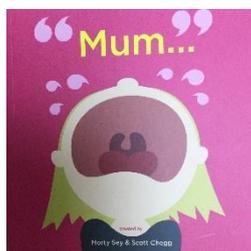




Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

‘The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go’ Dr. Seuss.



Every year I really enjoy ‘Book Week’ but this year was most definitely the best one yet! The week started with an Author visit from Morty Sey & Scott Chegg who produced the book “Mum...” They both went to local schools and it was lovely for the children to hear from ‘ordinary’ people who have worked hard despite some challenges at school and in life. Lots of children purchased the book after school and if you didn’t get the chance to buy the book it can still be ordered (see below for further information). Every class had the opportunity to take part in a workshop from the PantoBus and this was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children were able to dress up and develop their Literacy skills. The staff at the Pantobus were very complimentary about the children at our school and look forward to coming back for the Panto in December. Wednesday night saw over 200 children return to school in the evening for a selection of bedtime stories followed by a cup of hot chocolate and some biscuits – I have never seen the children so excited to come back to school! Thursday’s dressing up was certainly the highlight of the week and I was so impressed with the number of fantastic costumes the children and staff came to school in. The children had a great day completing a wide range of book day activities to promote a real love of learning. It has been a truly memorable week and I would like to thank the staff for working hard to provide excellent opportunities for the children within our community. My thanks also to the PTA members for providing the refreshments for the bedtime stories and to the parents for ensuring the children came to school in some fantastic costumes.



On Wednesday, the children spent time thinking and learning about St David’s Day. There were a number of activities around the school including drawing of the Welsh Dragon, graffiti art and writing stories linked to St. David. The highlight of the day was once again eating a Welsh Cake made by Mrs Bryant! She was very impressed, when she was at school on Wednesday evening, with the number of children who took the time to thank her personally for making them. Well done to those children for showing how polite and well-mannered the children at Arthur Bugler are!

Last week I reported that the children in Year 6 had worked on a number of projects to raise money for Cancer Research. I am pleased to report that the total is now over £750. Thank you to everyone who contributed to such a worthwhile cause.



Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all at parents’ evening next week.

J. A. Bryant
Headteacher



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

KS1

Class 1

Mrs Scott

99.3%

KS2

Class 13

Miss Reeve

99.7%

Congratulations to all classes!

Whole School Attendance

96.5%



Bronze Headteacher Award

This week 6 Bronze Headteacher Awards were presented in assembly. Congratulations to Lilly Kennedy, Haydn Card, Vinnie Smith, Tyler Speller, Ella Tarbard and Izabella Hussey. They are now the proud owners of a new ruler! Congratulations!



Silver Headteacher Award

Congratulations to George Hamberger and Leisha-May Sutton as they were presented with a Silver Headteacher Award for receiving 10 Headteacher Awards. They are now the proud owners of a pen to go with their ruler. Well done George and Leisha-May!



London Marathon

Mrs Pond (Parent) is running the London Marathon this year and I thought it would be nice to share her 'just giving page' for those who wanted to donate to such a good cause.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Claire-Pond1>

'On Sunday 23rd April 2017, I am very honoured to be running the Virgin London Marathon 2017 for Saint Francis Hospice in memory of our very beautiful and wonderful Mum who we love and miss so very much and our beautiful and lovely cousin Zef' *Claire Pond*



Sainsbury's Vouchers

Don't forget we are collecting the Active Kids Sainsbury's vouchers; the collection box is in the main reception area. Please let your family members know as we would like to collect as many as possible so that we can purchase new sports and cooking equipment. Thank you.



Match Attack Cards

Following information about a 'Swap Shop' in early January, I am pleased to inform you that we have agreed a date for this event – **Thursday 30th March** after school. A letter will be sent home shortly to see if there is any interest and with further information.



School Payments

For Key Stage 2 pupils – please check your child's dinner money balance regularly on the school's online payment system (Schoolgateway), so that you do not owe money for your child's meals. Thank you for your support.



LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Easter School Update – Year 6 – ParentMail – 27th February.
 Bikeability Balance Bikes – Early Years – 1st March.
 Trip to Corringham Library – Year 3 – 1st March.
 Sex & Relationship Programme – Years 5&6 – sent 2nd March.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



March

Monday 6 th March	Year 3 Road Safety Walk
Wednesday 8 th	Parent Consultations (3.30pm – 7pm)
Thursday 9 th	Parent Consultations (3.30pm – 7pm)
Saturday 11 th	PTA Barn Dance
Tuesday 14 th	Year 5 Walk on Line Roadshow
Thursday 16 th	SEN Coffee Morning (9am)
Friday 17 th	St. Patricks Day
Friday 24 th	Red Nose Day
	PTA Mother's Day Shop
	Year 5 IOW Final Payment due TBC (April 2017 Trip)
Tuesday 28 th	KS2 Disco
Wednesday 29 th	KS1 Easter Celebrations
	KS1 Class Parties
Thursday 30 th	KS2 Easter Celebrations
Friday 31 st	Year 4 Easter Performance (2pm)
	Last Day of Term