



Arnold Mill Primary School

22nd December 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week it's been, with nativities, the carol concert and all the parties. The children (and staff) are all ready for the Christmas break!

Please note that we return to school on Monday 8th January as Thursday 4th and Friday 5th are inset days.

All that is left to say is, have a great Christmas and New Year!

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Children's Work:



Tuesday 19th December 2023

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How to steal Christmas (instructions)

Do you ever spend some time making a nice hotchocolate and you come to sit down, then you hear a knock from Christmas carols? Or when you long to have a peaceful evening and watch some TV and you hear Christmas songs blasting of your next door. But one of the worst things are Christmas lights. They just change colours and stay on, flashing all night long. If you hate Christmas then you are reading the one thing! Just sit back and enjoy this plan, How to steal Christmas is in the palm of your hands (even better)...

Things that are required.

You will need a disguise (Santa, elf or the grinch), lots of bags to put the decorations in, hammer or spikes, gloves, water (any other liquids) and finally a ladder. ^{SP} Finally

Steps to follow

1. Make sure that you have your equipment, ready to go (especially your shoes and leggings).
2. Carry the bags and pick out the first house you will destroy (probably the brightest and worst ones).
3. Get your ladder and pull the decorations down as hard as you can.
4. Quickly, put the decorations in the bags.
5. Get the hammer and smash them all up.
6. Get the water and make sure all of it doesn't work any more.

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How to steal Christmas

Do you long for a peaceful December, undisturbed by these Christmas carols, fake santas, Christmas adverts especially the Coca-Cola one. The disturbing smell of gingerbread men and turkey and all of this stuff. Every time I look out my window all I see is kids having fun like building snowmen, snowball fights while wearing these dumb Christmas jumpers.

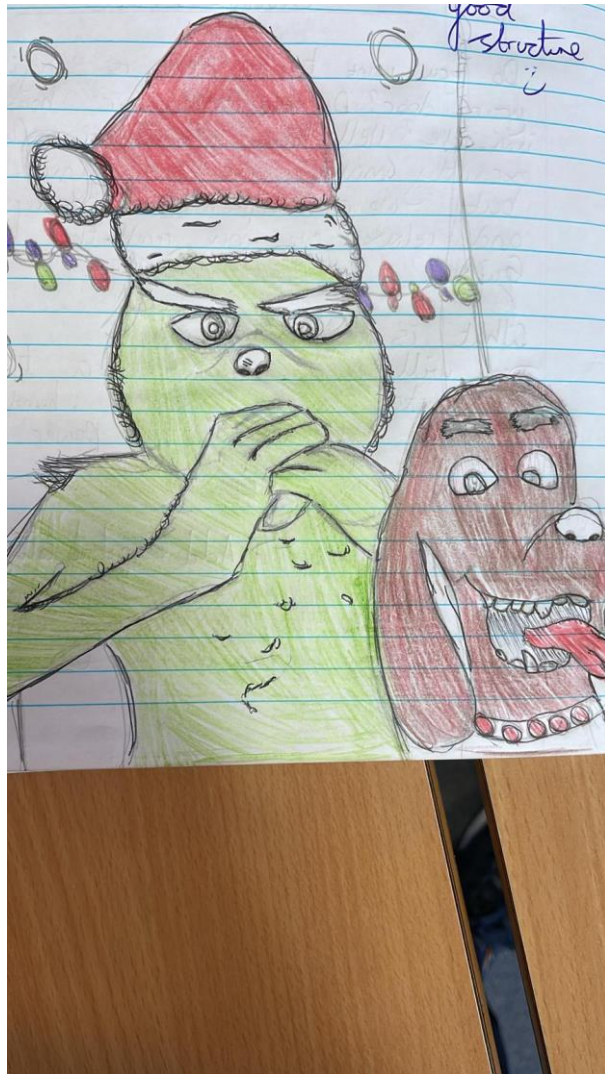
What is required

To eliminate all of Christmas from the holiday season this is what you need: Hammers, bags, Scissors, a van or a van would be better, gloves, if you get cold or to hide your finger prints, lockpick and a ladder.

steps will be needed

- 1.) Gather all the items
- 2.) Drive to the houses
- 3.) Break all the decorations and lights







Just a couple of staffing updates to tell you about; Mrs Brumby has now commenced her maternity leave and the baby's arrival is imminent - we will keep you updated. Mrs Slater will be covering Mrs Brumby's absence in class 2c alongside her SENDCO role.

Miss Winters is leaving us to pursue other opportunities. We would like to wish her huge success in her future and will miss her very much.

Dinner Menus w/c 8th January 2024

There is a very slight change to the menu for w/c 8th January, due to delivery issues. Please see below for details.

