

# **Arnold Mill Primary School**

8th March 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week!

I had the most amazing singing assembly on Wednesday- the children now know over 15 songs that they can sing together as a school. It's quite special to hear them singing together- hopefully we will find a way to share their talents with you. We'll see what we can do in the summer term.

We had a very productive PTA meeting. Lots of ideas and plans for the future. Our next events are the Easter Discos- we're all looking forward to a little boogie. Details will be sent out about these next week, so keep an eye out! Thank you to everyone who either came to the meeting or who offered to help at events.

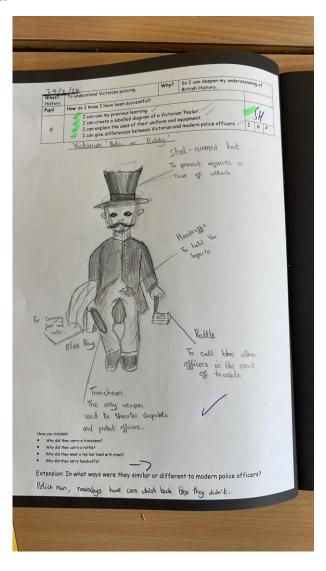
World Book Day was fantastic and the children looked fabulous! It's always good to see the children sharing books with each other, but even better when parents get involved too. Thank you to everyone who came along to support this event.

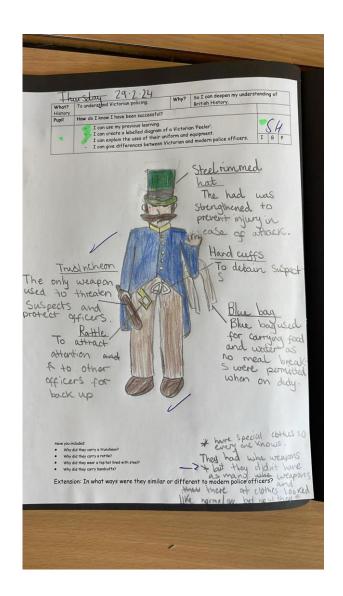
We've still got lots more planned for this term, so keep an eye out for more information.

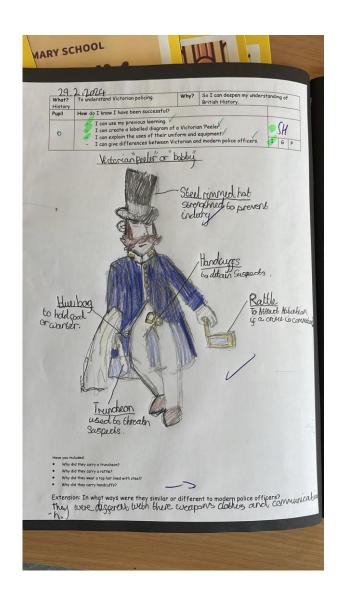
Have a super weekend!

**Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher** 

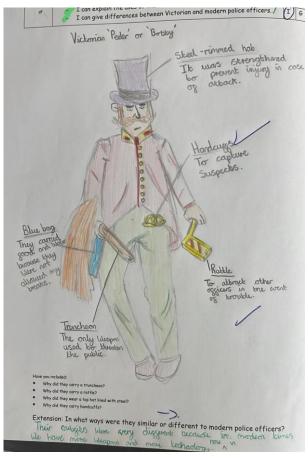
# **Children's Work:**











#### Calendar



#### March

Weds 13th - STEM Showcase for Parents (see poster)

Weds 13th - Year 2 Robin Hood Camp Parents' Meeting (see letter)

Fri 15th - Red Nose Day (see poster) (see special menu)

Fri 15th - 'The Easter Experience' Year 3 Visit to Arnold Methodist Church (see letter)

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 (invites are being sent home in the post)

Thurs 28th - Easter Competition - Parents invited to see Easter entries from 3pm. Refreshments and raffle will be in the library area (see poster).

Fri 29th - Good Friday - School Closed

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

**April** 

Thurs 18th - Year 6 SATS Information Evening (Link to letter) (link to Standards Agency Doc)

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

Weds 12th - Sponsored Sports Day - Parents Invited (more details to follow)

Weds 19th - School photographer in school for class/group photos

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* 

#### **Latest News**



#### **Feedback from Parents' Questionnaires**



Every year we like to gather feedback from all of our stakeholders. We use this to help us make improvements to the day-to-day running of the school and to help children get the best deal from their education setting.

