

Arnold Mill Primary School

23rd February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

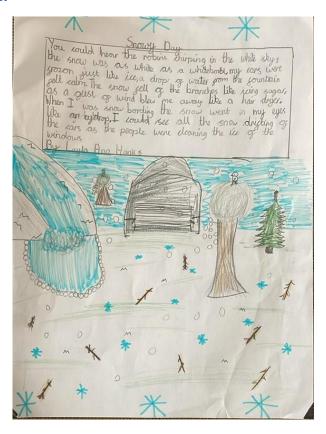
We are moving forward with our 'Project Playground' OPAL School's lunchtimes (see letter for more details) and are really keen for every child to have their own wellies and raincoat in school so they can play on the grassy areas. Please can you send your child in with these items so they don't miss out.

There's still time to complete our Parent Survey (<u>link to letter</u>). We will report back our findings after the deadline of 1st March.

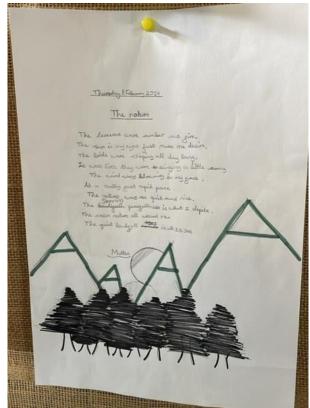
Have a super weekend!

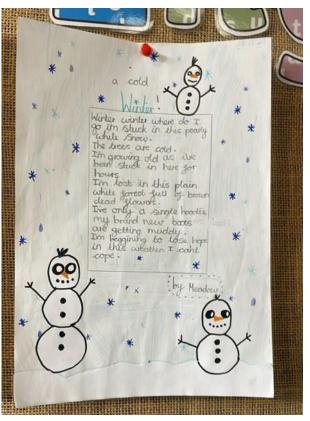
Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

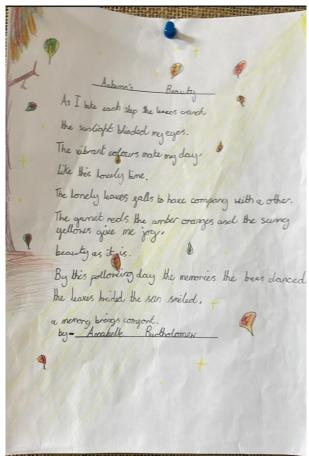
Children's Work:



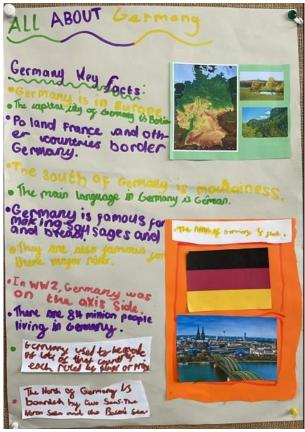


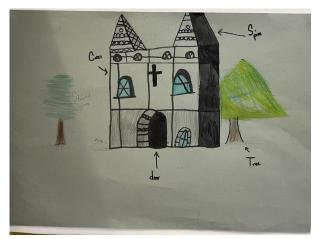


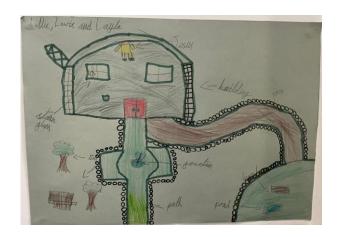












Calendar



February

Mon 26th - Class F2a Library Visit

Tues 27th - Class F2b Library Visit

Weds 28th - F1am & F1pm Library Visit - CANCELLED

Thurs 29th - F2 Visit to Arnold Park (rearranged from 22nd Feb)

March

Fri 1st - Class 2a Library Visit

Fri 1st - Year 4 Swimming lessons start (see letter)

Thurs 7th - World Book Day (see letter)

