



Arnold Mill Primary School

26th April 2024

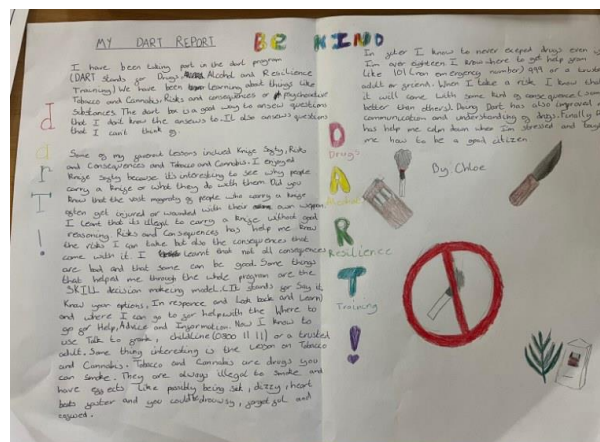


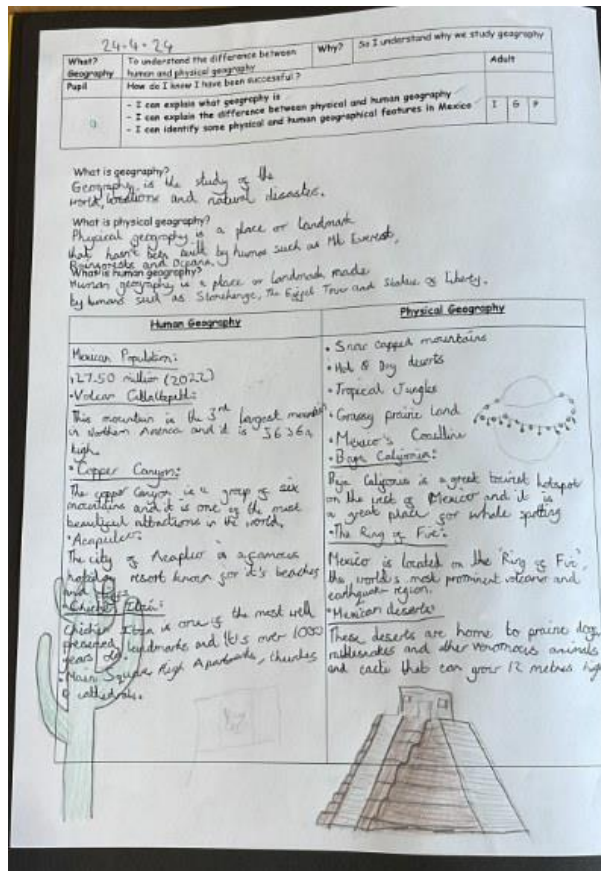
Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a couple of class assemblies this week which were amazing and there's another one for Class 2c next week. We love inviting parents into school to celebrate and share their children's learning.

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Class 2A





Calendar



April

Mon 29th - *KS1 Visit to St Paul's Church*

Tues 30th - *PTA Meeting 9.00 - 10.00am*

Tues 30th - *Class 2C Assembly with parents ([Link to letter](#))*

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 17th - *Year 6 Teat day to St Mary's Park and Ice Cream Treat.* (Details to follow)

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

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - Half Term

June

Mon 10th - *PTA Meeting 9.00 - 10.00am*

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

Fri 14th - *Year 3 Trip to the Royal Concert Hall to see 'Now Hear This!'* (see letter)

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)

Weds 26th - *FS/KS Summer Disco* (Details to follow)

Fri 28th - *Summer Fair* (Details to follow)

July

Weds 3rd - *KS2 Summer Disco* (Details to follow)

Thurs 4th-Fri 5th - *Year 2 Robin Hood Camp* ([see letter](#))

Tues 9th - *Year 3/4 Egyptian Day* (Details to follow)

Weds 10th - *French morning with parents* (Details to follow)

Thurs 11th - *School reports /details of new classes sent out*

Mon 15th - *Transition morning - Children visit new classes*

Mon 15th - *Meet the teacher evening for parents*

Weds 17th & Thurs 18th - *Year 6 Production*

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

Fri 26th - *Gold Star and Handy Helpers Assembly (9.10am)*

Fri 26th - *Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2.45pm*

Fri 26th - *Last day of term*

Latest News



Fundraising



Mrs Hussain is raising money for an upcoming year 1 trip by selling samosas and doing henna tattoos (details of trip to follow, once we know how much money has been raised).

