




Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,


The week got off to a fantastic start . not just because school was closed on Monday but because on our return to school on Tuesday I welcomed the families of the new Reception intake to the school. It was a great pleasure to meet the many new families that will join the Arthur Bugler community in September. I was really pleased that all 60 places were filled which shows that the school continues to have a good reputation in Thurrock. Long may it continue!

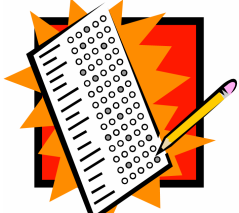
Year 2 had a very exciting visit from Jungle Joq- a creepy crawly workshop. All of the children had the opportunity to handle and learn about a range of different creatures as part of their topic work. I was very impressed with the children's confidence, especially when I saw the snake!

It is with mixed emotions that I announce that Mrs Karen Mann is leaving at half term. Mrs Mann has worked in the Junior School for almost 16 years! She now feels that the time is right for her to retire. The service she has provided to the school in the office has been outstanding and I know she will be greatly missed. For many of you, she has been the first face of the Junior School and on a personal note, when I came to visit the school for the position of Headteacher I remember her being extremely welcoming and very helpful. I know that you would have experienced this if you ever needed to visit the Junior office or phone at any time. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best for the future.

Mrs Gemma Brown (LSA) will also be leaving us at half term in order to spend more time with her family. Mrs Brown has worked at the school for almost 2 years and her support in Year 6 has been invaluable. She will be missed by children and staff alike but we wish her well in the next stage of her life.

	This week the Attendance Bears have been awarded to			
	KS1	Jade	Mrs Green	98.3%
	KS2	Opal	Miss Goodey	98.7%
<i>Congratulations to both classes!</i>				

	<p>Scooters / Bikes</p> <p>Staff on duty, in the morning and at the end of the day, have noticed a large number of children riding their scooter / bike on the school premises. Please may I remind everyone that children are allowed to bring a scooter / bike to school but they MUST not ride them on the school grounds. This is for obvious safety reasons and your support with this would ensure the safety of all children on the school site.</p>
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	<p>Year 6 SATs Tests</p> <p>Next week the children in Year 6 will be involved with the SATS assessments. It is vital that the children are in school on time and fully focused for the tests. We wish all of the children the best of luck!</p>
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New dates For Your Diary

As expected, there are a few changes to the diary dates. Please note the following:

- Monday 18th – Friday 2nd May – Walk to school week*
- Monday 1st June – EYFS trip to Hadleigh Farm*
- Wednesday 17th June – Year 5/6 visit to High House (PM)*
- Tuesday 21st July - KS2 Disco (After School)*

I have added these to the *Diary Dates* document which is on the current school website (www.arthurbuglerprimary.com)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



MAY

Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th	In School	Year 6 SATS Assessments
Tuesday 12 th	3.30pm	PTA Meeting
Friday 15 th	In School	EYFS Castle Day
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd	All week	Walk To School Week
Monday 25 nd May – Friday 29 th May	Holiday	Half Term Holiday – Back to school Monday 1 st June

JUNE

Monday 1 st	AM	Back to school
Monday 1 st	Trip	EYS to Hadleigh Farm
Thursday 4 th	Trip	KS2 Music Festival Rehearsal at St Thomas 9am – 11.30am
Tuesday 9 th	In School	KS1 Class Photos
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th	In School	Phonics Check – Year 1 & Identified Year 2 Children
Wednesday 17 th	PM	KS2 Image Theatre visiting KS2
Wednesday 17 th	PM	Year 5/6 to High House
Tuesday 23 rd	Trip	Year 2 Watt Tyler Trip
Wednesday 24 th	AM	Sports Day
Thursday 25 th	2.15pm – 3.45pm	Year 2 – 3 Transition Drop In (Venue TBC)
Friday 26 th	NON PUPIL DAY	
Monday 29 th – Friday 3 rd July	All Week	Transition Week

Yours sincerely,

J. A. Bryant
Headteacher

NON PUPIL DAYS
Friday 26th June,
Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September