



Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,


### Happy New Year and welcome back!


As always it was lovely to welcome everyone back to school on Wednesday – it was clear to see that all of the children had an enjoyable break. Within minutes of the school day it was as if they had never been away. I was really impressed with how well they settled back into school and how quickly the children have focused on their learning. The staff have been busy preparing for another action packed term with lots of exciting activities – it will be Easter before we know it!


Some staffing news to update you with – Mr McAlear will be leaving next Friday to take up a position outside of teaching. He has worked at Arthur Bugler for just over a year and has worked mainly in Years 5 and 6 but he will be remembered for his many sporting contributions running clubs and leading a number of sports teams. I am sure you will join me in wishing him all the best in his new venture.

Have a lovely weekend.

*J. A. Bryant*  
Headteacher

	<b>Attendance Trophies</b> have been awarded to (for week 12/12/16 – 16/12/16)			
	KS1	Class 4	Mrs McAllister	98.7%
	KS2	Class 7	Mr Simmonds	98.7%
	<b>Congratulations to all classes!</b>			
	<b>Whole School Attendance</b>			<b>94.1%</b>

	<b>Clubs</b>  All information regarding clubs will be sent out on Monday – be sure to check the bottom of your child's book bag for the letters.
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	<b>Walking Bus</b>  Just to remind you about our Walking Bus, we still have spaces if you would like your child to join. Children who already use the walking bus enjoy chatting with the other children and enjoy the morning exercise. The Walking Bus also helps to ease the congestion around the school in the morning. Please contact the school office for more information.
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## School Comms



### Make online payments to school

To help make paying for school items easier and quicker, you can now use the free parent portal School Gateway. By using School Gateway you will be able to:

- Pay for school items e.g. school trips and events
- Give consent online
- View your payment history

You can register for an account either on the School Gateway website [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) or by downloading the free smartphone app - available on Apple and Android supported devices. Just search for and install "School Gateway" from your app store. All you need to register is the e-mail address and mobile number that we have on record for you.

**\*\*\* We're aiming to get 50% of parents using the app – please help us achieve this \*\*\***

If you have problems activating your account or logging in, it may be because the school doesn't have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please contact the school and we'll update the details on our system.



## 'Stranger Danger in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' Workshops

**WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AT 7.00PM - SAVE THE DATE!!!**

We have been fortunate to secure another date for an 'Online Safety' workshop for parents and carers. This is the third time that this event will run and I know that everyone that has attended previously has found it extremely informative and useful. We will run a 'movie night' for those parents/carers who need support with childcare.

Please put the date in your diary and do your best to attend.

More information to follow...





### Match Attax Premier League Cards

For all those children collecting Match Attax Premier League 2016/17 cards we plan to have a managed 'Swap Shop' after school one night. Further details to follow...



### Music Lessons

If you have paid for your child to do Guitar or Drum lessons this term, lessons will start next week. Tuesday for Guitar and Thursday for Drums.

Thank you.



### LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

English Enrichment Day – selected Year 5 pupils – 5<sup>th</sup> January.  
 School Gateway (payments online) – sent by ParentMail – 5<sup>th</sup> January.  
 Swimming Lessons – Class 10 – 5<sup>th</sup> January.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



### January

Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	SEN Coffee Morning (9am)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Multicultural Week
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Parent/Carer Meetings (Invites to be sent)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents Celebrations (PM)
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Grandparents Celebrations (PM)

### February

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 IOW Payment of £50 due (April 2017 Trip)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	E-Safety Week
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	'Stranger Danger in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century' Workshop for parents/carers (7pm)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	SEN Coffee Morning
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holiday</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Return to School
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Book Week