Thurs 7th - PTA Meeting (see letter)

Fri 15th - Red Nose Day

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Fri 15th - 'The Easter Experience' Visit to Arnold Methodist Church (see letter)
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Thurs 21st - Year 5/6 Visit to National Justice Museum (see letter)

Mon 25th - Easter assembly given by vicar from St Paul's Church

Tues 26th - Year 1 & 2 "Reading for Pleasure" Session 3.00-3.30pm (see letter)

Weds 27th - F2 parents invited to do Easter crafts with children (more details to follow)

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

Mon 13th - Thurs 16th - Year 6 SATS Week

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

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - Half Term

June

Tues 24th - Dogs Trust whole school assembly and workshops with 2a, 2b, 2c (more details to follow)

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

New Articles



Year 4 Swimming



This term the Year 4 children will be going swimming at Carlton Forum Leisure Centre. We will travel there by bus, which is provided by the Local Authority.

The morning swimming sessions start on **Friday 1st March 2024** and will be weekly through to 19th July.

Your child **does** need to wear school uniform on swimming days. Please can you ensure your child brings their costume and towel in a separate bag.

The Local Education Authority issue rules regarding swimming costumes which are as follows:

- Girls one piece swimming costume
- Boys swimming trunks or close-fitting shorts without side pockets and no longer than midthigh length (see attached sheet) - please see

Mrs Greentree if you are unsure.

- Hair which is longer than jaw length should be tied back or in a cap.
- All jewellery must be removed. Earrings cannot be taped over or covered by a hat.
- Goggles can be worn. However, it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to adjust and fit the goggles correctly and to write a letter of consent to the class teacher.

Please adhere to the regulations, as the instructors will not let your child swim if they break the rules.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Greentree



Parent Survey: Deadline Friday 2nd March



At Arnold Mill we set out to provide the children with the highest standard of education in a safe and secure environment. We have a set of aims and values that you are familiar with and we are continuously aspiring to make school even better.

The annual questionnaire is a very important part of the school self-evaluation process and is designed to provide parents/carers with an opportunity to express their thoughts and opinions on some of the key aspects of school life. The outcomes are used to feed into the school improvement process. Past questionnaires have provided us with really useful information that we have acted upon to improve systems and procedures or address concerns.

Please do not use this questionnaire as an opportunity to 'personalise' complaints regarding specific people. I would hope that this questionnaire does not throw up any complete surprises and that any significant concerns have been addressed through previous communication.

This questionnaire can be completed anonymously but if you feel strongly about something, it may be helpful to add your name so we can feed back directly if needed.

Please use this Link to questionnaire to complete the questionnaire by Friday 1st March at latest.

Many thanks

Mrs J Oldfield - Head Teacher

PTA Meeting: Thursday 7th March







Families Information Service Survey



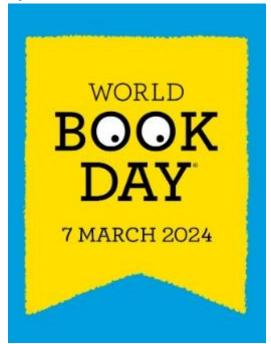
We have been asked by Nottinghamshire County Council to forward the message below to parents:

"We're seeking the views of parent, carers, and childcare providers to help us improve the Families Information Service delivered through the Notts Help Yourself website, our Facebook page, Instagram and telephone support. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete and can be found at https://bit.ly/nottsFISsurvey2024 and runs until Sunday 17th March and this year anyone taking part can enter a prize draw to win a £25 Love 2 Shop voucher.

Families Information Service Team"



World Book Day: Thursday 7th March 2024



This year, on Thursday 7th March, in celebration of World Book Day we will be joining together as a school to celebrate children's authors.

This year world book day titles are better than ever. You will be receiving your token on the big day!

Visit https://www.worldbookday.com/ to find out more.

Each class has chosen an author to base their celebrations around.

