



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week Commencing Monday 16 September

Whole School

On **Thursday 26 September**, we will celebrate **European Day of Languages** with our school French Day which will be a chance for the children to try out lots of different French language lessons and learn about France's history and geography too. We will also enjoy a croque monsieur and french-fries for lunch (for school dinners) as well as the usual packed lunches, jacket potatoes and pasta dishes. Children can wear **non-school uniform** that day, if they can wear a **blue, white or red** top, to represent the French flag and to celebrate this nearby country.

Cash pot for Schools: You should have received an email this week about signing up for Asda's campaign - 'Cash pot for schools.' If you do shop at Asda, please support the school as it will not affect your personal rewards. The money raised will go towards paying for the KIC theatre workshops which all classes have had this week and thoroughly enjoyed. Although the school has always paid for this in the past, funds are very tight and we were going to ask for a contribution from parents this year however with this shopping scheme, we now don't have to!

After School Clubs: You should also have received an email about clubs this week. This has all the essential information on it: which clubs are available, when you can sign up and when they are running. Any problems, please speak to Mrs de Roeck.

Manners: Since being back at school and in the lunch hall, we have noticed a deterioration in table manners. Please support us with instilling these at home including using a knife and fork to cut our food as well as eating with our mouths closed. Thank you!

Spelling Shed: We have had some queries about Spelling Shed, just to reassure you, you all have free access via the login information supplied by your class teacher. Please access the login page via the following link: <https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/> click on 'login now' which is underneath the yellow start free trial button. Any problems please contact your class teacher.

Billy Class

The children in Billy Class have really impressed us this week when staying at school for lunch. They have been really settled in the hall, collected their food choice politely and have been able to tidy away their trays after eating- fantastic!

Next week in Phonics we will learn the phonemes: **i n m d**

The children loved PE this week! We are happy for them to wear tracksuit bottoms for this on **Wednesdays** as the weather gets colder.

Next week we will be learning about our school rules and values. Our four values are respect, responsibility, honesty and pride. We will talk about the meaning of these and will ask if the children are able to think of any examples.

In Maths, we will be learning about **matching** and **sorting**. We will be looking at the idea of finding an object to match another one, why do they match, can they find an object that doesn't match and is different? With sorting, we will be looking to see if children can sort objects into groups and identifying how they have sorted them. For example, they may choose to sort objects by size, colour or texture.

Please could all children in Billy Class have a bag of named spare clothes that they can keep in school? This is just in case of any toileting accidents or if they happen to get messy or wet when playing outside. Thank you.

There will be no clubs for Billy Class until Term 3 after Christmas as they are so tired after school at this age and need that time at home to rest.

Please can all jumpers and coats be labelled? Thanks so much! 😊

Angora Class - Year 1

Year 1 have enjoyed their first two weeks back and have done so much already! This week we enjoyed a visit from Ian from KiC theatre who took us on a Gruffalo journey, and we played with our own Gruffalo Crumble, Scrambled Snake and Owl Ice-cream. If you have not received your **Class Overview** about what we are learning this term, please let us know as we have spare copies.

Thank you to all those who attended the **Welcome to Year 1 Parents' Workshops**, we hope you found it useful. If you were unable to attend, a copy of the slides should have gone home. If you have not received one, please let us know.

Grandparents visit

This term we are exploring the era when our grandparents were children. We would like to invite any grandparents (or family friends of the same generation) who would like to come in and tell us about their homes/gadgets/hobbies/schools when they were younger from **30 September**. Please speak to one of the Year 1 team if you can help with this.

Reminder of key days/dates:

- **Year 1 Phonics Workshops:** these will be held on **Thursday 3 October** at 3.20pm and 5.15pm. More details will be sent out nearer the time.
- **PE days** are **Tuesday and Thursday**. Children need to wear the school PE kit on these days.
- **European Day of Languages - Thursday 26 September.** Non-school uniform with a red, blue or white top.
- **Home Reading:**
 - Phonics reading books - sent home on **Fridays** and returned by **Tuesday (latest)**.
 - Reading Records - to be signed for **every day** that is read to earn a bookmark sticker per day.
- **Library books** - these can be brought back whenever they are finished.
- **Home Learning:** sent home **Fridays**, returned on **Wednesdays**. Children can earn 2 house-points for doing their tasks.

Our Phonics this week:

Phonics: air, er, words in which the s sounds like z, as in visit, fairs, fizzes, and words with 2 or more digraphs (e.g. queen, singer, balloon)

Tricky words: what, when, he, she, we, me, have, love

Alpine Class - Year 2

We have been so impressed by Year 2's amazing behaviour, kindness and great ideas this week! Well done Alpine Class!

