Arnold Mill Primary School

10th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would ask that parents try especially hard next week to get children to school on time as it is year 6 SATS week and children arriving late can cause a disturbance to those sitting their tests. All children in year 5 should go to the Den for morning registration (collection at the end of the day will be from their normal classroom). I would like to wish all the year 6s good luck for next week. We know they will try their best but want to remind them that we know that SATS only test certain skills and our year 6s aren't just defined by those skills. We're proud that our children are talented in many ways and want them to see the SATS as just another week at school.

We have recently had a few cases of slapped cheek in school (sometimes known as Fifth disease/Parvovirus B19). Even though children are ok to be in school with slapped cheek, we would request that you let the office know if your child does have it, as it can be dangerous for unborn babies.

On Friday 17th May, to celebrate the end of year 6 SATS, we are having an ice cream van in school. Year 6 children will be having an ice cream in the afternoon free of charge but if you would like to buy your child one at the end of the day, the ice cream van will be parked in the car park. A massive thank you to the parent of a child at our school for donating the free ice creams.

Have a good weekend!

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Calendar

May

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

Fri 17th - *Year 6 Treat 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)

Weds 12th - *2e library visit*

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

Tues 18th - Music Assembly (provisional - Details to follow)

Tues 18th - *2c library visit*

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

Weds 19th - *2d library visit*

Fri 21st - *Class 2f library visit*

Fri 21st - *Non Uniform Day (donation of a bottle or chocolate for the Summer Fair)*

Tues 25th - *Dogs Trust whole school assembly and workshops with 2a, 2b, 2c* (children only - more details to follow)

Tues 25th - *2b library visit*

Weds 26th - *FS/KS1 Summer Disco* (Details to follow)

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

July

Tues 2nd - *2a library visit*

Weds 3rd - Ice-Cream Wednesday (Details to follow)

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)

Tues 9th - *1b library visit*

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

Thurs 11th - *1a library visit*

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

Thurs 11th - Year 1 trip to Wollaton Hall (provisional - Details to follow)

Fri 12th- Inset Day

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

Mon 15th - *F2a library visit*

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

Tues 16th - *F2b library visit*

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

Year 6 SATS: *w/c 13th May 2024*

Year 6 will be sitting their SATs during the week Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May. This may be a stressful time for your child, but we only ask that children try their hardest and think of these tests as an opportunity to 'show off' their best work. We appreciate your help in encouraging them to stay calm and focused.

Because it is important for children to be as relaxed and prepared as possible it is essential for them to be at school on time, we have arranged for yoga sessions and a breakfast for all children. This will be funded by school and will consist of a choice of toast with jam, Marmite or Biscoff spread and juice.

Children should arrive at school for 8.00am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for breakfast followed by relaxation exercises at 8.20am. Your child may also bring slippers to wear in school during the week of SATs.

On Friday, the Year 6 children will have a day to celebrate their week with an arts and crafts morning followed by a trip to St Mary's Park. The Year 6 children will also get an ice-cream free of charge thanks to a local family business. As a way as saying thankyou the ice cream van will remain on site at the end of the school day so there will be an opportunity for all children to buy ice cream if they wish.

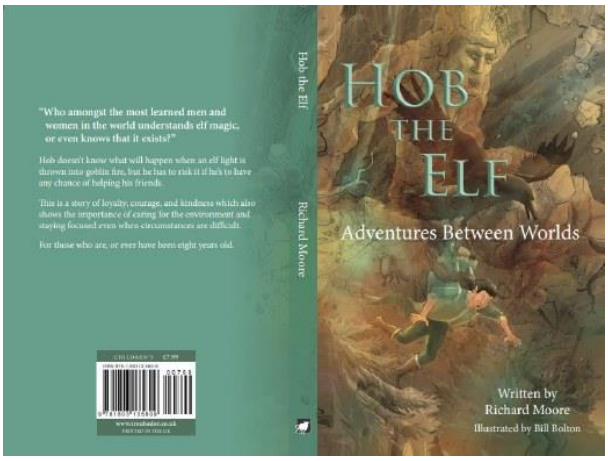
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us (either by telephone or pop in for a chat). We'd like to take this opportunity to wish all of year 6 the very best of luck.

Thank you for your support.

Mr Hewlett, Miss Dibley and Mrs Moodie

Sun Safety

KS2 Author Visit: *Wednesday 5th June 2024*



We are excited to announce that we have an author visit for KS2 on Wednesday 5th June 2024 which is at no cost for the school. The author is Richard Moore, and he is going to introduce his book 'Hob the Elf-Adventures between Worlds'. The book itself is inspired by the poem 'Hob the Elf' by Norman M Johnson. This book is a fantasy genre and focuses on the transformative power of kindness and love with a balance of light-hearted episodes and serious themes. Find below some feedback from some of Richard's previous visits:

Delia Jones, a retired primary school teacher says:

"As a former class teacher, I was constantly foraging for poems and stories to nourish, enthuse and inspire the children in my care. "Hob the Elf - Adventures Between Worlds" is one such gem.

"Richard Moore has a rare gift for light-touch profundity. The story is rich on so many levels; a wealth of characters lift off the page in scenes full of insight and humour, excitement and kindness, danger, and generosity."

The superb illustrations beautifully complement the text. A book to enjoy, to keep and to treasure." March 2023

Reading for pleasure is such a vital development in children's life and recent research from the National Literacy Trust has found just 2 in 5 children aged 8+ enjoy reading in their free time (the lowest since 2005). We believe having author visits should support a love of reading.