Foundation - Kes Gray

1A - Allan Ahlberg

1B - Giles Andreae

1C - Rachel Bright

2a - Roald Dahl

2b - Julia Donaldson

2C - David Walliams

2D - Cressida Cowell

2E - J K Rowling

2F - Dan Freedman

We are inviting the children to dress up as a character created by their chosen author if they would like to. There is no pressure for you buy a costume as we will give them some resources to make masks in school.

The class teachers will gather ideas and share these on teams and in classroom windows.

There will be lots of book related activities going on throughout the day for the children to enjoy and we would love the children to bring a favourite book to school to share with their friends.

At 3pm we will be opening the doors and inviting parents, grandparents and carers to join us and 'tuck into a book'. This will give you a chance to read a story to your child or them read it to you!

We hope that you will support us with encouraging and nurturing your child's love of books through celebrating World Book Day with us.

Thanks for all your continued support.

Shaun Hewlett, Katie Appleyard and Matthew Booth - Literacy Leads

Year 3 Visit to 'The Easter Experience' - Arnold Methodist Church: *Friday 15th March*



As part of our RE topic about Easter, we have arranged for the Year 3 children in 2A and 2B to visit Arnold Methodist Church to take part in their 'Easter Experience'. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to visit a Christian place of worship and explore the meaning of Easter for Christians. We will be visiting on Friday 15th March as one Year 3 group.

We will be walking from school to the church (please send your child with an appropriate coat on the day) in line with our local visit policy.

Dinner Menus w/c 26th February 2024













For further information please contact Ann on 07467194522 or come and see us on a Monday night! 39th Nottingham Boys' Brigade MONDAYS Term Time only KS1&2: 6.30-7.30pm KS3:7.45-9pm







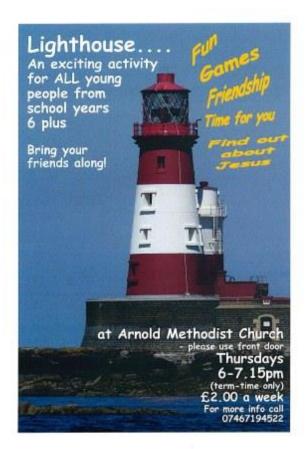
2nd Arnold Girls Brigade WEDNESDAY Term time only First term 6-30pm till 8pm to begin with—£2 a session

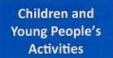


To book your place please contact
Yvonne (evening only) on
07954402258
email: 2ndarnold@gmail.com

Camps

Girls' Brigade and Boys' Brigade both meet at Arnold Methodist Church – the church in the marketplace









- Crafts
- Free Play
- Chat
- Singing
- Bible Story

Thursday 10am to 11.30. (Term time only)

A welcoming, safe, warm, comfortable space for babies, children (new born-5 years) and their parents/carers.

Snack and a drink for the children. Refreshments for adults.

It's a great place to relax, make new friends, feel loved and supported, both for children and adults.

All our helpers are DBS checked, safeguard trained and some are trained paediatric first aiders.

For more information contact Sally Belfield- amc Families Worker amcfamilies@outlook.com or call 07495785347 Facebook: Sallybelfieldamcfamilyworker

Arnold Methodist Church - the church in the marketplace

Want to do something exciting?
Want to be a part of something new?
Want to make friends and have some fun?
Aged 5 years upwards?
Then look no further...

Come along to



2nd Arnold Girls' Brigade or 39th Nottingham Boys' Brigade

Make new friends

Laughter

crafts



Badges



Fun



Previously Published Articles

Parking



We have had a request from a resident on Mill Crescent to inform our parents that it is a private road and therefore parents should not park on it.

As a private road, any repairs needed to the road surface are the cost of the residents themselves. Whilst writing, I would ask that you always park considerately around school and would remind you that the school car park is for staff only and should not be used by parents unless collecting a child from Millie's After School Club **after 5pm**.