Reading books: Guided Reading books will be sent home every Friday, which will be a book that your child has been reading that week in class. Please can these be returned by the following **Tuesday** so that we can sort these into the book packs for the next group of children who need them. **Reading Records**, Library Books and Guided Reading books can be handed in, on **any day** of the week and Mrs Smal can sort book-mark stickers, new books and table points each day. This should ensure that your child always has a new book to enjoy at home every night!

Home Learning: The children will be given a new home learning task this Monday, to be completed by the following Monday. Please make sure that your child completes the home learning task each week, to help them practise their Maths and English skills *and* so that you can find out what they have been learning about in class.

Kinder Class - Year 3

Kinder really enjoyed their session with Kic Theatre this week, they really immersed themselves in the whole experience and it was lovely to see their enthusiasm.

In Year 3 we set termly homework based on our History or Geography topic. This term is History 'Why railways are important to Ashford?' This has now been set and your child hopefully brought home the sheet. Please choose a minimum of two tasks to complete from the sheet. We cannot wait to see what they make, write or do and for the children to show off their hard work later on in the term. The due date will be on the top of the sheet.

Coming home today with the children will be their new homework books. Homework will be set weekly on a Friday and be due in the following Thursday.

This week's pages are: English 46 and Maths 2.

Your child will have brought home a new stage book, please could this be read twice to check for understanding and fluency. When your child has read, please sign and date their reading record. We will change their books as often as needed to keep up their love of reading!

Spelling shed logins have been put into the front of your child's reading record, preferably we would like them to access this twice a week and we would love to see as many children in Kinder Class as possible win the Spelling Bee!

We are very much looking forward to our upcoming trip on Wednesday 18 September to Godinton House. Please remember to bring a packed lunch (unless you have ordered a school lunch) and a coat if needed. Children will need to be in school uniform.

Cashmere Class - Year 4

Well done to all the children with the effort they've put into their reading and spellings this week, we're so proud of the start they've made and hopefully it continues!

Cashmere class had a great session with Ian in KIC theatre this week, exploring our current book for English, 'The Secret of Black Rock'. They used drama to explore their emotions to finding, and being near, the rock before thinking about how the island would move in the ocean.

Please remember that our PE days are **Monday and Friday**.

Homework will be going out today so please keep an eye out for it in their bags. If your child is having difficulty with completing their homework, they are encouraged to bring in their homework book on Monday or Tuesday and speak to an adult, who will go through it with them. If not, they can attend Homework club on a Tuesday or Thursday lunchtime.

If you have any plastic water bottles, yoghurt pots (washed out please) or cardboard at home, we would love to take it off your hands to use for a geography experiment in a few weeks!

Pygora Class - Year 5

Well done Pygora class for a super second week. The children had a great drama session with Ian from KIC theatre this week, exploring our current book 'The lost thing'. They pretended to find a variety of different lost objects, then worked on how to use their bodies and facial expressions to convey what they found. We were impressed with how well they worked in teams to make larger shapes and letters, using some brilliant creativity.

A reminder that reading records will be checked every Friday and the children will earn a sticker for each day they read. When they finish their book (twice for stage books) they can change it on any day, in the morning when they first come into school.

We will be starting homework this week which will be due in on Wednesday 18th September (the following Wednesday to which it is set). This week's pages are:

Maths - P.11 - Roman numerals

English - P.4 - Nouns

5 games each of Spelling Shed and 20 minutes of TTRS. Their logins will be sent home today.

If your child is having difficulty with completing their homework, they are encouraged to bring in their homework book on Monday or Tuesday and speak to an adult, who will go through it with them.

Pygmy Class - Year 6

Pygmy class had an enjoyable session with KIC theatre this week, exploring our current book for English, 'Flood'. They used drama to look at the causes of flooding, and the impact of flooding on communities. They also learned a lot about getting along and co-operation!

The children also completed their first week of swimming, with no forgotten swimming kits! Swimming will continue every **Tuesday** for the next five weeks.

We will be holding a meeting about secondary school applications and the residential on **Tuesday 17 September** at **3.30pm**. Please do come along as there will be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about these two events. If you cannot attend, any relevant information/letters will be sent home with your child on Wednesday.

Please could you have a look at home as the year 5 reading Journal has gone missing since someone took it home last year. It has a hard black cover, and it is ring bound. Ideally, we would like it back so it can be finished with the current year 5 children and then displayed in our library. Please have a look at home!

Homework has made a return! This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p.9 Place value in very large numbers

English - p.56 & 57 Punctuating speech

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

If your child is having difficulty with completing their homework, they are encouraged to bring in their homework book on Monday or Tuesday and speak to an adult, who will go through it with them. We will also have iPads available on Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtime in the classroom with access to Spelling Shed and TTRS.