



STOP PRESS...

Please see Governor News for an important update!

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



This week has been fantastic. A book week I am sure the children will remember for a long time! Every class had the opportunity to take part in a workshop from the PantoBus and this was thoroughly enjoyed by all – especially the staff that had to dress up. 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. The last part of this action packed week was when a number of Dads and Grandads came to school in the afternoon to read to the children – another very successful event. Week's like this are always a real treat for the children but it does take lots of hard work and organisation from all of the staff involved and I am sure you will join me in extending my thanks to all of them.

One last piece of news to mention is that 4 children took part in a Thurrock Maths competition at the Gateway Academy on Thursday. After 90 minutes of answering some difficult maths questions on a range of mathematical concepts I am pleased to announce that the team finished 4th out of 32 schools. This is a fantastic achievement and we are all so proud of them all for doing well and for representing the school to such a high standard – well done to George, Robert, Amie and Aimee.



Governor News

Following a recent Government announcement all schools will be required to become an Academy and the drive is now towards schools becoming part of a Multi Academy Trust, which is a group of local schools, rather than a 'Stand Alone' school. The Governing Body have researched a number of local options available and have taken the decision to apply to join the St Clare's Co-Operative Multi Academy Trust. The Co-Operative model is one of fairness and equal partnerships of all the schools within the Trust and its ethos and values aligns with the Arthur Bugler's core values. As ever we are keen to seek your views and will be holding a meeting after the Easter holidays.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend – especially to the Mums on Mothering Sunday!

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Bryant
Headteacher

	This week the Attendance Bears have been awarded to			
	KS1	Class 2	Mrs Seamark/ Miss Glandfield	99.7%
	KS2	Class 10	Mrs Fenner	100%
	<i>Congratulations to both classes!</i>			
	Whole School Attendance			96.8%

	<p>Silver Headteacher Award</p> <p>Today I presented a Silver Headteacher Award to Callum Draper (Class 6) for receiving 10 Headteacher Awards. He is now the proud owner of a pen to go with his ruler. Well done Callum!</p>
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	<p>Football</p> <p>Congratulations to the Boys' A Team who won 1-0 in the Thurrock Cup Semi-Final last Friday which means they will now compete in the final against either St. Thomas' or Aveley.</p> <p>Results from last night:</p> <p>B Team lost 4-0 against Gateway C Team lost 3-2 against Woodside</p>
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	<p>Quiz Night</p> <p>There are still some places left for our quiz night on Friday 11th March. Please do your best to support the PTA. All money raised will go towards buying new staging for the school. Please contact the school office for more information</p>
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	<p>Special Mention</p> <p>Congratulations to Darcey French in Year 4 for raising £623 for the Little Princess Trust this is fantastic because her target was £350! She raised this amount through growing her hair and then having 12" inches of it cut off. Along with the money Darcey has donated her hair so that it can be used to make a wig for someone who is currently undertaking treatment for Cancer. We are all very proud of you Darcey well done!</p>
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St David's Day



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The children enjoyed celebrating St David's Day on Tuesday. There were a number of exciting activities in each of the classes and Mrs Green led an assembly for KS2. The highlight of the day was that the children enjoyed eating a Welsh Cake made by Mrs Bryant – they were very popular.



Milk Bottle Tops

A huge thank you to everyone who has supplied the school with plastic milk bottle tops. Joshua in Year 5 is still collecting these so please keep handing these into the office. The final day for handing these in is Thursday 24th March 2016. Keep collecting...



LETTERS SENT HOME / E-MAILED THIS WEEK

SATs & Interim Assessment meetings – Years 5 and 6 – 29th February
Walk on Line Roadshow – Year 5 – 29th February
Parent Consultation meetings – All Year Groups – 2nd March
Easter Activities – All Year Groups – 4th March

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



March

Monday 7 th	Year 3/4 Maths Parent Workshop (2pm)
Tuesday 8 th	Year 5/6 Maths Parent Workshop (2pm)
Thursday 10 th	SEN Coffee Morning (9am)
	Year 5/6 Library Visit (AM)
	Year 5 Walk Online Roadshow (PM)
	Year 5/6 SATS Information Session (9am, 1.30pm & 5.30pm)
	Isle of Wight Parent Meeting (4.30pm – 5.30pm)
Friday 11 th	PTA Quiz Night
Wednesday 16 th	NON PUPIL DAY
	Parent Consultations (9am – 7pm) Art Exhibition in School (More information to follow)
Thursday 17 th	St Patrick's Day
Monday 21 st	Behaviour Rewards (Platinum Award)
	KS2 Disco
Tuesday 22 nd	Easter Celebrations
	Early Years / KS1 Easter Parties
Thursday 24 th	Year 4 Easter Assembly (1.45pm)
Friday 25 th	Good Friday Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 28 th – Friday 8 th April	Holiday