



Weekly E-Bulletin for Week ending Friday 5 December

Whole School

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

Well done to Billy Class (Reception) for the highest attendance this week.

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.5%	96.3%	94.2%	95%	94.3%	93.3%	90.4%

A big shout out and thank you to the Friends of Goat Lees (FoGL) and all volunteers who helped to organise the Christmas Fair, we know it is going to be amazing and we look forward to seeing you all there. Remember we will be using cash at this event so do take this into consideration.

Parking - there is no parking available on site, except for blue badge holders. Please display these in the front of your car if you are using the disabled parking bays. There is always an increase in the traffic congestion around the school when it is raining and there has been some unsafe parking near the entrance, which is a concern. Do not block access to the parking opposite the school or the school driveway as this is dangerous and there is a risk of an accident or collision. We will always supervise the children if you are delayed, especially when there is poor weather or an issue with traffic such as an unexpected road closure.

In a change of date, please note, the Girl's football will be on **Thursday 11 December- not Monday 8 December for this week only.**

Christmas productions for KS1 will be on **Monday 8 December and Tuesday 9 December-** you can still book tickets through the Arbor Shop

Christmas Parties will be taking place on the **12 December.** Please send the children in their party clothes but remember they will be playing games and going outside as usual. Please make sure they have shoes and clothing that would let them join in and are appropriate for being in school.

Christmas Lunch on **17 December** this can be booked through Arbor. Please book this in advance if your child is in KS2 and you pay for meals as this will help us plan for the catering team. We are having a traditional festive menu, which is attached but the usual options of pasta and jacket potato are still available too. Children bringing a packed lunch will still be joining in with the festivities, but we know lots of them like to have the school lunch that day.

All a bit much.....we do know how busy life can get at this time of year and some of the children (not to mention the adults) are looking rather tired. If you can keep to some sort of routine and avoid late nights, particularly during the week and especially on a Sunday evening, this does help as we have children falling asleep in class, particularly in the younger classes.

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Please ensure that your child is booked on to Breakfast Club, the club is very popular and often full; if they are not booked, they may not be able to come in. We are more flexible than some schools,

but we must maintain our ratios of adults to children and that is why we need to know who is coming each day.

I sent out asthma consent forms and a request for asthma plans, if this applies to your child can you return them or let me know if this doesn't apply any more. Many thanks.

Billy Class

Billy Class have loved seeing our Christmas decorations up in school this week, they are very excited now! We have been busy rehearsing for our Christmas Nativity play. Please can you help your child to learn their lines and to know when it is their turn to say them.

Thank you for bringing in costumes for the Nativity. Please can we ask that all costumes are brought into school next week as we are missing a few. Please come and see us if you need support with this.

This week was our Phonics assessment week. We have been so impressed with how well the children are doing with their reading and knowledge of tricky words so well done to you all!

Over the next few weeks we will be writing Christmas letters to Father Christmas, making Christmas cards and doing lots of Christmas crafts.

Christmas party: Friday 12th December

Wear party clothes but please still remember to account for the weather and comfort as the children will be in these clothes and shoes all day, including playtimes.

To help reduce food waste, we ask that each child brings a named paper plate with their own food on it. This should include: a bag of crisps, one savoury item (such as a mini sausage roll or a small sandwich), and one sweet treat (for example, a mini roll) - absolutely NO nuts please. We will provide a paper plate for each child - please cover this with cling film/tin foil when it is brought back to school.

Angora Class - Year 1

Christmas party food: To help reduce food waste, we ask that each child brings a named paper plate with their own food on it. This should include: a bag of crisps, one savoury item (such as a mini sausage roll or a small sandwich), and one sweet treat (for example, a mini roll) - absolutely NO nuts please. We will provide a paper plate for each Year 1 child - please cover this with cling film/tin foil when it is brought back to school.

KS1 Christmas Productions on Monday and Tuesday. The children have worked so hard on it and know it well - but there may be nerves anyway!

Further information:

- There will be a photo opportunity at the end. A gentle reminder - no photos containing other children should be uploaded to social media (without the other parents' permission).
- Children can be collected after the performance once we have got changed. Please be patient as it takes us a long time!
- On **Tuesday** if children wear their PE kit, you may want to provide a different pair of shoes for the production in the morning.

Christmas at Godinton House: this is on Thursday 11 December in the afternoon and the children will be travelling there in the school minibus. Please wear normal school uniform. We will tell the children about it on Wednesday so please keep it a surprise!

Alpine Class - Year 2

We have had a great week; we've finished our year 2 maths and reading quizzes, rehearsed our performance (we are getting so good with knowing our lines and our cues!), done some Christmas crafts...a bit of everything!

