



## Weekly E-Bulletin for Week ending 16 May

### Whole School

**Moments Matter, Attendance Counts:** See below for the attendance data for this week.

Well done to **Year 6 Pygmy Class** for the highest attendance this week and they completed their SATs too! Congratulations and well done for working so hard.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.9%	95.5%	97.2%	91.6%	95%	88.1%	99.3%

**Inter-House Sports Event:** This will be held during the school day on **20 May**. Children will need to come to school in the colour of their **School House** or if they don't have that colour, their **PE kit**. They will need a **hat and some sunscreen on**, as it will be outside.

Eaglewick- Red

Nettlefire- Green

Shuffledale- Yellow

Whistlewolf- Blue

On this occasion parents are not invited as it is part of their PE, but there will be The School Games Day later in the year (June) where you will be most welcome.

**Music Lessons:** If your child has music lessons could these be paid for by the end of the term, if you haven't already done so. Many thanks

**School Meals:** As we are approaching the end of the term, could you please ensure that you have cleared your school meal debt (if you have one). Many thanks.

**The Friends of Goat Lees has a new Facebook page.** Please follow the Friends at <http://facebook.com/friendsofgoatlees> to find out about upcoming events and news.

**Dates for the diary:**

**Non-Uniform Day:** On 23 May there will be a non-uniform Day for Tombola donations for the **Summer Fayre**.

If you are having a clear out and you have some good quality games, toys, books, household items or anything that we could use for prizes, it would be much appreciated.

Some advanced notice of events leading up to the Summer Fair:

**Cake Competition:** 13 June- cakes will then be sold at the Fair

**Summer Fair :14 June 2- 4**

## FLO

Clubs are up and running- how lucky are the children to have so many to choose from! Thank you to all the staff who give up their time to run them. We know this does not happen in every school and I know the children enjoy all these extra activities.

Can we remind you again that children coming through reception to go home will not come down until 3.20 when the school day has ended. Unless there are exceptional circumstances agreed with the Headteacher.

The UK Government introduced the new hours in September 2024, and all children are required to attend school for 32.5 hours a week. In September 2024, the school day was extended to 3.20pm, to meet this expectation.

Please can you ensure that your child's uniform is named, we cannot spend time looking for it if it is not named and so much goes missing at this time of year!

The World Bee Day made our world turn yellow!! We had some amazing little bees and some great big bees. Thank you for all your efforts, it is appreciated, and our environment will benefit too.

Have a lovely weekend - be kind and smile.

## Billy Class

We had a very busy week in Billy Class! The children really enjoyed visiting a local mosque at the start of the week and seeing the call to prayer.

Next week in Phonics we will be focusing on reading CVCC words (such as champ) and CCVC words (such as drum). We will also review words that end in -es where the ending makes the -iz sound (such as fizzes).

We will review the tricky words: put pull full push my by like some come love do

We will be reading the story, 'Bugs Galore' next week with the children and will be exploring different insects.

In Maths, we will be learning about shapes. We will review shape names, use 2D shapes to make pictures and tangrams and explain shape arrangements using mathematical language such as next to, behind and in front of.

Please can all children come to school wearing a T-shirt that is their House colour on **Tuesday 20 May** for our Inter-house Sports Event with their PE kit bottoms. If they do not have one then please wear the normal PE top. Please ask one of us if you are unsure of which House your child is in. All children will need sun cream applied before school and need a sun hat.

We have been preparing for our Class assembly. Last week, words were sent home for your child to practise with an adult at home. Please make sure they know their words ready for the **class assembly on Thursday 22 May at 10:15** in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Angora Class - Year 1

This week heralded a new Queen for our History! We have loved learning about Queen Victoria and her role in the Industrial Revolution, British Empire and modern Christmas traditions. BBC Teach 'The Ultimate Victorian, Queen Victoria' on Youtube was a hit! We are also trying to learn the Monarchs' Song by Horrible Histories (Youtube)!

**Folkestone Beach Trip:** we are very excited to be going to the seaside next term! A letter went out this week, please see the Year 1 staff if you need another copy. You can pay for this trip (£3) through the Arbor app under trips. In the meantime, lots of wishful thinking for sunny weather!

**Earrings:** stud earrings only please, no hoops or 'dangly' earrings. This is to reduce risk of injury, and is highlighted in our school prospectus.

**Phonics next week:**

Ph (phone)

Wh (wheel)

ie (shield)

G (giant)

**Reviewing Tricky words:** friend, once, our, because, laugh

**Dates for the diary:**

- **20 May:** Interhouse Competition - children to wear t-shirt in their house colour (Shuffledale - yellow, Whistlewolf - blue, Nettlefire - green, Eaglewick - red).
- **23 May:** Non-uniform day for Summer Fair Tombola prizes
- **2 & 3 June:** Staff training - school closed for pupils
- **5 June:** Deadline for Folkestone trip payment (£3)

**Alpine Class - Year 2**

We have had a fun-filled week this week, making and inking relief prints, pollinating with glitter, building our Ferris wheels and buzzing around in our bee clothes for World Bee Day!

