



Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

**Where has that Half-Term gone?** Can you believe that we are half way through the Summer Term? The time has flown by and so much has happened!

This week has been 'Walk To School Week' and I have been pleased to see lots of children walking to school. The weather has been kind most days which has allowed more families to walk. We will send the information collected to Thurrock and hopefully it should compare favourable to other local schools.


Year 4 children hosted their very own 'Rainforest Café' and invited parents and carers to see the wonderful work they have created this half term. It was lovely to see the children show off their fantastic work. The decorations really made it feel as if the walkway was the Amazon. I think the refreshments went down well and were enjoyed by all. I was amazed at the wonderful community feel and how proud the children were. They developed many skills from working with money, to setting up stalls. Early indications show that the event raised approximately £390.00. The Year 4 classes can now adopt a Pygmy Marmoset and an Anaconda from Colchester Zoo. Any spare money will be used to purchase one acre of the rainforest in Ecuador through the 'World Land Trust'. Well done to everyone involved –children and staff!



Thursday saw the launch of the PTA Tuck Shop after school. This will take place every Tuesday and Thursday after school (weather permitting). Remember that all proceeds go directly back to the school as the money is spent on the children. Over half term I will be shopping for lots of games for the children to use during 'indoor play' – all of this money has been raised by the PTA during the last year.

This week we said goodbye to two members of staff – Mrs Mann and Mrs Brown. They both received a good send off from the children and we were sad to see them leave. I am sure you will join me in wishing them both all the best for the future.

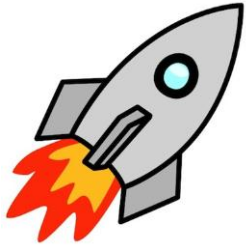
All that is left for me to do is wish you all a safe and restful half-term – I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015**.

	This week the <b>Attendance Bears</b> have been awarded to			
	KS1	Ruby	Mr Ekins/Mrs Smith	99.3%
	KS2	Topaz	Mrs Roberts	96%
	<b>Congratulations to both classes!</b>			
	<b>Whole School Attendance</b>			<b>96%</b>



### **Clothing**

On a number of occasions children take the wrong uniform or PE kit home by mistake. If you ever notice that your child has the wrong items of clothing then please return them to school ASAP as this prevents parents buying more uniform or PE equipment when it is not required.



### **Reading Rocket Photos**

The 'Reading Rocket' is slowly filling with lots of fantastic photos of children and staff reading.

Please send photos of children reading to Mrs McAllister ([mcallister@arthurbugler.com](mailto:mcallister@arthurbugler.com))



### **Supervising Children At The End Of The Day**

Last Friday there was an incident after school involving some children who were unsupervised.

When collecting your children and waiting to collect older children please can I ask everyone to be extra vigilant. This is especially important whilst the building site is still in action.



### **Cold Menu**

When we return to school on 1<sup>st</sup> June we will still be having sandwiches (week 1 sandwich choice). Hot meals return on Monday 8th June, new menus will be going out when we return after the half term holiday.



### **Building competition**

Over the half term holiday we would like the children to think about what the new building will look like once it is finished and to draw or paint a picture of their image. Each class will then have a vote and choose the best one to be entered into the main competition. Beardwell, the building company, have kindly donated a main prize for the winning class and also a small prize for each class winner and will come into school after half term to present the prizes and talk to the children about the building process. I am sure we have some budding architects amongst the children and this is their chance to shine!



### **LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK**

Arrangements For Hot/Cold Meals – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
BBC Ten Easy Pieces (Years 5 & 6) – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
Topaz Class Arrangements For After Half Term – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 6 Kingswood Payment Reminder – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May  
Year 6 Photos with siblings in KS 1 – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



MAY		
Monday 25 <sup>nd</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday	Half Term Holiday – Back to school Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
JUNE		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	AM	Back to school
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Trip	EYFS trip to Hadleigh Farm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Trip	KS2 Music Festival Rehearsal at St Thomas 9am – 11.30am
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	In School	KS1 Class Photos
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	In School	Phonics Check – Year 1 & Identified Year 2 Children
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	PM	Image Theatre Visiting Years 3 & 4
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	PM	Year 5/6 to High House for BBC Ten Easy Pieces Concert
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	In School	Taiko Drumming Year 5 (AM) Selected Children (PM)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Trip	Year 2 Watt Tyler Trip
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	AM	Sports Day
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	AM	Year 6 Leavers Fair (In School)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm – 3.45pm	Year 2 – 3 Transition Drop In (Venue TBC)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NON PUPIL DAY</b>	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	All Week	Transition Week

Yours sincerely,

*J. A. Bryant*  
Headteacher

**NON PUPIL DAYS**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June,**  
**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September**