#### This year's findings were as follows:

- 96% of responses stated you are at least 'Satisfied' with the welcome you receive when you come to school. (62% were very satisfied)
  - 97% of responses stated you are at least 'Satisfied' with the communication you receive about school life. (57% were very satisfied)
- 95% of responses stated you are at least 'Satisfied' that your child is making the best possible progress from their starting points. (55% were very satisfied)
  - 94% of responses felt that the school achieves high standards of behaviour.
    - 98% of responses felt your children are happy coming to school.

We had some lovely positive comments about the best features of our school, including:

Good communication, welcome, and atmosphere.

- Great teachers, extra-curricular clubs, and engagement with parents
  - A close-knit feel where children feel safe
    - Inclusive, tidy, approachable
  - Staff really want the best for the children
    - Three people all said 'Everything!'

#### We also had some valuable points raised in aspects we could improve, including:

- More parental involvement
- Better playground facilities
- Changes to the reading scheme to encourage reading for pleasure
  - More choice over school dinners

#### *In light of these points, we are planning to do the following:*

- We will offer more activities for parents to attend. On top of our termly book looks, class assemblies and curriculum activities, we are also planning a sponsored sports day for parents to come along to, and even join in if you want to. We will continue to communicate these events via email, on our webpage and Facebook page, alongside our newsletter, so that you can easily find out more about what is happening in school.
  - We are linking with OPAL College to offer better playtimes.
- We are investing in more books to add to our reading scheme. We understand that children like to read books of their choosing, but we also know they need to have books they can read and understand independently- this is where the real learning happens. We are working on improving the quality of books in each book band, so that children will find more pleasure, reading the books they can learn from.

The kitchen have agreed to trial two options at lunchtime. This way children should have more choice over the meals they eat. We will send out more information once a menu is finalised. As a school we are always looking for ways we can improve and so if you are unhappy about something, please drop me an email. Likewise, we love to hear when we have done something well, so please email when you are happy too.

Thank you to the 53 parents who took the time to complete the questionnaire.

I will leave you with a lovely comment sent to me recently.

#### Jackie Oldfield - Head Teacher

I just wanted to say what a lovely time we had at 'Book Look'.

Both our children were very eager to show us their books, they were incredibly proud of all their hard work. They have every reason to be proud as it was outstanding.

Our children are thriving this year, I feel that is down to the continued support, encouragement and nurturing care given to them. I cannot praise the efforts of the staff enough.

Thank you, we are both so proud of them and how they work and behave at school

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.'

#### **Opal Launch**



As you may have heard we are teaming up with OPAL College to improve your children's playtimes (link to letter which explains more). In order to do this, we need to gather some 'bits and pieces' to get our site mapped out for fun playtime experiences.

We thought it would be fun if we did this by playing a huge, whole-school Bingo game. Each class will have a bingo board (see below). The aim is for every class to collect all the items as a team.

The first class to collect an item from all four corners will get 10 mins extra play. The first class to get a full row of items will get 15 mins extra play. Then the first class to get a full board will be able to play outside for the whole of a Friday assembly.

We hope you can help us! Second-hand goods are very welcome!



Year 2 Robin Hood Camping Trip - Parents meeting on Wednesday 13th March



We have arranged to take Year 2 children on a residential visit to Robin Hood Activity Centre in Mansfield on Thursday 4th to Friday 5th July 2024. The children will have a full two-day learning experience and a night stop over. The aim of the visit is for the children to experience the outdoors whilst team building, developing independence and above all having lots of fun!

The cost of the trip will be approximately £42, depending on the number of children participating but we will be able to confirm this closer to the date when final numbers are confirmed.

We are really hopeful that all of our Year 2 children will take part in the trip as it is a memorable and fantastic trip.

There will be a meeting for all parents/carers of Year 2 children at school on **Wednesday 13th March** from **5.30pm until 6.00pm**. At this meeting we will be able to give you a lot more information about the visit.

Please confirm whether or not you will be attending the meeting by completing this form (link to form) by Tuesday 12th March.

You can either wait until after the parents' meeting or start making payments straight away if you know you want your child to take part. You do not need to pay the full balance all at once, you can pay in whatever increments you wish, as long as the final balance is paid by Friday 21st June 2024.

If you require any further information, or have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to come in or email us.

Yours sincerely

The Key Stage 1 Team

STEM Showcase: Wednesday 13th March



We are inviting parents into school for a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)
Showcase on Wednesday 13th March between 3.00 and 3.30pm.

#### Red Nose Day: Friday 15th March



This year for Red Nose Day, on Friday 15th March, we want to remind ourselves of what Comic Relief stands for. The charity aims to make the world a better place by overcoming poverty, environmental issues and offering social and emotional support for the most needy in our society.