We would like to remind parents that the car park is for the use of staff only and should not be used for dropping off and picking up. This includes at breakfast club and after school clubs.

Thank you



Some prescription medication now available directly through a pharmacist without the need for a doctor's appointment



We all know how difficult it can be to get a doctor's appointment. However, it has recently been announced that pharmacists can now prescribe medication for the following conditions as well as give you advice on a range of conditions and suggest medicines you can buy that can help.

- sore throat
- earache
- sinusitis
- impetigo
- shingles
- infected insect bites
- uncomplicated urinary tract infections in women

Patients can access the new service by walking straight into a chemist. They can also be referred by NHS 111, urgent treatment centres, emergency departments or their GP. Those who are not registered with a GP can still access the service.

If one of the seven conditions is diagnosed, pharmacists can give medicines to patients rather than sending them back to their GP. Patients who need more specialist or follow-up care will be referred onwards.

Pre-loved uniform for sale



We have some pre-loved logo uniform for sale via ParentPay. We will continue to put items on for sale as we receive donations. If you wish to donate old uniform (logo and non-logo), please drop it off at the school office.

Year 5 & 6 visit to The National Justice Museum: Thursday 21st March 2024



In support of our topic for the summer term on 'Crime & Punishment', we have arranged a visit to the **National Justice Museum in Nottingham**. This visit is always a favourite and provides the children with the opportunity to visit a Victorian gaol (jail), courtroom and more modern police station and cells. This year, the children will have the opportunity to be Victorian CSI agents as well as learning about the history of the gaol and of Nottingham itself!

The cost of the visit is £12.74 per child (payable via your child's ParentPay account by 14th March please) and this includes return coach transport and entry to the museum, including three one-hour, guided activities. The visit will take place within our normal school day leaving at 9.15am and returning before 3.30pm. The children will need to wear school uniform.

The children will need to be provided with a drink (not fizzy or glass bottles please) and a packed lunch for the trip (please confirm whether you will send a home prepared or ordering one from school) one can be ordered from school – please select the relevant option on the Trip Permission

Form). Please complete the Trip Permission Form, which was sent home this week, and return it to the school office by 7th March 2024.

Many thanks

Mr Hewlett, Miss Dibley and Mr Phillips

Late Collection Policy



We have recently reviewed our Late Collection Policy and I just wanted to share it with parents to make sure everyone is aware of our expectations and any charges which will apply if a child is collected from school late.

The main thing to note is that if a child is not collected by 3.45pm, they will be taken to Millie's After School Club and a charge will be made to the parent.

You can read the policy by clicking this link.

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.



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)







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

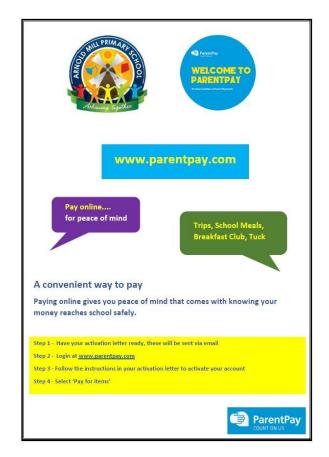
Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2023-24 August 2023 to July 2024







3 - Click here to see school policies



4 - Click link to visit ParentPay



5 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



6 - Link to Cost of Living Factsheet





Inspiring Reading



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

- I. Talk about the reader's interests and inclinations find connected
- 2. Think about the reducer's interests and infilinations that 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,

 - Make reading time relaxed and interactive chat about pictures, characters, likes, dislikes and interesting facts.
 Be a reading detective by investigating the different purposes for reading (e.g. adverts to persuade, news to inform, stories to entertain).
 Recognise and celebrate diversity in texts empower reading of magazines, comics and texts that reflect different realities.
 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







7 - Link to Tax Free Childcare website



8 - 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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0115 9667930 (option 1 to record a child's absence or option 4 to speak to a member of the admin team)

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