



Dear Parents/Carers, pupils and staff,

Welcome to this week's newsletter and the first one of the new half term (Autumn 2). I hope you received my 'Start of new term' bulletin sent out on Tuesday (7/11/23) – if you did not, I have added the information to this weekly newsletter also.

Harvest Festival 2023 – Thank you! We have received official confirmation from Thurrock Foodbank, acknowledging the remarkable donation made by our ABP community.

The total weight of the donated food amounted to an impressive 66.2 kilograms, a testament to the collective generosity and compassion of our community members. Your support has made a tangible impact on the lives of those in need, and we couldn't be more proud of the positive change we are creating together.

Last year Thurrock foodbank supported 10,359 people across Thurrock, and since 1st April 2023 they have already supported 4,395 people.

We are very proud of our partnership with Thurrock Foodbank and the difference it makes to the lives in our local area. It's heartening to witness the impact we can make when we come together for a common cause. I extend my deepest thanks to each and every one of you who contributed to this initiative.



Remembrance at Arthur Bugler 2023: Today, at 11 am, our school came together in a poignant moment of reflection to observe a 2-minute silence in honour of Remembrance Day. It was a solemn and moving experience, and I am proud to share with you the heartfelt participation of our students.

Many children adorned their scouting family uniforms with pride, a beautiful display of unity and respect for the significance of this day. It was touching to witness the shared sense of remembrance that permeated our school community.

Looking ahead to Remembrance Sunday, Mr. Remmer and I will be representing the school at the Stanford-Le-Hope memorial service. During this event, we will have the privilege of laying an Arthur Bugler Poppy wreath on behalf of the school. What makes this even more special is the assistance we'll receive from several of our students, who will play a meaningful role in this act of remembrance.

Additionally, I want to express our heartfelt thanks to all who have purchased a poppy this week. All proceeds from these efforts will be given to the Royal British Legion, a noble cause that supports the veterans who have served our country. Your generosity plays a crucial role in contributing to the well-being of those who have sacrificed so much for us.



Monster Phonics Workshop: Thank you for the fantastic turnout we had at our recent Monster Phonics workshops (Thursday).



Your participation and support play a crucial role in creating a thriving educational environment for our students, and we are grateful for your partnership. I trust that you found the sessions worthwhile and that they provided valuable insights into the world of Monster Phonics.

A special thank you goes to Miss Pugh, our dedicated phonics lead, for her exceptional efforts in organising and leading the workshops.

If you ever require any guidance or support in phonics, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher or Miss Pugh, who will happily support. Your continued involvement in your child's education is key to their success, and we are here to assist in any way we can.



Fundraising at ABP! This week, our School Council have launched an exciting fundraising challenge in aid of our Charity of the Year, JDRF. Across the school, year groups will be creating and completing a range of fundraising challenges in a bid to see which year group can raise the most money for JDRF. Competition is very fierce, and every year group is on a mission to

create the most epic fundraising activity! Get ready to hear about some exciting events in the very near future! We wish every year group the very best of luck!

Christmas at Arthur Bugler: As we approach the festive season, we wanted to update you on our plans for Christmas at Arthur Bugler.

This year, the planning process has been particularly challenging due to our current RAAC situation, which has significantly reduced the available space for large-scale events. Despite these challenges, we are committed to creating a special and memorable Christmas experience for our school community.

We are in the final stages of planning, and we aim to publish our Christmas timetable during the week beginning 13th November. We understand the importance of providing our families with enough time to make necessary arrangements in order to attend events.

In addition to the traditional festivities, we are working closely with the PTA to introduce new ideas and activities to our festive calendar. While Christmas may be different this year, we are dedicated to making it the best we can for our children and the entire school community.



RAAC update: I am writing to provide you with an update on the ongoing efforts to address the RAAC impacted areas within our school and the mitigation plans that are being developed.



As you are aware, the school is working closely with the Osborne Cooperative Academy Trust and are following the guidelines set out by the Department for Education (DfE). Regular communication with the DfE has been crucial in navigating the challenges posed by the RAAC affected areas in the school.

In recent meetings with the DfE, we have engaged in discussions about the plans for mitigations, and we are currently in the design stage for the implementation of these works at our school. This involves careful consideration and planning to ensure that the mitigation measures are effective in addressing the specific challenges we are facing.

While we understand the importance of returning to normal operations, we have not yet received a completion date from the DfE for these mitigation works. Despite this, we want to assure you that positive progress is being made.

We will continue to keep you updated on any developments and milestones in the mitigation process. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us. Thank you once again for your understanding and support.

Walking Bus: I regret to inform you that the walking bus service will be discontinued as of today (Friday 10th November). This decision has been made due to staffing constraints and the exceptionally low number of children using the service. Most days, the walking bus is not used by any children.

If the termination of the walking bus service will cause any difficulties for your family, we kindly ask you to reach out to the school. We are committed to finding alternative solutions or providing assistance as needed to ensure a smooth transition. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation on this matter and thank you for your continued support of our school.

Safeguarding – A message from Thurrock Local Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP): We are writing to bring your attention to an important initiative aimed at equipping parents and carers with the tools and knowledge to navigate the online world alongside their children.

For the past seven years, Thurrock LSCP has been at the forefront of the Walk Online Roadshow, a program dedicated to delivering a crucial message about online safety to young people. As technology continues to evolve, it becomes increasingly important for us as parents and carers to stay informed about the potential dangers our children may encounter in the digital realm.