If your child wants to buy a signed copy of the book for a discounted price of £7.00, either on the day of the visit or after, please order at the office with the £7.00 payment in cash only. Your child will then receive the book a few days later. Please see the front cover and blurb below.

Thanks for all your support,

Mr S Hewlett

Year 3 - Now Hear This! Trip: *Friday 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.*

If you have any questions about the day, please talk to your child's teacher.

Mr Phillips - Music Coordinator

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:

- *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.*

We would welcome donations of:

- *Raffle prizes - please can you ask your employers if they might like to donate a prize to the school too)*
- *Tombola prizes*
- *Any small 'pocket money' toys*
- *Cuddly toys (for name the teddy and the teddy tombola*
- *Bottles of wine, beers, spirits*
- *Unused perfumes, soaps, bubble baths, gift sets etc*
- *jars (with lids) for the Jar Hoop La*
- *Children's toys/games (in a good condition)*
- *bunting*
- *table cloths*
- *unwanted Yale lock type keys (for a future treasure chest challenge)*
- *wrapped sweets*

- *wrapping paper*

Nearer the date of the summer fair, we would also appreciate any donations towards our jam jar hoopla. We ask that each child fills a jar with child appropriate goodies i.e sweets, lollies, small toys etc. and brings it back into school before the fair. Please let us know if you need a jar.

Thank you very much for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you on the day.

A massive thank you to:

** 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.*

In the past we have received lots of invaluable help from parents and other helpers. Whether it was sourcing, donating or collecting amazing raffle/tombola prizes, wrapping gifts, labelling tombola items, helping to set up in the afternoon or helping on a stall during the fair.

If you, or someone you know, is able to help this year, either:

- *got an idea for a stall and are happy to prepare it, set it up and run it on the day, please mail office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk*
- *sticking tombola tickets onto tombola prizes (during school hours 26th or 27th June)*
- *help setting up on the day (in the afternoon of Friday 28th June from 1.30pm)*
- *help on a stall during the fair (between 3.30pm -5.00pm)*
- *making tea for our volunteer stallholders*
- *or any other help would be appreciated.*

If you have access to a gazebo which you would be willing to loan to us, or even better if you know of anyone who could help us with a marquee, please talk to Karen in the office.

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 13th May 2024*

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!

A massive thank you to:

** everyone that has donated items to Opal College so far (a special thank you to Formost Air-Conditioning Limited for their very generous donations).*

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

Nottinghamshire County Council

2024/2025

August						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

September						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

October						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

November						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

December						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

January						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

February						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

March						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

April						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

May						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

June						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

July						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

School Holidays | Public Holidays | Administration Day

Autumn Term
2 September - 18 October 7 weeks
4 November - 20 December 7 weeks

Spring Term
6 January - 14 February 6 weeks
24 February - 4 April 6 weeks

Summer Term
22 April - 23 May 4 weeks 3 days
2 June - 29 July 8 weeks 2 days

Inset Days

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 4th July 2025

Monday 28th July 2025

Tuesday 29th July 2025

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

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)*

2F: *Tuesday and Thursday (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 Boroughs air quality webpage below:
www.gedling.gov.uk/resident/environmentalhealth/airpollutionmonitoringandreporting/

Gedling Borough Council

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

Nottinghamshire County Council

2023/2024

August						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

September						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

December						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

January						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

March						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

April						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

May						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

June						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

July						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

School Holidays | Public Holidays | Administration Day | Inset Day

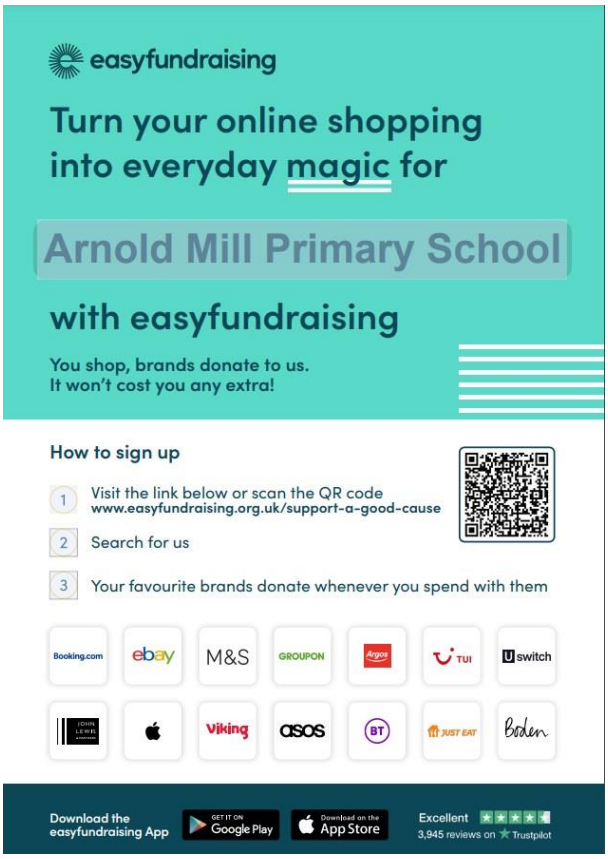
Autumn Term
4 September - 20 October **7 weeks**
6 November - 22 December **7 weeks**

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]

4 - [Click link to visit ParentPay]



5 - [Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising]

6 - [Link to Cost of Living Factsheet]

READING FOR PLEASURE

The Open University

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

7 - [Link to Tax Free Childcare website]

☎ ***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