced some amazing work, progressing really well in so many areas! They certainly deserve a good rest this Summer!

Please send in a plastic bag or bag-for-life with your child's name on by **Wednesday 17 July** so that we can put their books and worksheets in these to bring home. Many of their books will be staying in school to take up to Year 3.

On **Thursday**, children can bring in a toy of their choice from home as we will be enjoying some child-led play activities as well as some ice creams in the afternoon!

There will be a final **Home Learning Challenge Sheet** which the children will bring home on Monday 15 July, including different academic and extra-curricular activities for your child to have a go at, at home this Summer. These challenges will be relevant to their learning in Year 3. These should help them to prepare for their first term's learning in September and will give you a great opportunity to engage in your child's learning as well.

It has been a busy and very enjoyable year in Year 2 and we know that Mr Harrison cannot wait to get started with his new class in September, now that he has had the opportunity to meet them all on Transition Day. Have a lovely summer break everyone and thank you for all of your continued support throughout the year!

Kinder Class - Year 3

Well done Kinder Class for a fantastic year! The children have worked extremely hard and have produced some incredible work, which we saw on Monday at the open afternoon.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and hard work. I really hope the children have enjoyed their time in year 3, they have been fantastic to teach, and I will miss them dearly.

I would like to wish everyone a lovely summer and I look forward to seeing everyone in September and wish them good luck going into Year 4.

Please could your child bring in a cardboard box with a lid, for example a shoe box, for **Wednesday 17 July**. Also, please could your child bring in a named carrier bag from next week so we can start to send work home.

Please don't forget the importance of reading at home with your child.

If you have any reading books at home, please return them as soon as possible.

Cashmere Class - Year 4

I'd like to say a huge thank you for all your help and support this year with the children and supporting their learning at home, it's made a huge difference to them. They've had a brilliant year and we've all been so impressed by them. The results they achieved for their Times Table Check were outstanding and we were so proud of their efforts!

We've had some amazing experiences this year and they've produced pieces of work that have blown us away with their excellence. I hope the children have enjoyed the year as much as we have, and we wish them all the best for Year 5.

Please send the children into school with a carrier bag/large bag to take home their books from this year on **Wednesday 17 July**.

We still have PE on **Monday** so do send the children into school in their PE kits please.

All reading books need to be handed back as soon as possible please.

Pygora Class - Year 5

I can't quite believe that it is the end of the year already, but Pygora class have had a great final term! They had a fantastic time on all our trips and are now looking forward to seeing what their completed sculpture at Godinton House turns out like. Thank you to everyone who came in on open afternoon to look at the children's books, it is so lovely to see how far they have come and some of the fantastic work they have produced this year. They also deserve a pat on the back as the whole class helped to set up the art exhibition in the hall.

Wednesday 17 July - Please send your child in with a suitable, labelled bag to take home any pieces of work and completed books from this year - just to note, this year we will be passing up quite a few books to Year 6 so they will not have all subjects brought home. If you have entered your child for the Kent Test, we will be keeping all their Maths and English books so these will not be sent home.

The children really have had some great experiences this year and I am still so proud of all of them for coming on our residential and helping to raise a fantastic amount of money for the RSPCA, I will share what the money has been spent on as soon as they pass this information on to me. Finally, I want to wish them all the best of luck for Year 6, I know they are looking forward to the responsibilities and having Billy buddies, and I am sure they will have a super time with Mrs de Roeck and Mrs Cooper.

Though it isn't quite goodbye for us just yet, as excitingly, we still have our Disney cruise to look forward to! So, I will see you all bright and early on 12 August for what I think has to be the best possible end to Year 5!

Pygmy Class - Year 6

We had a great day at Godinton House last week to finish our art project which looks amazing! This will be shown during their event called 'Sculpture in the Gardens' which you will be invited to attend with your child. We will let you know the details as soon as we know!

Well done for a great set of SATs results Year 6! Every child tried their very best and we couldn't be prouder of them. We'd also like to remind the child that these tests only test a very small part of what they might excel in and know that many of our children shine in many different areas too!

Fiver Challenge - wow Pygmy!! They have impressed us all with their creative skills, and we are very pleased to announce that they made a huge £260!! Thank you to all the parents that supported in various ways - the only thing left to do is to decide what to spend it on!

Next week is a busy week for Year 6!

Monday at 1:30pm, the children will be entertaining parents, carers and friends with the first of their two performances for 'Star Warts' - their final primary school production!

Tuesday their second performance will start at 6:30pm. All children need to be back at school for 6:00pm.

If you haven't already, please make sure you have sent the letter back to request tickets so we can allocate any extra tickets.

Wednesday - Leavers' BBQ and party. The children can bring some party clothes in a bag to change into after school. This will finish at 5:30pm. Children will depart/be collected from the playground.

Wednesday - Please make sure your child has a bag in school so they can bring home their books from this year.

Thursday - Leavers' assembly. Parents and carers are invited to attend the assembly at 2:00pm in the hall. Bring your tissues!

Your child will also be asking others to sign their shirts on **Thursday** so they might like to bring one in to have signed and still have one to wear. Some like to just wear the one that is being signed so it's up to them. In the past though, some have got wet or a bit sweaty at breaktimes and the ink can run which can spoil the shirt.

And it just leaves us to say how much we have loved teaching your children this year - they really are a special bunch. We couldn't have asked for a more responsible, respectful, caring and fun class - we really will miss them and our time with them has gone far too quickly! Now go for it Pygmy Class - show your new school what you are made of and remember... ONCE A GOAT ALWAYS A GOAT!