This year, we are extending a special invitation to you to attend a session tailored specifically for parents and carers. The Walk Online Roadshow has proven to be an invaluable resource in educating young people about online safety, and now it's time to ensure that you are also equipped with the knowledge and understanding needed to support your children in the digital age.



**Walk Online Roadshow for
Parents, Carers and Practitioners
Wednesday 22nd November 2023
- 20:00 till 21:30**

**THURROCK LOCAL
SAFEGUARDING
CHILDREN
PARTNERSHIP**

Thurrock LSCP have offered the Walk Online Roadshow for all Years 5s.

We are pleased to be able to offer a session for parents, carers and practitioners.

This session explores how parents, carers and practitioners can support their children to navigate the online world.

Visit the website to access the link.

Please note that this session is for over 18s only.

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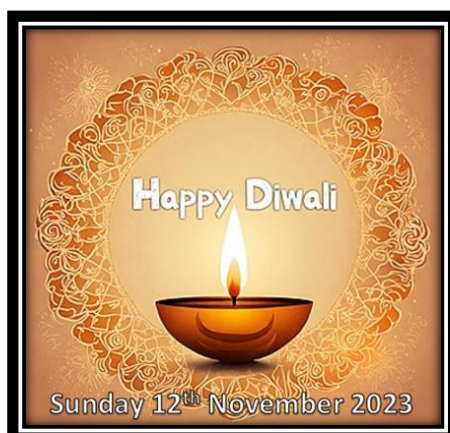
can work to ensure a safe and supportive environment for every student and family.

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Thank you and good-bye to Mrs Mayhew: Today we bid farewell to Mrs. Mayhew, who has been part of the Arthur Bugler family for many years. We understand that saying goodbye is never easy, but as Mrs. Mayhew takes this leap into new opportunities, we want to extend our heartfelt best wishes for every success in her future endeavors. May she continue to inspire and make a positive impact wherever her journey takes her.


Lastly...: To all of our families who celebrate Diwali, we hope it brings happiness prosperity and joy to you and all your family.



Yours sincerely,
Mr R Turner
Headteacher

	This week the Attendance Trophies have been awarded to		
	Lower School	Class 6	98.28 %
	Upper School	Class 13	97.92 %
	Whole School		95.96 %
Congratulations to all classes			

	<p>Safeguarding Concerns</p> <p>If you ever have any safeguarding concerns please contact the office via email using. The email should be for the attention of a Designated Safeguarding Lead. As a school we have a responsibility to keep everyone safe so please get in touch sooner rather than later if you are concerned.</p>
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	<p>LETTERS SENT HOME / E-MAILED THIS WEEK</p> <p>Start of Autumn Half Term (RT) - Communication ABP 500 Word Reminder Friendship Week Letter Afterschool Clubs – Renewal Letter EYFS – WOW Starter – Marvellous Machines Flu Immunisations – Consent Letter Link</p>
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Dates for your Diary

November 2023	
Monday 6 th November	Children return to school
w/c 13 th November	Friendship week
w/c 13 th November	Y6 Assessment Week
Wednesday 15 th November	SEND parent/carer meetings from 3.30pm
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need (non-uniform)
w/c 27 th November	YR-5 Assessment week
w/c 27 th November	PTA Christmas shop
December 2023	
Friday 1 st December	Flu immunisations

Tuesday 5 th December	Year 1 Christmas songs 9.10am and 2.15pm (subject to change)
Wednesday 6 th December	KS2 Christmas performance at St Margaret's church
Thursday 7 th December	Early Years Christmas performance 9.10am and 2.15pm (subject to change)
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 12 th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas dinner
Wednesday 13 th December	Key Stage 2 Christmas dinner
Thursday 14 th December	Year 2 Christmas performance 9.10am and 2.15pm (subject to change)
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term
w/c 25th December	Christmas holidays
<u>January 2024</u>	
Thursday 4 th January	INSET Day – school closed
Friday 5 th January	INSET Trust Conference Day – school closed
Monday 8 th January	Children return to school
w/c 15 th January	Aspirations Week
23/24 th January	Grandparents' day
w/c 29 th January	Multicultural week
<u>February 2024</u>	
w/c 11 th February	Safety week
Friday 16 th February	Last day of half term
w/c 19th February	Half term
Monday 26 th February	Children return to school
<u>March 2024</u>	
w/c 4 th March	Reading and writing week
w/c 4 th March	Sponsored read
Friday 8 th March	World Book Day – dress up
Monday 11 th March	Early Years Mother's Day celebration 2pm
w/c 11 th March	Science Week
Wednesday 13 th March	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Friday 22 nd March	Spring Term Reports to parents
Tuesday 26 th March	Class 9 Easter Assembly 2.15pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Class 10 Easter Assembly 2.15pm
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term
<u>April 2024</u>	
w/c 1st April	Easter Holidays
w/c 8th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15 th April	Children return to school
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th April	Year 5 Isle of Wight Residential

May 2024	
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
w/c 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs (no holidays)
Friday 24 th May	Last day of half term
w/c 27th May	Half term
June 2024	
Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school
w/c 3 rd June	Maths Week
Monday 17 th June	Early Years Father's Day celebration
w/c 17 th June	Sport, Health and Fitness Week
Wednesday 19 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 25 th June	Y6 SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Wednesday 26 th June	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
July 2024	
w/c 1 st July	Transition week (TBC)
Friday 5 th July	SEND paperwork due to CE
Friday 12 th July	Summer Term Reports to parents