



Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

**As we come to the end of another busy half term I am pleased to share lots of news.**



The week started with a special assembly for Linda Ball (School Cook) as she received recognition from Thurrock for her outstanding service to the kitchen at Arthur Bugler. She has worked at the school for over 30 years. Linda has served the school well and has become a friend to many of the staff over the years. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Linda on this fantastic achievement!

The PTA race night on Saturday evening was a great success. The hall was packed and a night of family fun was enjoyed by all. It was lovely to see the children enthusiastic as they placed their bets. A huge thank you to Mr Bull for leading the evening for everyone to enjoy and to the PTA for organising another event for our community. I am pleased to announce that we raised a fantastic £975! This money will go towards the Year 5 Isle of Wight trip after Easter.

This week also saw the children, who received a platinum award, rewarded with a 'treat'. 102 children in KS2 enjoyed a video afternoon with some snacks whilst 70 children from KS1 were treated to afternoon tea. Well done to all of the children who have shown consistently good behaviour for the whole of the half term.

Tuesday was 'Safer Internet Day' in school and all of the children took part in a number of e-safety activities to continue to raise awareness of the importance of staying safe online. This continues to be a priority of the school as we all work together to keep our children safe. The E-Safety Ambassadors were also presented with their badges and they met for the first time. This is a group of children who meet as a committee to discuss any e-safety questions or concerns the children in their class may have. I am looking forward to hearing about the topics and themes they discuss in their meetings.

### ICT Ambassadors



Have a lovely half term and we will see you all on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**.

Yours sincerely,

*J. A. Bryant*  
Headteacher



This week the **Attendance Bears** have been awarded to

<b>KS1</b>	<b>Class 4</b>	<b>Mrs McAllister</b>	<b>99.3%</b>
<b>KS2</b>	<b>Class 14</b>	<b>Mrs Lloyd-Thomas/Mr Thomas</b>	<b>98.0%</b>

***Congratulations to both classes!***

<b>Whole School Attendance</b>	<b>96.6%</b>
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### Silver Headteacher Award

Today I presented the second Silver Headteacher Award to Joel Oduwole (Class 6) for receiving 10 Headteacher Awards. He is now the proud owner of a pen to go with his ruler. Well done Joel!



### Football

Results over the past week are as follows:

Boys' B Team lost 2-1 against Warren  
Boys' C Team lost 2-0 against Woodside  
Girls Team lost 3-0 against Horndon  
Boys' A Team won 3-2 against Little Thurrock in the Quarter Final of the Cup  
Girls Team won 2-1 against Little Thurrock

Lots of the teams are in action again tonight – good luck to everyone involved.



### Quiz Night

The PTA have organised their next event which will be a Quiz Night on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. A letter with more information will be sent out today. Please do your best to support the PTA. All money raised will go towards buying new staging for the school.



### Southend Wrist Bands

The PTA have secured a great deal on the Southend Wristbands again this year. The prices are as follows:

Junior Bands - £16.00  
Little Bands - £12.50  
Golf Tickets- £5.00 (limited tickets)  
Sealife Centre Tickets- £5.00 (limited tickets)  
Please contact Lisa Luke for more information



### School Dinners

The School Dinner Menu will not change until after the Easter Holidays. A new menu will start on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April, when new menus arrive they will be sent out straight away.



### Cost of School Dinner

The cost of a school dinner is increasing to £2.05p. This price increase will start with the new dinner menu on 11<sup>th</sup> April. There is still no charge for pupils in KS1.



## LETTERS SENT HOME / E-MAILED THIS WEEK

Mathematics Parent Workshop – Early Years and Years 1 & 2 – 9<sup>th</sup> February  
 Italian Club – Years 1 – 6 – 11<sup>th</sup> February  
 ABC Quiz Night – All Years – 12<sup>th</sup> February

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



February	
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
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1/2 Maths Workshops (2pm)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Early Years Maths Workshop (2pm)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week
March	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	St David's Day
	Book Week Workshop with the 'Pantobus'
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Book Week Workshop with the 'Pantobus'
	Bedtime Stories
	Early Years / KS1 4.30 – 5.430 KS2 – 5.15 – 6.15
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	World Book Day (Non Uniform Day)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3/4 Maths Parent Workshop (2pm)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5/6 Maths Parent Workshop (2pm)
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) Art Exhibition in School (More information to follow)