



Dear Parents/Carers, Pupils and Staff,

What an incredible start to the festive season at Arthur Bugler! It really is beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Christmas Performances (Week 1!): I am thrilled to extend our congratulations to all our amazing classes for their outstanding performances in this year's Christmas performances.

The talent and enthusiasm displayed by the children truly made us proud, and the joy they brought to each performance was infectious. It's heartwarming to see their hard work and dedication come to life on stage, creating lasting memories for both students, families and friends.

We express our sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for your support. Your presence at the performances added to the magic of the season, creating a sense of community and togetherness. We are truly fortunate to have such a supportive and engaged community.

As we gear up for another week of festive performances, we want to remind you of our seating arrangements. To ensure everyone has a comfortable and enjoyable experience, please remember the guideline of 2 seats per child. This will help us accommodate all families while adhering to safety measures.

We cannot wait to welcome next week's audiences!



Class 13 (Yr 6) – Community Christmas Tree: Last Friday, the students of Class 13 had the honour of bringing festive joy to Corringham Town Centre by decorating the Christmas tree in a delightful community event. The children showcased their creativity by designing Christmas baubles, which now hang on the tree, just outside Corringham Library.

We extend our sincere thanks to the dedicated staff and helpful volunteers who made this community adventure possible. Their support and guidance ensured that the children had a memorable and meaningful experience, contributing to the festive atmosphere in our town.

PTA Christmas Shop 2023: With the support of the community, our fantastic PTA raised £1,500.89 for our school. This incredible achievement reflects the dedication and hard work of our PTA members and volunteers. A big thank you to our PTA for their tireless efforts in enhancing our school community. These funds will undoubtedly contribute to enriching the educational experience for our students.



Fundraising – British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023: I am thrilled to share some wonderful news with all of you. We have received notification from the Royal British Legion that we have successfully raised an impressive £163.55 for this year's Poppy Appeal!

This achievement is a testament to Arthur Buglers dedication and the generosity of everyone who purchased a Poppy to support this noble cause. Your contributions have made a meaningful



impact, helping us contribute to the vital work of the Royal British Legion.

The Poppy Appeal holds a special place in our hearts, symbolising remembrance and honouring the sacrifices of our servicemen and women.

RAAC update... I am pleased to report that mitigation work is scheduled to commence early in the new year, paving the way for a safe return to the upper school building in the near future. The Trust has continued to work tirelessly to support ABP during these challenging times and have secured an even larger marquee with the DFE. This is fantastic news and will bring the school community back together, allowing for face-to-face assemblies and the option of indoor PE during the winter months. The marquee is set to be installed over the next week, contributing to the ongoing efforts to make our school even better.

We appreciate your patience and support as we work towards these improvements. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. As always, I will endeavour to keep you updated throughout the mitigation works, giving updates on the progress being made over the coming months.

Boys 'B' Team vs Woodside Academy - Football: Last week, our Boys B Team's played against Woodside Academy B Team. It was an intense and exciting game that showcased the determination and skill of our young footballers.



The match ended in a hard-fought 1-1 draw, and it was truly a game of two halves. Woodside dominated the first half, managing to secure a fantastic goal. A special shoutout to our goalkeeper, Zachary, who made numerous superb saves and played a crucial role in keeping our team in the game.

The second half saw a remarkable turnaround, with ABP taking control and dominating the game. Our resilience paid off when Zak scored with a wonderful half-volley finish, equalizing the score and injecting new energy into the match. In the dying minutes of the game, it looked like we were on the verge of a victory, but Woodside Academy's defense held strong, ensuring the game ended in a well-fought draw. Many new players made their debut for the school team – congratulations on a very good away performance



Arrival at school in the morning: we would like to remind all parents, guardians, and students about the crucial timings for the opening and closing of the school gates. **Opening Time: 8:25 AM / Closing Time: 8:50 AM**

It is essential for students to arrive promptly within this time window to ensure a timely and efficient start to the day's activities. Arriving on time not only helps maintain the class timetables, but also promotes a positive learning environment for all. Should your child be absent from school, for any reason,

can you please telephone and leave a message with our office staff or alternatively leave a message on the answerphone system by 9.30am.

