



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week ending 12 September

Whole School

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

Well done to Billy Class- Year R for the highest attendance this week.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.9%	91.2%	97.1%	98.2%	94.4%	95.6%	97.4%

Please note that any request for leave of absence during term time needs to be requested in advance. If it is an appointment or an exceptional circumstance, we may ask for evidence before it can be authorised

School Meals: On Thursday 18 September there is a special “Welcome Back” menu. Please see the attached leaflet.

House Captains: Well done to all the Year 6 children who went for a House Captain role this year, we were very impressed with the effort of their speeches. Congratulations to our new house captains:

Nettlefire - Daisy and Ollie

Eaglewick - Oscar F and Amelia

Shuffledale - Emily and Joe

Whistlewolf - Finn and Jacob

Scrap metal: We are still collecting scrap metal! We recycle this through EMR recycling found at: Cobbs Wood Industrial Estate, Brunswick Road. We collect smaller pieces of metal in school but if you have larger items such as washing machines or metal piping, please take it to EMR if you can and say the school's name. They will give you a slip which you can bring into the school office or hand to Mrs de Roeck. This money helps us to buy plants and flowers each year for our outdoor environment. Thank you to everyone who continued to collect fizzy drinks cans over the summer - we get more money for aluminium!

KIC theatre: the children had a great time with Ian from KIC theatre, learning how to use their facial expressions and body language to explore the book they are using in English this term. Do ask them what they did in these sessions as they had a great time! We hope to upload some photos on the front page of our school website shortly.

Butterfly corridor: this year Goat Lees will be working on a project to be part of the butterfly corridor in Kent. The aim is to increase the number of butterflies we see. The children will be learning about butterflies and why they are important as well as finding out how we can encourage more into our school grounds. Year 5 will be taking a lead on this project, but we hope to make this a community event where it extends beyond our school. So, if you have an area in your garden which you would like to develop into a butterfly haven or a barren piece of land where you work, we'd love to hear

from you. Please come and speak to any of the children, staff or parents in Year 5 so we can plot some additional areas around our school community.

After School Clubs: we are the process of organising the After School Clubs for Term 1 and 2 for Year 1 - 6 (Year R will begin in term 3 once they have settled into the school day.) **A letter has been emailed to you,** so you can look at the clubs on offer with your children over the weekend. You will be able to sign up for the clubs on **Sunday 14 September at 7pm** and will close on **Wednesday 17 September at 7pm:** at this stage please only choose 2 clubs so everyone gets a fair chance. Thank you to all the staff who make this happen, it is a fantastic opportunity for so many of the children. Please make sure this is a club you and your child will commit to as we do expect them to attend each week.

Clubs will then reopen on **Thursday 18 September** and we will send an email out for any clubs that have additional spaces. This will close on **Sunday 21 September at 7pm** so we can ensure we have the registers ready to start on **Monday 22 September**. Please note the clubs will run for seven weeks **but will not run week beginning 6 October due to parent consultations**. The last week of clubs will be week beginning 17 November so the staff can prepare for the Christmas events.

Football clubs: For all those children who are doing a football club (Girl's football Monday, Elite football Tuesday and the school football training Friday) please ensure your child brings trainers as well as football boots. The weather is unpredictable and we may have to use the playground if the grass is too wet.

Year 2 & KS2

There are just a few spaces left for DRUM and PIANO/KEYBOARD lessons now but if your child is very keen to learn one of these instruments please contact the school office for a form. There is still time for each child to receive 5 lessons this at a cost of £35 per term, payable on the Arbor School Shop.

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Lunch Boxes: Could we please remind you that lunch boxes should be as healthy as possible. We ask that you limit the number of sugary snacks/items and no sweets please

Breakfast Club: if you wish your child to attend Breakfast Club, you must fill in the forms, which you can get from the office, before your child can be registered to attend.

All children should be booked into the Breakfast Club- if not they may be turned away, as this is a very popular club with a limited number of spaces in order to maintain our adult to child ratio at an acceptable level.

Billy Class

The children have been fabulous eating lunch at school for the first time this week! They are following our routines, using their manners when speaking to the adults in the hall at lunchtime and tidying away their trays once they have finished. They have enjoyed their very first Phonics lessons this week and are doing a great job at remembering the sounds we have learned! It's been lovely to watch them getting to know one another, helping each other and we have lots of children that are great at tidying this year!

Next week in Phonics we will learn these sounds: **i (as in iguana), n (as in net), m (as in mouse) and d (as in duck).**

Children will begin looking at wordless books in guided reading groups next week. We start with wordless books as this allows the children to get used to handling books independently, find pictures that begin with sounds we have learned during our Phonics lessons and to predict what will happen next. The children will start to bring home these books in a few weeks, once we have established the reading sessions. The name of the guided reading book will be written inside a yellow reading record

where there is space for parents to write a comment on how they have read or explored the book at home.