Next week will be just as packed and exciting as we head into the half term, we will have a visit from an apiarist on Tuesday to teach us more about the importance of bees, we will then use our knowledge and research to answer the question "How do we become a bee-friendly school". We will also produce our final art piece using our printing blocks, and travel around the world (virtually) to compare different climate zones!

On **Tuesday 20 May** please can all children come to school in sports kit in the colour of their house, or their school PE kit for our Inter-house Sports Event. Your children know their house colour but please ask one of us if you are unsure. All children will need **sun cream applied before school and a sun hat**.

- **23 May:** Non-uniform day for Summer Fair Tombola prizes
- **2 & 3 June:** Staff training - school closed for pupils

**Kinder Class - Year 3**

It has been another busy but good week in kinder class. The children have worked very hard in learning their lines for the class assembly.

Just as a reminder that our class assembly is on **Wednesday 21 May**. It will begin at 10:15 and end at 10:30. Please arrive at the school office for 10:10 and we will direct you to your seat.

This week's homework pages are:

Maths - p. 46

English - p. 19

For Easter there were no pages of the homework book set. However, we did set homework based on our topic for term 5 'The Romans'. This will be due on the **Monday 19 of May**. Any questions please come and ask.

On **Tuesday 20 May**, we have our first inter-house sports day, where we get to compete against each other in mini games throughout the morning. Children may wear sports kit in the colour of their house, or their school PE kit.

Please could you continue to practise times tables with your child. We are focusing on the 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 8s and 10s. Please where possible practise these on TTRS. We have started to put the children's logins in the front of their reading records. If your child is struggling to login into TTRS at home, speak to an adult in Kinder Class and we will happily assist you. There are also some great videos/songs on the internet to help with this!

PE will be on **Mondays** and **Tuesday**, so children can wear PE kit on these days. Just a reminder that children should be wearing the school PE kit, which is a purple PE top, plain dark bottoms, trainers and school jumper.

Your child will continue to bring home a stage book, please could the book be read twice through to check for understanding and fluency. When your child has read, please sign and date each day they have read in their reading record.

We will change their books as often as needed to keep up their love of reading! If your child continues to not bring in their reading record, they will have to stay in to do reading with an adult at playtime, as it is so important they read regularly.

#### Cashmere Class - Year 4

On **Tuesday 20 May**, we have our first inter-house sports day, where we get to compete against each other in mini games throughout the morning. Children may wear sports kit in the colour of their house, or their school PE kit. We will still be swimming in the afternoon so please ensure the children bring their swimming kit with them.

In **June** the children will be taking part in the multiplication tables check (MTC), which is statutory for all year 4 pupils registered at state-funded maintained schools, special schools or academies, including free schools, in England.

The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help us to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided. We ask that you help your children achieve the best score possible to reflect the effort they've put in by supporting them with their TTRS homework, which is to practice using the Soundcheck game on there.

**This week's homework pages are:**

Maths - p. 42 + 43

English - p. 22 + 23

Reading **3 days a week** minimum.

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.

#### Pygora Class - Year 5

I'd like to say well done to Pygora class for coping so well this week having to move around and do our morning lessons in the IT suite. They all performed scenes from the Highwayman as shadow puppets which looked fantastic. They have also made a great start at planning their own lessons (from the ice age and WW1 to rounding, liquid density and Romeo and Juliet) which they will finalise and teach next term!

We have our first inter-house sports day next week on **Tuesday 20 May**, where we get to compete against each other in mini games throughout the afternoon. Children may wear sports kit in the colour of their house, or their school PE kit.

**Careers talk** - we will have some visitors from various jobs coming to talk to our children about their careers on **Wednesday morning**. This should be an informative session where the children can ask lots of questions about their chosen career path.

**This week's homework pages are:**

Maths - p. 72 & 73 - Regular and Irregular polygons.

English - p. 38 - Exclamation marks.

Reading **3 days a week** minimum.

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.

### Pygmy Class - Year 6

We have finally completed the SATs tests! Well done to all of Pygmy, we know that you tried your best and that is all we can ask for. The children enjoyed doughnuts as a treat from Mr. Michael, our class link governor, and plenty of biscuit rewards too! The results will be sent out to parents at the end of term 6.

We have our first inter-house sports day next week on **Tuesday**, where we get to compete against each other in mini games throughout the afternoon. Children may wear sports kit in the colour of their house, or their school PE kit.

**Careers talk** - we will have some visitors from various jobs coming to talk to our children about their careers on **Wednesday morning**. This should be an informative session where the children can ask lots of questions about their chosen career path.

**Homework:**

There is no homework this weekend - the class can have a break after working very hard this week! Enjoy the nice weather and refresh, ready for the last week of term.