Safeguarding: As we joyfully approach the festive season, it is no surprise that many children eagerly anticipate unwrapping the latest technology under the Christmas tree. In the spirit of the holidays, the National College is here to share valuable safety advice and tips with parents and caregivers to ensure our little ones enjoy their tech gifts responsibly.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP APPS, GAMES AND SOFTWARE

Millions of new phones, tablets, laptops and games consoles will be nestling under Christmas trees this year. However, even if parents and carers have gone to the trouble of setting up these new devices and enabling the safety features, there are still potential hazards in the apps, games and software that children will want to install and use. Knowing what to look for and discussing those risks with your child may help avoid any nasty surprises this Christmas. Here are our top tips for ensuring that unwrapping this year's presents doesn't unleash any unexpected dangers.

TAKE NOTE OF AGE RATINGS

Back when most games were bought in shops, checking the age rating was easy: it was on the front of the box. Now that most games are downloaded, it's tougher – but not impossible. All reputable download stores show a game's age rating at the point of purchase, and you can check the suitability of a specific title your child wants to play at videostandards.org.uk/RatingBoard/games.

18

'FREE' ISN'T ALWAYS FREE

The games market has changed radically in recent years. Many titles are free to download, but then tempt players to pay for cosmetic items (as in Fortnite) or to unlock additional content. There can be huge peer pressure for children to pay for these items. Agree a budget for in-game purchases before the game is downloaded, and make sure children can't authorise in-game purchases by themselves.

DISABLE IN-APP PURCHASING

It's not wise to leave children with devices that can make in-app purchases without your permission. Ideally, set up computers, consoles and phones so child accounts need an adult's authorisation to buy anything. On shared devices (like iPads, which don't allow user accounts), check the settings to ensure that in-app purchasing requires the account holder's password, fingerprint or face ID.

APPS ARE AGE RATED, TOO

Like games, apps in the major stores have age ratings, too – so you can see in advance whether an app's appropriate for your child. Additionally, phones' parental control settings allow you to set age limits, preventing young ones from downloading unsuitable apps themselves. These ratings aren't infallible, however: we've seen TV apps featuring adult shows with an age rating of 3, for example.

18

CONSIDER STORAGE

Most apps and games will tell you in the online store how much space they need on a device. Check this carefully – especially with games, which can run into hundreds of megabytes and beyond. If you don't have enough free storage on a device to run the game or app, you won't get a refund from the store. You can normally check a device's available storage space through the settings menu.

CHECK THE SPECS

To avoid let-downs, check a game's specs before buying – especially for PC or Mac, where games often need a particular graphics chip or processor to work. Sites like systemrequirementslab.com can scan your computer to see if it will run certain games properly. On consoles, make sure you're buying the right version: some newer Xbox or PlayStation games won't play on older consoles.

MONITOR IN-GAME COMMS

Voice chat with friends is part of the fun of modern gaming – but danger lurks here too. Many titles have open chat systems, meaning that children could speak to strangers or hear adult language and verbal abuse when games get particularly competitive. Using a shared family area (as opposed to alone in bedrooms) for online gaming is a good way to keep an occasional ear on what's being said.

BE WARY OF GIFTS

Titles like Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite have in-game currencies, which can be earned through progress in the game – but can also be bought with real money. A common scam is for a young player to be offered currency if they click a link, visit a certain site or contact another user directly. Warn your child about such offers; they should show you if they're in any doubt over an in-game gift.

WATCH OUT FOR IMITATORS

Even in the official stores, untrustworthy rogue apps can slip through the net. Common tricks are apps or games that have a slightly different name to the genuine article (Fortnight rather than Fortnite, for instance) or use logos which deliberately look very similar to the official app. To avoid downloading these imitations, read the app's description and check who the publisher is listed as.

16



Lastly... well done to...

Samuel (Yr 6) – Samuel has recently created a superb bust of Nelson Mandela that has left us in awe. His dedication, creativity, and skill have truly shone through in this remarkable clay sculpture. To honour Samuel's outstanding achievement, we have proudly added his sculpture to the display cabinet in the main school foyer. This prominent location allows everyone to appreciate and enjoy the beauty and significance of Samuel's work. Nelson Mandela's legacy is one of inspiration, and through Samuel's craftsmanship, that legacy now has a tangible and visually stunning representation in our school.



Ella-Mae (yr 4) - Last weekend, Ella-Mae participated in a prestigious ballet competition and emerged victorious, securing the first-place position! It is with immense pride and joy that we extend our congratulations to Ella-Mae for this remarkable achievement.

