



Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

Lots of Parents and Carers have commented about how lovely the new signs are and I must say the improvements across the school have made the environment a really positive place to be in. Not only do we have a lovely new building at the heart of the school but extra work has been carried out within the school that you may be completely unaware of. Most classrooms now have new Clevertouch Smart TVs which have replaced the smart boards. There are also 2 new sets of toilets in both KS1 and KS2. The Learning Support Zone (previous Junior Office) has had lots of improvements to make the zone more child friendly. The most recent improvement is the change to the previous Infant Office which has been transformed – feel free to have a look through the window!

At the PTA meeting on Tuesday plans are being made for the Summer Fete on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June. As ever there will be lots of exciting activities for the children as well as the usual stalls. In order to raise as much money as possible we are looking for any parents, carers, family members or friends who can ask their company to either make a contribution, sponsor the event or even match fund it. If you can help in any way then please get in contact and let us know by leaving a message with the office. In addition we are looking for some excellent raffle prizes that could be donated. All help and support welcome as always and if you can help in any way, shape or form then please let us know.


On Thursday I met with the members of the Thurrock Road Safety Team to think about the way forward with the traffic in the morning. After some observations and lots of discussions around the way forward they have made a number of suggestions which I will pass on to the Governing Body. As soon as this has been discussed I will share the next steps and outcomes.


I am really looking forward to watching the children perform to their Grandparents next week. The children and staff have been working hard in preparation for the annual Grandparents Celebration and I am positive it will be as successful as last year.

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

*J. A. Bryant*  
Headteacher

	This week the <b>Attendance Bears</b> have been awarded to			
	KS1	Class 5	Miss Jones	96.7%
	KS2	Class 14	Mrs Lloyd-Thomas	96.7%
	<b><i>Congratulations to both classes!</i></b>			
	<b>Whole School Attendance</b>			<b>91.7%</b>

	<p><b>Bronze Headteacher Award</b></p> <p>Today I presented a Bronze Headteacher Award and a special ruler for earning 5 Headteacher Awards to Henry Hill in Class 14. Well done!</p>
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### Race Night

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 7pm**

Letters have been sent home and we are hoping for a good crowd. There will also be a raffle on the evening and tickets will be on sale before school in the coming weeks – please support the school to raise money for the Year 5 trip to the Isle of Wight.



### Book Week

This is set for Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Each class will focus on a book/author throughout the week and lots of fun activities will be planned for all of the children – including a bed time story event after school and a dressing up day on the Thursday. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks.



### Grandparents Celebration

Don't forget that this takes place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm. The event is always very popular and it is always a huge success. **Please remember that this event is not for parents** as we do not have the space to accommodate everyone. Your support with this will be very much appreciated. Refreshments will be provided and there will be a bucket collection in order to raise money for the 'Sensory Room'



### New dates For Your Diary

Please note the following:

*W/C Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – Book Week*

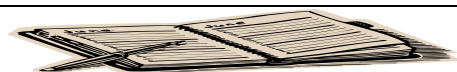
I have added these to the 'Diary Dates' document which is on the current school website ([www.arthurbuglerprimary.com](http://www.arthurbuglerprimary.com))



### LETTERS SENT HOME / E-MAILED THIS WEEK

Southend Planetarium Year 2 Trip Letter – 22<sup>nd</sup> January

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



### January

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Grandparents Celebrations (PM)

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Grandparents Celebrations (PM)

### February

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Year 6 PGL Payment of £50 due (July 2016 Trip)

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Race Night
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 School Trip to Southend Planetarium
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	SEN Coffee Morning (9am)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 PGL Payment of £45 due (September 2016 Trip)
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Return to School
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week
<b>March</b>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	St David's Day
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	World Book Day (Non Uniform Day)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	SEN Coffee Morning (9am)
	Year 5 Walk Online Roadshow (PM)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Quiz Night
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NON PUPIL DAY</b> Parent Consultations (9am – 7pm)