AUTUMN/WINTER 2023/24

WEEK COMMENCING 8th January 2024

MY SCHOOL MENU

TASTE of NATURE

Vegetarian meals are available upon request

	MAIN MEAL	DESSERT
MONDAY	Quorn dippers, Pomme Noisettes, Peas & Sweetcorn <i>Gluten</i>	Jelly & fruit OR Fruit <i>Gluten</i>
TUESDAY	Nottinghamshire sausage gravy, Yorkshire pudding mashed potatoes, broccoli & carrots Egg Quorn Milk sulphur crosside <i>Plant based sausages</i>	Shortbread OR Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Cheesy tomato pasta garlic bread, carrot & cucumber sticks <i>Gluten Milk Soya</i>	Chocolate sponge & chocolate sauce OR Fruit <i>Milk Egg Gluten</i>
THURSDAY	Roast pork, stuffing & gravy Yorkshire pudding, roasted OR mashed potato cabbage & fresh carrots <i>Milk Egg gluten Quorn roast</i>	Strawberry ice cream tub <i>Milk OR Fruit</i>
FRIDAY	MSC fish finger wrap Pommes noisette, crunchy veg & sweetcorn tomato ketchup <i>Gluten Milk Fish Quorn vegan nuggets</i>	Honey & oatmeal cookie OR Fruit <i>Gluten</i>

ALSO SERVED DAILY: Best of both bread *gluten and soya* Seasonal vegetables available daily, Colelaw egg when served.

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/schoolmeals

Nottinghamshire County Council

Calendar



Monday 25th December - Wednesday 3rd January - Christmas holidays

January

Thurs 4th - Inset day - School Closed

Fri 5th - Inset day - School Closed

Mon 8th - Children return to school

Thurs 11th and Fri 12th - Indian Dance Workshop ([see letter](#))

February

Fri 9th - Year 1 & 2 "Reading for Pleasure" Session 9.00-9.30am ([see letter](#))

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - Half Term

March

Thurs 7th - World Book Day

Tues 26th - Year 1 & 2 "Reading for Pleasure" Session 9.00-9.30am ([see letter](#))

Fri 29th - Good Friday - School Closed

April

Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April - Easter Holiday

May

Mon 6th - May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed

Thurs 9th - Fri 10th - Year 4 Residential visit to Rand Farm

Fri 24th - Year 1 & 2 Reading for Pleasure Session 9.00-9.30am ([see letter](#))

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - Half Term

June

July

Fri 12th - Inset Day - School Closed (change of date)

Tues 23rd - Year 1 & 2 Reading for Pleasure Session 3.00-3.30pm ([see letter](#))

Fri 26th - Last day of term

Previously Published Articles

Key Stage 2 Taskmaster Club



Taskmaster Club is a fun and interactive after school club for children across the country to join in with, and it's coming to Arnold Mill Primary School for children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6).

Based on the hit Channel 4 TV show, Taskmaster Club is a great way for the children to get creative, take on new challenges, and work as a team – all whilst having lots of fun! Little Alex Horne, creator and star of Taskmaster, will be my assistant during Taskmaster Club, and will set tasks for the children to attempt each week.

Taskmaster Club will run on the following dates: 16/1/2024, 23/1/2024, 30/1/2024, 20/2/2024, 27/2/24 for 5 sessions at a cost of £5 per session. The Club will run from 3:45pm to 4.45pm each session. To register your child for Taskmaster Club, please visit <https://taskmastereducation.com/clubs/school-search> and use the following information:

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- *Unique School Number: C5M7W*
 - *School Name: Arnold Mill Primary School*
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It promises to be a whole load of fun and I look forward to seeing how the children approach each task.

Yours faithfully,

Mr T Robinson and Miss G Dibley

The Taskmaster Teachers

Indian Dance Workshop



Dear Parents and Carers,

Upon their return to school after the festive break, on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th January, all year groups will be taking part in an Indian Dance Workshop led by Dance Days dance company. More details of this can be found on their website <https://www.dancedays.co.uk/dance-workshops/indian-dance-workshops-for-schools> This is to link with our whole school cross-curricular topic which all children will be involved in for the first week of term: 'This is India'.

All children, including nursery, will have the opportunity to dance with a leading dance practitioner, where they'll embark upon a journey through India; discovering traditional dances through fun storytelling.

These sessions are carefully crafted to not only enhance children's knowledge and experience of joyful music making and dance, but also to develop their social, emotional and communication skills, all whilst interacting with their peers.

The cost for the workshop is £2.26 per child and should be paid on ParentPay by Friday 5th January 2024.

We are looking forward to welcoming Dance Days into our school and we know that all year groups will have an amazing time learning about music and dance from India, and experiencing these art forms for themselves.