Yours sincerely,
Mr R Turner
Headteacher

	This week the Attendance Trophies have been awarded to			
	Lower School	Class 5	97.42	%
	Upper School	Class 9	98.00	%
	Whole School		95.02	%
Congratulations to all classes				

	<p>Safeguarding Concerns</p> <p>If you ever have any safeguarding concerns please contact the office via email using. The email should be for the attention of a Designated Safeguarding Lead. As a school we have a responsibility to keep everyone safe so please get in touch sooner rather than later if you are concerned.</p>
---	--

	<p>LETTERS SENT HOME / E-MAILED THIS WEEK</p> <p>Christmas Dinner Letter Choir Members Only – Christmas Performance</p>
---	---

Dates for your Diary

December 2023	
Monday 11 th December 2023	9.10am - Class 4 Christmas performance 10.40am - Class 3 Christmas performance 2.15pm - Class 9 Christmas performance
Tuesday 12 th December	9.10am - Class 2 Christmas performance 10.40am - Class 1 Christmas performance 2.15pm - Class 10 Christmas performance Christmas Dinners - Reception, yr1, yr2 & yr3 (usual lunchtime)
Wednesday 13 th December	9.10am - Class 7 Christmas performance 10.40am - Class 8 Christmas performance 2.15pm - Class 11 Christmas performance Christmas Dinners - yr4, yr5 & yr6 (usual lunchtime)
Thursday 14 th December	9.10am - Class 6 Christmas performance 10.40am - Class 5 Christmas performance 2.15pm - Class 12 Christmas performance
Friday, 15 th December 2023	9.10am - Class 13 Christmas performance 10.40am - Class 14 Christmas performance
Monday, 18 th December 2023	2.55-3.25pm - School Choir - Carols on the Green (Raising money for St Luke's Hospice)
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	2.55-3.25pm - School Choir - Carols on the Green (Raising money for St Luke's Hospice)
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term
w/c 25th December	Christmas holidays
January 2024	
Thursday 4 th January	INSET Day - school closed
Friday 5 th January	INSET Trust Conference Day - school closed
Monday 8 th January	Children return to school
w/c 15 th January	Aspirations Week
17 th January 2023	Tempest Photography
23/24 th January	Grandparents' day
w/c 29 th January	Multicultural week
February 2024	

w/c 11th February	Safety week
Friday 16 th February	Last day of half term
w/c 19th February	Half term
Monday 26 th February	Children return to school
March 2024	
w/c 4 th March	Reading and writing week
w/c 4 th March	Sponsored read
Friday 8 th March	World Book Day – dress up
Monday 11 th March	Early Years Mother’s Day celebration 2pm
w/c 11 th March	Science Week
Wednesday 13 th March	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Friday 22 nd March	Spring Term Reports to parents
Tuesday 26 th March	Class 9 Easter Assembly 2.15pm
Wednesday 27 th March	Class 10 Easter Assembly 2.15pm
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term
April 2024	
w/c 1st April	Easter Holidays
w/c 8th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 15 th April	Children return to school
Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th April	Year 5 Isle of Wight Residential
May 2024	
Monday 6 th May	May Bank Holiday
w/c 13 th May	Key Stage 2 SATs (no holidays)
Friday 24 th May	Last day of half term
w/c 27th May	Half term
June 2024	
Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school
w/c 3 rd June	Maths Week
Monday 17 th June	Early Years Father’s Day celebration
w/c 17 th June	Sport, Health and Fitness Week
Wednesday 19 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 20 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 25 th June	Y6 SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
Wednesday 26 th June	SEND parent/carer meetings (from 3.30pm)
July 2024	
w/c 1 st July	Transition week (TBC)
Friday 5 th July	SEND paperwork due to CE
Friday 12 th July	Summer Term Reports to parents

Class numbers/teachers:

Reception	Class 1 = Mrs Cooper	Class 2 = Mrs Rushen
Year 1	Class 3 = Miss Pugh	Class 4 = Mrs Thurston
Year 2	Class 5 = Miss Lowther	Class 6 = Mrs Casal
Year 3	Class 7 = Miss Anderson	Class 8 = Mrs Seshie
Year 4	Class 9 = Mr Heard	Class 10 = Mrs Scott
Year 5	Class 11 = Mrs Matthews/ Mrs Cordell	Class 12 = Mrs Smith/ Mrs Dhaled
Year 6	Class 13 = Mrs Livingstone	Class 14 = Miss McGoldrick