So, instead of dressing up this year, we would like you and your children to create a Lego design. It could be anything, e.g. something to help save the environment, a tool to help our emotions or any wild invention you can think of. You will receive an entry sheet to draw your design. Spares will also be available from the office.

We will be giving a prize to the best design in each class.

#### Get creative!!!



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.

#### Talent Assembly - Thursday 18th April 2024



As a school, we value nurturing the whole child, not just those who excel in school-based activities and therefore, we would like to know about your children's achievements outside of school.

We are holding an Arnold Mill Talent Assembly as we want to celebrate some of the amazing talents, achievements or contributions to society that your children have accomplished away from school.

If you feel that your child does something outside of school that is worth celebrating, we would like you to nominate them for a mention during this assembly.

In the past we have celebrated musical talents, dancers, community volunteers and children who take part in dramatic productions. We don't mind what their talent is, we just like to celebrate what they have been doing.

If you would like to nominate your child, please send a brief description, with a photo if possible, by Friday 22nd March to joldfield@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk We won't be able to include any nominations received after this date.

There will be an additional talent assembly later in the summer term, so if you can't nominate this time, there will be another opportunity.

Looking forward to celebrating with you!

#### **Easter Competition**



This year Arnold Mill are hosting an Easter competition. Children can decorate an egg, design an Easter bonnet or construct an Easter garden. The children can be as creative as they like. Every class will have an Easter competition winner and the winner in each class will receive a prize.

Entries will be displayed so the children can see each other's creations and parents are invited in from 3.00pm to see the entries along with refreshments and araffle.

If your child would like to enter, they will need to bring their egg, bonnet or garden to their classroom on Thursday 28th March. Please don't bring them before as they will be tricky to store. I have added some ideas below to get you thinking, but please feel free to use your child's original ideas-let them have some fun!

Good Luck!



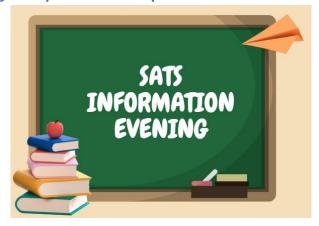
#### Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) for Easter Holidays



If you are entitled to free school meals, you are also entitled to take part in the Holiday Activities and Food scheme (HAF) for the Easter holidays. Please use link to Nottinghamshire County Council HAF page for more information.

If you are unsure what your unique HAF code is, please email office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk and they will be able to assist.

Year 6 SATS meeting with parents 18th April 2024



We would like to invite you to attend a meeting about the Year 6 SATS on Thursday 18th April at 3.45pm in class 2F. We will be covering:

- The timetable for SATS week
  - Breakfast Club
- How the tests will be administered
  - How the tests are assessed
    - Revision
  - How you can support at home

There will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions. Please arrive via 2F's outside door and a member of staff will be there to welcome you. It would be helpful if you could complete this form (click here for form) so we know how many people to expect.

This meeting is aimed at parents only so, we will have a member of staff to help support with childcare for this meeting. We will also record the meeting and make it available via the website if you cannot make it. Please find more information about SATs week from the standards and testing agency (link to document).

We hope to see you there.

The Year 6 Team

# **Weekly Online Safety Briefing**



At Arnold Mill, we know that the digital world can be a huge challenge for parents and pupils to navigate. So much is available to our children online and often we don't know where to begin with trying to guide them through it. With this in mind, we will be regularly sharing the National Online Safety's #WakeUpWednesday information posters for Parents and Carers. The NoS are very active on social media and we highly recommend following them to stay as up to date as possible in this vitally-important and fast-moving area of our children's lives. This week's poster features information and tips for the safest use of Roblox.



# **Sports News**



The boys played their first match together this week and pulled off a 3-1 comeback win. Every single one of them played their socks off and made us very proud, as they were ambassadors and really showed why Arnold Mill is amazing. Well done boys!!!



# Dinner Menus w/c 11th March 2024













# **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 <a href="mailto:staff">staff</a> 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

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.

### **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

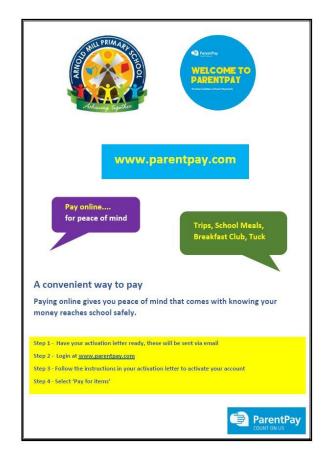
Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2023-24 August 2023 to July 2024







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
- 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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