Samosas - £1.50

Samosas can be ordered on your child's ParentPay account up until 3.00pm on Tuesday 30th April for collection from 8.00am on Wednesday 1st May. If this is successful, we may roll this out on a regular basis.

Henna Tattoo - £1.00

Next week children are also invited to have a henna tattoo on their hand. We will be using ready-made henna which can take up to 10 days to fade away. For this reason, we are asking for parents to give permission for their child to be involved.

If you are happy for your child to take part, there will be a £1 charge payable on your child's ParentPay account.

By making the payment you confirm that:

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- you give permission for your child to have a hand henna tattoo that may last a few days.*
 - your child is not allergic to henna.*
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They will receive their tattoo any day between Monday and Thursday. Children that do not receive permission will not be able to take part in this activity.

Year 3 - Now Hear This! Trip - 14th June 2024



On Friday 14th June Year 3 pupils have the opportunity to visit the Royal Concert Hall to watch NOW HEAR THIS!, an interactive performance by the famous Hallé orchestra.

The performance is a fun-packed, fast-paced introduction to classical music and instruments of the orchestra - with the chance to join the orchestra in making a sensational sound, along with some singing!.

The cost of the trip is £11.30, which includes a ticket for the event and travel to/from the event. Please make payment via ParentPay by 9th June.

Useful Information

- *The children must wear their school uniform.*
 - *If your child needs to take any medication with them on this trip (such as inhalers, hayfever medicine and travel sickness tablets) you will need to fill out a separate form for each medicine and hand the completed form and the medication in on the day in a clear sandwich bag with your child's name on it.*
 - *The children will eat lunch in school before travelling to the venue.*
 - *Pupils will travel to and from the Concert Hall by coach (accompanied by school staff).*
 - *Please pick your child up at the normal time from their classroom, we will be returning to school during the early afternoon, depending on traffic, so should be back in plenty of time.*
 - *A hard copy of the necessary permission form and medication forms have been sent out with the children.*
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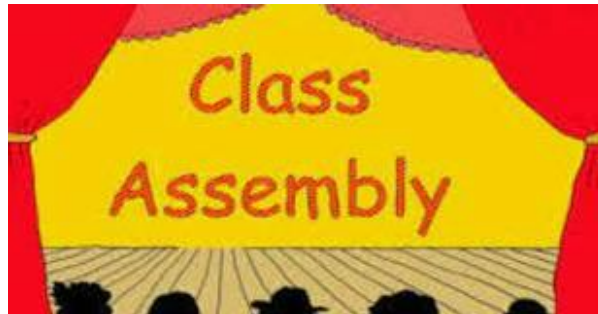
If you have any questions about the day, please talk to your child's teacher.

Mr Phillips - Music Coordinator

Key Stage 1 Visit to St Paul's Church: Monday 29th April 2024



Dear Parent/Carers, As part of our RE topic about worship, we have arranged for the KS1 children in 1A, 1B and 1C to visit St Paul's church in Daybrook. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to visit and learn more about a Christian place of worship. We will be visiting on Monday 29th April as a key stage group. We will be walking from school to the church. Please send your child with an appropriate coat on the day. Thanks for all your continued support. The KS1 Team



Class 2C Assembly – Tuesday 30th April 2024 (booking essential)

We would like to invite Class 2c parents/carers to join us for the above assembly.

Due to health and safety reasons relating to the number of people in the Hall we have to limit the number of guests for the assembly to two per child. To ensure that we set out the correct number of guest chairs on the day please complete/submit a booking form by midnight on Monday 29th April via this link [2C Assembly Form](#)

We will not be issuing physical tickets as the booking form enables us to produce the guest list.

We would like to clarify the arrangements for the day as follows:

- On the morning of the assembly, we will set out the number of seats as requested via the electronic booking form.*
 - Doors open for guests at approx. 9.05am and the assembly is due to start at 9.10am*
 - Please note that the pedestrian gate on Bestwood Avenue is locked at 9.15am and will remain locked until 3.15pm.*
 - The main vehicular access gates leading to the staff car park remain closed during the day, if the vehicle gate happens to be open, please do not park in the car park as you risk being locked in (the gates will remain locked between 8.30 and 9.10am).*
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REMINDER - in line with our Safeguarding Policy and Social Media Parental Agreement, there should be no phones out during the assembly.