If you have any queries about the workshops, the week itself or if you have any resources or ideas that may enhance the learning for the children, please contact us on: jfrench@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk or hjoynt@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk.

Best wishes,

Mrs J French and Miss Hannah Joynt

Geography Coordinators

Residential Visit to Kingswood: September 2024 - GOOD NEWS!!! for current year 4&5.



We have good news! We have been awarded extra funding towards this trip, bringing the price down to £286.80 + £16.25 for the bus. This is a significant reduction from the original £358.50. If anyone has paid the original amount in full, we will process a refund which should arrive in your bank account within the next few days.

Places are still available for any children wishing to attend. Just pay a £10 deposit as soon as possible to secure your place.

The trip will be from Monday 16th - Friday 20th September 2024.

The 4 night/5 day experience includes the following:

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- *Coach travel to and from the venue.*
 - *4 nights' accommodation.*
 - *Cooked breakfast, lunch and evening meal every day*
 - *A range of adventure and water activities supervised by trained instructors*
 - *An experience to never forget.*
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The remaining balance can be paid either in full or by instalment as long as the full balance is paid by July 2024.

I really hope that you feel able to allow your child to take part in this opportunity and I look forward to going into more detail about the itinerary as soon as we confirm the booking.

We will continue to look into ways of fundraising to reduce the total cost even more. This could change the final balance due but we will keep you informed as much as possible. Also, due to the rising cost, this may be the final time that we can expect parents to pay for this trip, so could be the final time that we run this trip in this format.

Mr T Robinson and G.Dibley

Strep A/Scarlet Fever

We have had some cases of Strep A in school. We have been advised by UK Health Security Agency (previously Public Health England) to send information to parents.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/scarlet-fever-symptoms-diagnosis-treatment>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/managing-specific-infectious-diseases-a-to-z>

[Hand hygiene resources for schools](#)



7 December 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Re: Increase in scarlet fever

We are writing to inform you of a recent national increase in notifications of scarlet fever to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), above seasonal expected levels.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the signs, symptoms and the actions to be taken if you think that you or your child might have scarlet fever.

Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A *Streptococcus* (GAS). It is not usually serious, but should be treated with antibiotics to reduce the risk of complications (such as pneumonia) and spread to others. The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours, the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and be pale around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a bright red red 'strawberry' tongue.

If you think you, or your child, might have scarlet fever:

- contact your GP or NHS 111 as soon as possible
- make sure that you or your child take(s) the full course of any antibiotics prescribed. Although you or your child will feel better soon after starting the course of antibiotics, you must complete the course to ensure that you do not carry the bacteria in your throat after you have recovered
- stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection

You can help stop the spread of infection through frequent hand washing and by not sharing eating utensils, clothes, bedding and towels. All contaminated tissues should be disposed of immediately.

Invasive Group A Strep (iGAS)

The same bacteria which cause scarlet fever can also cause a range of other types of infection such as skin infections (impetigo) and sore throat. In very rare cases, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive group A strep (iGAS). Whilst still very uncommon, there has been an increase in iGAS cases this year, particularly in children under 10 years old. It is very rare for children with scarlet fever to develop iGAS infection.

As a parent, you should trust your own judgement.

Contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- your child is getting worse
- your child is feeding or eating much less than normal
- your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more or shows other signs of dehydration
- your baby is under 3 months and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39C or higher
- your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty
- your child is very tired or irritable

Call 999 or go to A&E if:

- your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when your child breathes
- your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake

Stop the spread

During periods of high incidence of scarlet fever, there may also be an increase in outbreaks in schools, nurseries and other childcare settings. Children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should stay off nursery / school / work until **24 hours** after the start of appropriate antibiotic treatment. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection.

Yours sincerely,
UK Health Security Agency

Useful information



Click through the sheets below for information about:

- Wraparound Care
- PE Timetable
- Free school meals and milk

- Information Leaflet about Strep A
- Academic Calendar 2022-23 (including inset days)
- Link to school policies
- ParentPay
- Easyfundraising
- Cost of Living Helpsheet
- Minor Ailment Scheme - help with cost towards medication
- Headlice - how to detect and treat
- Inspiring Reading - Advice for Parents
- Tax Free Childcare (help towards the cost of Breakfast Club and 30 hour lunchtime supervision fees)

Just click on the symbol in the top left hand corner of the relevant sheet to find out more information on that subject.

WRAPAROUND CARE AT ARNOLD MILL



ARNIE'S BREAKFAST CLUB
DAILY FROM 7.45AM

£3.25 per session - food included

No need to book - just turn up (please ensure you keep your ParentPay account up to date*)

Is included as part of our nursery 30 hour childcare provision.