Children will bring home a bookmark in their reading record. The bookmark is for your child's teacher to place a sticker on each time they read at home. The children will receive rewards.

1 full side of the bookmark complete with stickers = Bronze certificate

2 full sides of stickers = Silver certificate and 10 house points

3 full sides of stickers = Gold certificate and 15 house points

4 full sides of stickers = Platinum certificate and a choice of one brand new book from the reading cabinet.

The children have been allocated House teams. We will let you know which house your child is in so that you can celebrate with them when they receive house points and rewards!

We will visit our school library on **Thursdays**, starting from next week. The children will bring home a library book each **Thursday**, to be returned by **Tuesday** the following week.

PE is **Wednesdays only**. Children are to come to school wearing PE kit on Wednesdays.

Please can all children bring a named coat to school as the weather is very unpredictable!

Angora Class - Year 1

We have had a fabulous week! The children have started their Rainbow Challenges during their independent play time - these have special learning jobs linked to the curriculum. Children earn a Dojo for each one they complete! On Wednesday we had Ian from KiC Theatre, roleplaying the Gruffalo with us. There was much fun to be had!

Menu: our menu is currently being carried over from last term. The menu for next week is:

- Monday - all day breakfast, veggie breakfast
- Tuesday - sausage roll, veggie sausage roll
- Wednesday - roast chicken
- Thursday - chicken curry, veggie noodle stir fry
- Friday - Fish fingers, cheesy bean wrap
- Jacket potato and pasta available every day

Phonics revisit and review:

- air, er
- er
- s (z as in visit)
- words ending in -s and -es
- words with 2+ digraphs (e.g. rubbish, carpark)
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Tricky Words: revisit and review: what when he she we be me have love

P.E days are Tuesday and Thursday. Children should wear school PE kit and suitable shoes.

Water bottles: children are welcome to bring in their own water bottle to use in school. Maximum capacity of 1 litre please.

Spare clothes: we have some spare clothes in school for accidents etc - if your child is prone to toileting accidents and/or getting dirty, please provide some clothes in a named bag that can be kept in school.

Wellies: children are welcome to bring in a pair of named wellies to keep in school for wet days.

Alpine Class - Year 2

What a fun week we've had! We loved having Ian in from KIC Theatre and did a wonderful job of imagining our own houses and how we use each room, to start us off with this term's book 'In Every House on Every Street'.

We are really enjoying our handwriting sessions, with our dough disco and big movements to get our arms and fingers nice and strong, followed by focussing on our letter formation, ready to start joining our letters this year! We started our science this week, discussing living, dead, and non-living, and the children did brilliantly in our first geography session, focussing on compass points and placing Ashford within the UK!

In phonics we have recapped all our grow the code graphemes for the phonemes /ai/, /ee/, /igh/ and /oa/. Our tricky words to practise this week are **people, eye, whole**.

Next week will be a particularly exciting week as we kick off our eco-project with a visit from a beekeeper and 3,000 of her best bees, safely within an observation hive. She will come in on Tuesday afternoon to chat with us and show us the bees and will bring some honey tasters with her for us to try. If you have any concerns regarding this visit, please let us know on Monday.

We will also be off out on our first trip to Godinton House on Thursday. We will take a coach at 9:15 to spend the morning bee-spotting and following a bee-trail around the gardens, before heading back to school for lunch.

Homework was sent home on Tuesday, bonus points to all those who have returned it already! Please return it on **Monday** if you haven't already so it can be marked and punched ready to take home again on Tuesday. Reading books will also be coming home today, please remember to read and return these by **Tuesday** so they can be put into sets again for next week's groups.

Well done year 2 for remembering to wear your PE kits on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**.

Please remember to start sending in coats with your child even when the morning is sunny as the weather has been so changeable lately, we sometimes need sunscreen and waterproofs all in the same day!

Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been a great week in Kinder class. The children have worked hard and have produced excellent work. They also had a brilliant KIC theatre session with Ian about our book 'The Journey'. They showed some brilliant acting skills and worked together in groups.

Our PE days are **Monday and Friday** so please ensure your child is sent in with appropriate school PE kit on those days.

We have provided your child with a reading record and a band book. Please can you ensure that you read this book at least twice a week and bring in the reading record for Friday. In Kinder class we collect who has read the most and the top five children are put on the super readers board in our classroom and will win a prize at the end of each term. We also use the bookmarks and are looking for as many children as possible to earn certificates for their reading

Also, each week I will set a Maths and English activity. These activities will come from our brand-new homework books! Each week pages will be given for you to answer. Please answer the pages that have been set. The pages will be marked and returned to your child on the following Friday.