Summer Fair: Friday 28th June 2024 - Call for Stallholders



If you know of any external stallholders that may be interested in having a stall at our Summer Fair (consisting of up to 2 tables provided by school at a charge of £20 – payable in advance) please invite them to apply via this link. <https://forms.office.com/e/CdrnddaJZW>

A massive thank you to:

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- everyone that has donated a prize or items for the Summer Fair so far (a special thank you to Mr Landa from DSL Group for the generous donation),*
 - to the PTA team for all of their hard work behind the scenes planning and preparing for the Summer Fair.*
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We would welcome donations of:

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- small prizes suitable for tombola/lucky dip/lucky tubs*
 - a raffle prize or two*

- chocolates (no nuts please) or wine for the tombola's
- soft toys
- books
- table clothes
- bunting

Join us at the PTA meeting on 30th April and/or 10th June 2024 (staff room 9.00am – 10.00am). If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interested in supporting the PTA in either a big or small way please email the school office and ask to be added to the PTA mailing list.

Dinner Menu: w/c 29th April 2024

WEEK 3
WEEK COMMENCING
29 April, 20 May, 10 June, 1 July, 22 July
12 Aug, 2 Sept, 23 Sept, 14 Oct

All of our meals are prepared using freshly sourced products from the East Midlands. If you need to know more about the ingredients used, please ask.

AVAILABLE DAILY: Best of both bread slices, low fresh fruit.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN	Quorn dipsers wrap (meat) bully roast potatoes carrot sticks fresh colenday tag	Spaghetti Bolognaise Mashed new potatoes crispy bread Quorn sausage sweetcorn	Pork burger in a bun New Mx Egg, Onion Sweetener sausage jacket wedges vegetable sticks	Roast chicken stuffing (meat & Gravy) mashed potatoes Yorkshire pudding (no tag) fresh broccoli & carrots	MSC battered fish Quorn fish crispy chips garden peas or baked beans
OPTION 2		Jacket potato with the filling of the day: cheese (veg) baked beans tuna mayonnaise (no tag) & crunchy vegetables	Build your own lunch! Sandwich (cheese) Filling: (cheese) ham or tuna mayonnaise (no tag) vegetable sticks fruit or fruit yogurt (veg) or pudding of the day	Jacket potato with the filling of the day: cheese (veg) baked beans tuna mayonnaise (no tag) & crunchy vegetables	Build your own lunch! Sandwich (cheese) Filling: (cheese) ham or tuna mayonnaise (no tag) vegetable sticks fruit or fruit yogurt (veg) or pudding of the day
PUDDING	Chocolate crispy (veg) with strawberry milkshake (veg)	Frozen yogurt (veg)	Noah's Apple sponge (veg) & custard (veg) Milkshake (veg) (veg)	Strawberry shortcake (veg)	Chocolate Muffin (veg)

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Previously Published Articles

Arnie's Breakfast Club - Price Increase



The price of breakfast club will be increasing by 25p to £3.50 per session after Easter. The price of breakfast club has not risen since 2017, however our costs have increased significantly, meaning we now need to pass some of this on to parents.

Year 2 Robin Hood Camping Trip



We held a parents' meeting a little while ago regarding Robin Hood camp which was well attended. The Powerpoint slides are available on your child's Teams account if you weren't able to make it to the parents' meeting.

*The cost of the trip to **Robin Hood Activity Centre on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th July** is expected to be around £42.00. The final amount will depend on the cost of the Centre as well as the number of children wanting to attend.*

Some parents have already made payments on ParentPay but if you haven't, and you do want your child to attend, please pay a minimum of £10 by Wednesday 27th March to confirm a place. You can then pay any remaining balance in whatever increments you wish, as long as the final balance is paid by Friday 21st June 2023. We will confirm the final amount after 27th March, once we know the actual numbers attending.

You will be sent a medical form nearer the time and when you return this to school you will receive an information booklet which includes a kit list.