MILLIE'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
DAILY FROM 3.30-6.00PM

£12 per session - light tea provided

Must be booked and paid for in advance via ParentPay*. Cut off time for booking 12noon on the day.

*Payment accepted for both clubs via Government Tax Free Childcare along with other schemes (Please inform us if you wish to pay via any of these schemes)

 **0115 966 7930 during school hours**

 **07*** during school hours**

 **office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk**






Here are the PE slots for each class:

F1 (am): Tuesday (please come in PE kit)

F1 (pm): Friday (please come in PE kit)

F2a: Wednesday (please come in PE kit)

F2b: Wednesday (please come in PE kit)

1A: Monday and Wednesday (please come in PE kit)

1B: Monday and Wednesday (please come in PE kit)

1C: Monday and Wednesday (please come in PE kit)

2A: Monday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

2B: Tuesday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

2C: Monday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

2D: Tuesday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

2E: Tuesday and Friday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

2F: Tuesday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

GEDLING BOROUGH AIR NEEDS YOUR CARE



What are the health impacts

Air pollution from idling cars can lead to:

- Increased chance of developing lung cancer
- Increased risk of heart disease
- Increase in asthma, coughs and bronchitis

Children

Children are the most at risk because they:

- Have smaller lungs and breathe more rapidly
- Spend more time outdoors
- Tend to be more active and breathe more deeply

How it affects you and others

Excessive idling is a waste of fuel and money, resulting in an unnecessary negative environmental impact.

People inside cars are exposed to high levels of air pollution, with children especially at risk of harmful effects.

Nottinghamshire's air pollution contributes to hundreds of premature deaths each year.



Don't sit there idle

Keeping the engine running while stuck in traffic or waiting to collect someone pollutes the air we breathe.

It's up to all of us

Drivers in Gedling Borough can make some simple changes to improve air quality in the Borough.

Most pollution comes from vehicles and idling produces unnecessary air pollution and wastes fuel.

Schools, hospitals and bus stops in particular are hot spots, as:

- Idling is more likely to happen in these locations
- They have sensitive age groups, such as children and older people.



Switch off when waiting or stuck in a jam.

Switch to cycling or walking for local trips.

Switch to a bus or train when you can for longer journeys

You can find out more about air quality by visiting Gedling Borough's air quality webpage below:
www.gedling.gov.uk/resident/environmentalhealth/airpollutionmonitoringandreporting/



**Greet your child
with a smile
and
not a mobile!**





1 - [Click here for information about free school meals and milk](#)



2 - [Click for important information about Strep A](#)

A cartoon illustration of four diverse children holding a banner that reads "Our School Policies". The children are drawn in a simple, friendly style with large heads and small bodies. From left to right: a girl with blonde hair in a green dress, a boy with spiky blonde hair in a red shirt, a boy with spiky brown hair in a yellow shirt, and a boy with spiky brown hair in a green shirt. They are all smiling and holding hands, with the two outer children also holding the banner. The banner is white with a black border and the text "Our School Policies" in a black, sans-serif font.

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Step 2 - Login at www.parentpay.com

Step 3 - Follow the instructions in your activation letter to activate your account

Step 4 - Select 'Pay for items'



4 - [Click link to visit ParentPay](http://www.parentpay.com)



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










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5 - [Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause)



6 - [Link to Cost of Living Factsheet](#)



7 - [Link to information about the NHS Minor Ailment Scheme](#)



8 - [Link to information about how to deal with head lice](#)

Inspiring Reading

Children need support to develop the habit and love of reading. How can you be their inspiration?

1. Talk about the reader's interests and inclinations - find connected texts that tempt to explore and discuss together.
2. Think about why reading is good for them - focus on intrinsic motivation rather than external rewards.
3. Capitalise on opportunities to share reading thoughts and interests with others - encourage them to notice preference and choice.
4. Find regular opportunities to visit your local/ school library.
5. Make reading time relaxed and interactive - chat about pictures, characters, likes, dislikes and interesting facts.
6. Be a reading detective by investigating the different purposes for reading (e.g. adverts to persuade, news to inform, stories to entertain).
7. Recognise and celebrate diversity in texts - empower reading of magazines, comics and texts that reflect different realities.
8. Invite others into the reading space - share the love of reading together in your reading community!

In collaboration with Book Week NI 2022



For more inspiration, visit

<https://ourfp.org/>
 @OpenUni_RFP



Childcare Choices

We've signed up for
Tax-Free
Childcare:
Have you?





10 - The School Essentials program give away uniform and other school items to local parents. The new Essentials Cafe will be offering a free drink and light lunch as well as having uniform available for people who need things mid term. This is not a referral scheme and so is open for everyone to help with the cost of living and hoping to help ensure all children are equipped with all they need for school life.



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