Here are this week pages:

English- Page: 6

Maths- Page: 1

Water: This year in Kinder class we are taking part in an ECO project about saving water. We are trying to save as much water as possible throughout the school. We have been collecting any spare water in water butts, so that we don't waste any. Therefore, please could you ensure your child brings in a small water bottle (1 lit max), so we don't have too much wasted water and avoid any large spills.

Cashmere Class - Year 4

We've had a great week in Cashmere Class. We had a great session with Ian from KIC theatre where the children explored our text 'The Secret of Black Rock'. They really got into it and showed great effort in exploring the text in a different way.

Our PE days are **Monday and Tuesday** so please ensure your child is sent in with appropriate school PE kit on those days.

Spellings will be set on Spelling Shed and the children are expected to play a **minimum of 5 games a week** to receive their reward for this so please help them access the site.

Reading books have been sent home this week, thank you to everyone who started to read those, just to remind you, we expect to see children reading a **minimum of 3 times a week**. However, if they read more often that is fantastic, until the reading records arrive you can either write us a note, or the children can tell us when they've been reading. This will help them achieve their reading certificates over the year as well as improve their reading ability.

Pygora Class - Year 5

We have had a very busy week in Pygora, and hopefully the children have told you about all the visitors we had. On Tuesday, Ian from KIC theatre came in to do some drama work on our book, The Lost Thing. The children explored what it would be like to find something and then extended that into thinking about what happens when we get rid of things that are no longer wanted and the impact on the environment.

On Friday afternoons, the children can spend the last part of the day journaling whilst we are reading our class novel 'Bethany and the Beast.' We have been talking about the things we are grateful for, what has gone well that week and anything we might want to work on for the following week. Do ask your children about this.

The Butterfly Project

We had some visitors from The Butterfly project come and speak to us all about it, where we found out lots about butterflies and moths! Tom Delahunt, an author, gave us all a question to think about - 'Do caterpillars know that they will become a butterfly one day?' He has asked the children to start to think about this idea, and what they can do to raise awareness of the need to save butterflies and moths.

They can draw pictures, write poetry, plan a project, find some plants that attract butterflies (and even go on the hunt for caterpillar poo!) If your child wants to get involved at home, then send in anything they create, or photos of anything that they have done, which will go up on the board in our entrance hall. Hopefully, some of the children are feeling inspired after the visit! If you think you have an area at home or work that you might also like to turn into a butterfly haven - please jot us a note, or speak to us, as the more places we can develop the better!

Wednesday 17 September - Trip to Enchanted Garden - Whitstable. We are looking forward to this trip in collaboration with The Butterfly Project. Children will need to wear school uniform, but with comfortable shoes. They will also need to bring a packed lunch, unless you have requested one on the trip reply slip. Make sure your child is prepared for the weather - at this time of year, anything can happen! We are excited to find out more about how we will be involved in the project.

Homework - due on Wednesday 17 September

Maths - p.1 Counting and numbers

English (Grammar) - p.14 Determiners

Also - **5 games** on Spelling Shed and 20 mins overall on TTRS and reading at least **3 times** a week. We are expecting the reading records to arrive in school soon but in the meantime the children can jot down on a piece of paper how many times they have read during the week.

Logins for Spelling Shed and TTRS have been sent home they are stuck inside the homework books.

Pygmy Class - Year 6

The children are starting to settle now into their Year 6 roles: helping with the salad bar, being assembly monitors and setting up the reading shed to name a few. Mrs Pilbeam and I have so far been very impressed with all our play leaders, who have been helping to run games for KS1 at lunchtime, they have come up with some great ideas and have risen to this responsibility.

We had an enjoyable session with Ian from KIK theatre, and all the children were brilliant in our first swimming session.

Monday 15 September - All parents/carers are encouraged to come to a meeting from 3:30 on Monday in the Year 6 classroom. Ms Adams will be talking about secondary schools, and Mrs de Roeck will be sharing information about our residential trip next year (I am already excited!). The children are welcome to stay and listen as well.

Tuesday 16 September - Swimming sessions will continue as normal. Please make sure the children bring in their Swimming gear (suit, goggles, towel).

Homework - due on Wednesday 17 September

Maths - p. 3 - Place value and ordering

English - p. 8 & 9 - Synonyms and Antonyms

Also - **5 games** on Spelling Shed and 20 mins overall on TTRS and reading a minimum of **3 times** a week (Though I would expect most of them to be reading more than this). We are expecting the reading records to arrive in school soon but in the meantime the children can jot down on a piece of paper how many times they have read during the week.