It would be fantastic if every child could attend this trip but if you are concerned for any reason about your child attending, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Yours sincerely,

The Key Stage 1 Team

Turn on the subtitles: A message from Jack Black



Did you know that turning on the subtitles on your TV at home is the easiest way to get your child reading? Doing this can double the chance of your child becoming a good reader. Yes, it's really that simple. Please visit <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/parents/> to see Hollywood legend Jack Black explain how you can turn screen time into reading time in 10 seconds.

OPAL Programme: A Message from the Chair of Governors



I wanted to write to you regarding the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) programme that has been launched this week. As Mrs Oldfield mentioned in her letter last week, playtimes are a huge part of primary school, and it is important that this time is beneficial for the children.

As parents I think most of us look back fondly on our primary school playtimes, how we used the skipping ropes not only for skipping but to create outlines of houses or make shapes in the playground for dobby off ground – I think the modern-day name for this is ‘floor is lava’! - hula hoops weren’t just for hula hooping but for creating hopscotch and the freshly cut grass was perfect for bug houses or pretend campfires. Times have changed and technology has become so enticing and addictive that imaginative play has dwindled.

As Chair of Governors part of my role is to look at the strategic vision of the school and ensure that it benefits all of the children at Arnold Mill. The main aims of OPAL are to improve wellbeing, improve behaviour and develop skills, all of these changes align with the school’s strategic vision. Over the past couple of months, the school has been working hard behind the scenes to bring OPAL to life. I know at the moment it might seem a little unusual when your children come home saying things like “we need to take in old pots and pans!” but the saying ‘One person’s trash is another person’s treasure’ feels very fitting when setting out on an OPAL adventure! So please consider the school before putting anything in the bin or doing a charity shop run. If you haven’t already, please check out the Bingo Cards that have been emailed out and put on the schools Facebook page.

This week I went into school to watch the OPAL launch assembly. It was lovely to see all of the children engaged and excited about their new playtimes. I hope you will join me in being fully supportive of the introduction of OPAL at Arnold Mill. I am looking forward to all of our children enjoying the outdoors and fulfilling their playtime potential – whether that is making mud kitchens, building dens, learning to walk on cable reels and much, much more.

‘The imagination is the golden pathway to everywhere’ (Terence McKenna) and that is where we want the children of Arnold Mill to go – wherever their imagination takes them.

Melanie Haslam - Chair of Governors

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!

Let's Play Bingo!

Get ready to play... OPAL BINGO				
Pinecones/ acorns 	Adult clothing for dressing up 	Nets 	Fabric 	Plastic crates 
Action Figures 	Hats 	Dinosaurs 	Frying pans 	Seashells 
Tree stumps 	Balls 	Buggy 	Corrugated pipes 	Tarpaulin 
Beach spades 	Buckets 	Trowels 	Laundry Basket 	Baking trays 
Guttering 	Wooden planks 	Colanders 	Plastic Pipes 	Plastic vehicles 

Calendar for 2024/25 Finalised (including inset days)

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2024-25
August 2024 to July 2025

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2024/2025											
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*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



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.

Useful information



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)*

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



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](#)

2023/2024

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 School Holidays
 Public Holidays
 Administration Day
 Inset Day



Autumn Term
 4 September - 20 October 7 weeks
 6 November - 22 December 7 weeks

Spring Term
 4 January - 9 February 5 weeks 2 days
 19 February - 29 March 5 weeks 4 days

Summer Term
 15 April - 24 May 5 weeks 4 days
 3 June - 26 July 8 weeks



3 - [Click here to see school policies](#)

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Pay online....
for peace of mind

Trips, School Meals,
Breakfast Club, Tuck

A convenient way to pay


Paying online gives you peace of mind that comes with knowing your money reaches school safely.

Step 1 - Have your activation letter ready, these will be sent via email


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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How to sign up


- 1 Visit the link below or scan the QR code
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause
- 2 Search for us
- 3 Your favourite brands donate whenever you spend with them













































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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](#)



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/>

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Childcare Choices

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





HM Government

Find out more at
childcarechoices.gov.uk

7 - [Link to Tax Free Childcare website](#)



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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)

 <https://www.arnoldmillprimary.co.uk>

 <https://www.facebook.com/arnoldmillofficial>