Have you seen that Cashmere class were the top class on Spelling Shed last week? Can we beat them?!

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- ★ Children can be collected after the performance once we have got changed. Please be patient as it may take a little while!
- ★ On **Tuesday** children will be in PE kit, so you may want to provide a different pair of shoes for the production in the morning.

Kinder Class - Year 3

It has been an excellent week in Kinder class. This week the whole class took part in a protest against urbanisation and building on green spaces. They were very passionate and did a very good job. We also have done two practices for our Carol service. The children have been doing very well at this and have enjoyed the rehearsals

Christmas service - as you may be aware, some of our classes have volunteered to be a part of our nativity scene in the KS2 Christmas service. We can provide the relevant costumes; however, it would be useful if they could bring in a plain t-shirt/vest and plain trousers/leggings to wear with it as the school uniform is a bit too bulky to fit underneath!

Christmas party - We are looking forward to our party on **Friday 12 December!** The sign-up sheet for food is available outside the classroom, thank you to everyone that has signed up already, we do appreciate your contributions for our Christmas celebration!

Key dates:

Friday 12 December- Class Christmas party
Monday 15 December KS2 carol service/ nativity
Tuesday 16 December KS2 carol service/nativity

Clubs have finished-except the football clubs.

Homework

Please remember to read the book which is sent home 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. They 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.

Please ensure that your child plays on Spelling Shed and practises their timetables on TTRS. We do a spelling test on a Friday and Timetable Test on a Wednesday. If your child needs a paper copy of the spellings to practise at home, please ask and we will print one for you.

Here are this week pages:

English- Page: 18 and 19 (Statements and Commands)

Maths- Page: 14 (Multiplying)

Cashmere Class - Year 4

Well, it's clear our hard work is paying off! Not only did we have the top pupil in the whole school as winner of the Spelling Bee last week, but we were also the top class on Spelling Shed, by quite some way; and we recorded our best set of results in our spelling test! Can we win it again? Let's wait and see!

We've been completing assessments in class this week, having finished the reading paper last week, we dived into the 3 Maths papers with much enthusiasm! Hopefully the children will all be pleased with their efforts and it will be extremely helpful to plug the gaps in their knowledge, so please ask your child about what they found hard.

Let's keep up the amazing push we're having on homework, including reading, TTRS and Spelling Shed. We had a great turn out last week, hopefully we can better that level before we reach the Christmas break. If you have any issues with logging into TTRS or Spelling Shed, please let us know asap. Thank you so much for your support with this.

Homework - due on Wednesday 10 December - PLEASE HAND IT IN ON, OR BEFORE, THIS DATE SO WE CAN LOOK THROUGH IT.

Maths - p. 15

English (Grammar) - p. 18 + 19

Also - **5 games** on Spelling Shed and 20 mins overall on TTRS and reading at least **3 times** a week. **Let's earn those reading stickers and dojos!**

Pygora Class - Year 5

Kindness calendar. We have been working on a kindness calendar this week, where your children tick off different acts of kindness through the month of December. We hope you've noticed this at home as well!

LIVE assembly. We took part in 'Live from Antarctica' assembly today where we heard from Robert Swan OBE on what it's like to be in Antarctica and why it is important for us to be ambassadors for this amazing place.

Pantomime trip - Wednesday 10 December - hopefully the children are looking forward to this trip! On the day, the children will be having lunch in school as usual. On the trip, they need to make sure they have a coat, as we will be walking from the coach to the theatre. Children can also bring a drink (non-fizzy) and a **small healthy snack - any large bags of popcorn/crisps/sweets will have to stay behind at school.** We will be providing a small bag of sweets for each of them to have during the performance!

Christmas Service - rehearsals are well under way, and the children have done really well with their lines. As year 5 are the narrators, they can wear a Christmas/festive-coloured jumper for the service if they wish. If so, children need to still wear their uniform but bring in their jumper on **Friday 12 December** for our dress rehearsal, and **Monday 15 December and Tuesday 16 December** for the actual service.

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Homework - due on Wednesday 10 December

If children would like to get ahead of themselves with their homework, they are very welcome to stay in during Thursday break to make a start as Mrs de Roeck will be in the classroom.

Maths - p.23 Fraction calculations
English (Grammar) - p.6&7 Modal verbs

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Pygmy Class - Year 6

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Swimming has now finished so the children do not need to bring swimming kit in next week.

Homework - due on Wednesday 10 December

Maths - printed sheet - Adding and subtracting fractions.
English - p. 14 - Clauses

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