



Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

Welcome back!

It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school on Tuesday and I hope everyone enjoyed their time off with family and friends.

The roadworks were the first test of the term and I would like to say thank you to everyone for your support and understanding during this disruptive time. I was pleased that by working together we were able to ensure that all children arrived to school in the safest possible manner ready to learn. I would also like to thank staff for opening the doors to classrooms earlier to ensure no disruption to the children's learning. I am pleased to say that the temporary traffic lights have now gone and we can resume normal practice next week.

This week we welcomed Miss Wall to the Arthur Bugler community. She will be teaching in class 5 until the end of the term and will continue to work in the school next term.

Over the holidays Kyle Arnold, in Year 6, took part in the 43rd annual Jersey Football Festival for District associations. He represented the school and Thurrock as they competed against 17 other associations including Plymouth, Gloucester, St Albans and many more. The management team informed me that Kyle's behaviour was outstanding and he was a credit to the school. Well done Kyle!



The Early Year's outside area now hosts a fabulous stage for the children to perform on and this is already being used by the children. I would like to thank Mr Lewis, Neo's Dad for offering to make and then install this fabulous resource for the children in Early Year's. Once again, the community spirit and generosity of the people within it make this school such a special place and, as ever, it is very much appreciated.

Today was St George's Day celebrations in school and the children took part in some activities in class to learn about the day and why it is celebrated. The highlight of the day had to be the scones and jam!

Next week 50 children in Year 5 are travelling to the Isle Of Wight. I am sure they will have an enjoyable week and the weather will hopefully continue to stay positive!

Have a lovely weekend!

J. A. Bryant
Headteacher





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


KS1	Class 5	Miss Wall	98.9%
KS2	Class 8 Class 9	Mrs Cooper Mrs Livingstone	100%


Congratulations to all classes!


	Whole School Attendance	97.0%
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	<p>Bronze Headteacher Award</p> <p>This week 3 Bronze Headteacher Awards were presented in assembly. Congratulations to Madison Davison, Natalia Baker and Zachariah Hussey. They are now the proud owners of a new ruler! Congratulations!</p>
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	<p>Summer Term Big Question</p> <p>Each term the school focuses on a 'Big Question' for monitoring.</p> <p>This term's 'Big Question' is:</p> <p><i>'What does the school do to keep everybody safe?'</i></p> <p>There will be a number of monitoring activities as well as some parent/carer contributions.</p>
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	<p>Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers</p> <p>Don't forget that we are still collecting the vouchers issued from Sainsbury's. These help us to provide additional sports and cooking resources for the children. The collection box is located in the Main Office area. The last date for sending in the vouchers is 2rd May – Keep collecting!</p>
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	<p>October Half Term</p> <p>You will know that from September the October Half Term will be TWO weeks long instead of one week. This will mean a change to the daily timetable. I am meeting with the Governing Body to make a proposal for how our school will do this and there will be a short consultation period. I will write to everyone with the proposal by Friday 12th May 2017.</p>
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	<p>Clubs</p> <p>All clubs start next week, apart from Science which starts on 4th May. ParentMail messages have been sent confirming allocated places. Please make payment for all 'school run' clubs by using the school gateway payment system. Please check your ParentMail messages before phoning the school office. Thank you.</p>
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Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons for pupils who have lessons with Mr Pethers start Tuesday 25th April during school time, for 10 sessions.



School Meals

On **Wednesday 26th April** the RED dinner choice is Beef not Gammon.
On **Wednesday 3rd May** the RED dinner choice is Gammon not Beef.



LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Walk on Line Roadshow – Year 5 parents/carers – sent by ParentMail – 19th April.
Bikeability Balance Bike lessons – Early Years – sent by ParentMail – 19th April.
Club Information – selected pupils – sent by Parentmail – 20th&21st April.
Swimming Lessons – Class 7 – 21st April.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



April

Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th	Year 5 Isle Of Wight Residential (Mon-Fri)
Wednesday 26 th	SEND Parent/Carer Meetings (Invites to be sent)

May

Monday 1 st	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Thursday 4 th	Year 4 Isle Of Wight Residential Meeting
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th	KS2 SATS (No Holidays)
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th	KS1 SATS (No Holidays)
Thursday 18 th	SEN Coffee Morning
Monday 22 nd May	Year 1 School Trip to Colchester Zoo
Wednesday 24 th May	Year 3 School Trip to Hadleigh Country Park
Friday 26 th	Non-Uniform Day (Bring a donation for Summer Fete)
Monday 29 th – Friday 2 nd June	Holiday

June

Monday 5 th	Return to School
	Maths Week
Saturday 10 th	Summer Fete

Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th	Year 1 Phonics Check (No Holidays) Year 2 Phonics Re-Check (No Holidays)
Tuesday 13 th June	Early Years School Trip to Barleylands Farm
Thursday 15 th	SEN Coffee Morning
Friday 16 th	PTA Father's Day Shop
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd	Sports and Health & Fitness Week
Wednesday 21 st	Sports Day
Tuesday 27 th	EYFS – Year 1 Transition Meeting (2.20pm)
Wednesday 28 th	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 29 th	Year 2 – 3 Transition Meeting (2.20pm)
Friday 30 th	Non-Pupil Day