



Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

Welcome back! Where did the 6 weeks holiday go?

It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school on Monday and to welcome all of the new families to the Arthur Bugler community. It has been a fantastic week with lots of positive attitudes and children eager to impress their new teacher and learn as much as they can.

Despite the building not being ready there is a noticeable change for the Year 4 children – their class is no longer open plan and they have a wall to separate the classroom from the corridor. The children were really pleased on Monday along with all the staff. I know this will really help the children with their learning.

At the end of last term every class was presented with a box of games to be used when the children have to stay in at break and lunch times due to bad weather. Thanks to the PTA for purchasing these for every class. Hopefully the rain will hold off for a couple of weeks and these won't be needed just yet. The picture shows some of the children receiving the games and boxes ready to take back to class.



Since returning to school the children may have informed you of a few changes to lunchtime arrangements and the behaviour system. Lunchtimes are now completely different because all children who have a school dinner eat in the Main Hall (KS1 Hall) and those children bringing a packed lunch to school eat in the Small Hall (KS2 Hall). This is to ensure that the school is operating as one school and to reduce lining up times. As a result lunchtime is shorter and the children don't waste time lining up to be served and eat their lunch. This was introduced on Monday and things have really worked. It has been great to see all of the children eating together. Arrangements for children in EYFS will be sent out at a later date.

There is also a new behaviour system that is consistent across the school. You may have heard your child talk about getting a 'DOJO', moving to the 'RAINBOW' or 'GOLDEN TIME'. The dojos are being used as a way to collect points for the teams (Red, Blue, Green and Yellow) in order to have the most for the end of the week. Again, this new system has started really well. It would be impossible for me to explain everything in this newsletter so I have planned two parent information sessions so that I can explain the new system to parents and carers. These will take place on **Wednesday 16th September 2015 at 9am and 2.15pm in the Main Hall.**

Have a lovely weekend!

	This week the Attendance Bears have been awarded to			
	KS1	Class 4	Mrs M^cAllister	100%
	KS2	Class 13	Mrs Green	96%
	<i>Congratulations to both classes!</i>			
	Whole School Attendance			97.4%



Inflatable Event

Don't forget that the PTA inflatable event takes place next Friday (3pm – 6pm). There will be lots of fun activities and a number of stalls. This will be a fantastic event for the entire school community. Please do your best to support the event



Behaviour / Dojo

All of the staff in school are using 'Dojos' to reward good behaviour. These are then recorded onto the internet for parents to see at home. We are currently finalising the home access information and hope to have that with you next week. There is a slight delay due to moving to a whole school system rather than individual classes using it. Apologies for this as I know that, as parents, you like to check to see how well your child is doing. I must say that the children absolutely love earning them.

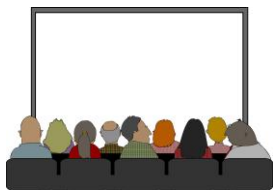
The only change this year is that contacting staff using the app will not be in use. If you want to speak to your child's class teacher, parents are encouraged to use the contact book or speak to the office.

For more information please attend one of the 'Parent Information Sessions' on **Wednesday 16th September 2015 at 9am and 2.15pm in the Main Hall.**



New Advice

We have been informed by Public Health England (PHE) and the NHS that pupils suffering from gastroenteritis (i.e. diarrhoea and/or vomiting) should not return to school until **48 hours** after the pupil is completely symptom free.




Year 6 Meeting


Calling all Year 6 Parents! Don't forget that there is a meeting for all year 6 parents so that the expectations for the year can be shared along with information for applications to secondary schools. This will take place on Tuesday 15th September at 6.30pm.





Bicycle Helmets


I have noticed that most children who cycle to school are not wearing a safety helmet. Please can I urge all parents to ensure that all children wear a helmet to school. Your support with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

	<p>Clubs</p> <p>Clubs will be starting next week and some the week after. There are still a few last minute changes being made. As soon as a full list is available, this will be sent to you. Guitar, Brass and Drum lessons all start next week, Guitar Tuesday and Brass and Drum on Thursday. Please note that Street Dance is held on a Wednesday morning and starts at 8.00 a.m. for 6 weeks. <i>The free Street Dance taster session that was held on Wednesday 9th September after school was a 'one off' and will not be on next week.</i> Thank you.</p>
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	<p>Safety Around School</p> <p>I have had to speak to a number of children this week that have been climbing on trees at the start and end of the day and some children that have been running around in the road. Please can I ask that children stay with the adult dropping them to school and collecting them at the end of the day to ensure safety at all times.</p>
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	<p>Thurrock Education Awards 2015</p> <p>The Local Authority have asked me to include the following in the weekly newsletter:</p> <p>The second annual Thurrock Education Awards will be held on 20th November 2015. It is not too late to nominate someone who you feel has had a significant and positive impact on the education of our children. There are 15 award categories for teachers, head teachers, school teams, support staff and governing bodies that have gone the extra mile in sharing their effort, enthusiasm and talent.</p> <p>Nominations can be made until 9th October at</p> <p>https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/forms/education-award-nomination</p>
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	<p>Diary Dates</p> <p>These will be ready on Tuesday once I have agreed the non-pupil days at the Governing Body Meeting. However, some initial dates are detailed below.</p>
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	<p>LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK</p> <p>Secondary School Admissions Information (Year 6) – Monday 7th September EYFS Reminder Letter – Monday 7th September Year 6 Expectations Meeting – Tuesday 8th September Miss Reeve absence (Class 11) – Tuesday 8th September EYFS Harvest Celebration – Tuesday 8th September Swimming Letter (Year 4) – Tuesday 8th September Fifa Street Soccer (Years 1-6) – Wednesday 9th September EYFS Reading information – Wednesday 9th September Year 6 Expectations Meeting Update – Thursday 10th September</p>
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



September		
Tuesday 15 th	Main Hall	Headteacher briefing to Year 6 Parents (6.30pm)
Wednesday 16 th	Main Hall	Parent Information Session – Behaviour (9am and 2.15pm)
	Small Hall	Street Dance Starts (8am)
Thursday 17 th	Inclusion Area	SEN Coffee Morning (9am)
Friday 18 th	School Field	Inflatable event (3pm-6pm)
	Small Hall Main Hall	Gymnastics (8am) Multi Sports (3pm)
Monday 21 st	In School	Year 3 Stone Age Day
	Main Hall	PGL Meeting for Years 5 & 6 parents in Main Hall (3.30pm)
Tuesday 22 nd	ICT Suite	PTA Meeting (1.30pm) ICT Suite
Wednesday 23 rd	Main Hall	Class 2 Harvest Afternoon (1.20pm start)
Thursday 24 th	Main Hall	Class 1 Harvest Afternoon (1.20pm start)
Tuesday 29 th	In School	Year 4 Egyptian Day (approx. £6)
Wednesday 30 th	In School	Quantum Theatre Visit – Years 1-6 (approx. £2 per child)

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Bryant
Headteacher

GRAND OPENING WEEK
Monday 19th October – Friday 23rd October