

Arnold Mill Primary School

13th October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

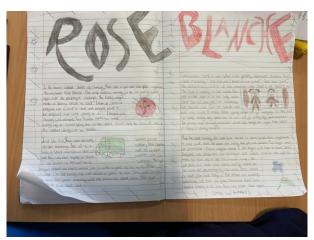
It was so lovely to see so many parents attending parents' evening this week. If you missed this please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a chat and a catch up. We know how important it is for parents to be aware of what is happening in school, so we don't want you to miss out. Some of you will have your multi-agency SEN meetings next week, if you can't attend please let us know.

We have one more week before our half term break and I've seen the weather looks quite good, however we are having more wet days now so please make sure your children have rain coats and wellies in school so we can still go out and enjoy playtimes.

Have a super weekend.

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Children's Work:













Change of Inset Day to 12th July 2024



Unfortunately, we are needing to reschedule the inset day from 5th July to 12th July due to problems with training bookings.

I attach a revised 2023-24 Academic Calendar for your information.



Project Playground



We all know that playtimes can be tricky for children, especially if they have nothing to play with. With this in mind, we have joined the OPAL Primary Programme. Their vision can be seen using this link https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/about-us/our-vision/

As part of this, we have started our own 'Project Playground" fundraising campaign. We need to develop the equipment and storage solutions in our school grounds. We want to develop different

areas for children to use independently, for example, construction zones, quiet areas to read and draw and role play spaces where children can use their imagination.

How can you help?

We have set aside some of our school budget to make these changes but are asking for a little help from you so that we can improve lunchtimes as soon as possible. Some things can be donated, but we will need to purchase quality storage and equipment which will last.

Donations of equipment:

We are looking for physical donations such as outdoor games, dressing up clothes, pushchairs and any construction materials. If you have anything you think might be suitable, please speak to the office.

Fundraising:

Alongside any physical donations, we are also need monetary donations for sheds, storage boxes and sturdy play equipment. We will be focusing our fundraising efforts on this throughout the year, with money from school fairs, performances etc going towards this. We have also set up a Justgiving page for donations, just click on this link.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Your donations will go directly to benefit the children at Arnold Mill Primary School and will be gratefully received.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme



Details about the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme for Autumn half term can be found here Link to County Council HAF page

Since summer 2023, the council started to use unique HAF codes for all children and young people wishing to access the programme. This move was made to ensure that they are reaching the right families and those most in need. As a school, we have emailed all parents who have a HAF code and passed this onto them.

To obtain a HAF code you must be in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. This is different to universal free school meals that all children in F2 and Key Stage 1 receive, (please note that children in F2 and KS1 can also apply for benefits-related free school meals).

Link to Nottinghamshire Council Council Free School Meals info and application

If you believe your child is eligible for the HAF programme but has not received their personalised HAF code, you should contact Nottinghamshire Council on 0115 977 4999 (line open 10am to 2pm, Monday to Friday), or email the team at: haf@nottscc.gov.uk

Reading at Home



We would like to thank you for the incredible support you have shown in promoting a love for reading among our pupils. Your involvement has a profound impact on children's growth and development. To further support with reading at home we would like to remind you of our school policy. Please see below:

Reading at Home

Foundation stage

Children in Foundation stage will choose a share at home story book and once the children are ready, they will also bring home a reading book that matches their phonic ability. The children will get a new book on their book change day. Please read with your child at least **three times a week** and sign their diaries so that they can work towards their reading pins. Reading could include bedtime stories as well as the books they bring home from school.

Key Stage One

Children in KS1 have two reading books. Their Read! Write! book and a share at home book. During the week they will have been learning to read their Read! Write! book so that they can read this to you with confidence and expression. Their share at home book is one you can read together. Both books will be changed on a Friday. Please read at least **three times a week**. When you have read with your child please write it in their diaries, then they can work towards their reading pins. We'd also love to know what you are reading for pleasure, so feel free to share that with us in their diaries as well.

Key Stage Two

Children in KS2 will be coming home with two books; one book is a book of their choice; the other is an allocated Banded Reading Book (chosen to stretch their reading ability, it will be easy to spot as it will have a bright, coloured sticker on the spine). The banded book is selected after a one-to-one assessment and plays a vital role in tailoring your child's reading experience, ensuring they are matched with appropriate content that aligns with their skill level. Please read the **banded book** with the sticker with your child for 5-10 minutes at least **three times** a week so that they can earn their reading pins (please also record this in their Reading Diary because it will help your child achieve green cards weekly).

The other book can be reading for pleasure at any other time and does not form part of our reward policy for reading.

If you have any questions, please ask your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

Shaun Hewlett

Deputy Head Teacher

Don't forget to order your school photos



We had the first delivery of school photos this week but it's not too late to order if you still want to.

Year 4 Rand Farm Residential Visit May 2024: *Deadline for applying* for a place - Sunday 15th October



Following the parents' information meeting, applications are now open to apply for places on the above residential visit. This visit is open to children in year 4, with 30 places available. Unfortunately, due to low take up on the last trip and the school making a loss, we have had to reduce the numbers this time round. Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis. However, if we are oversubscribed, we will give priority to children who did not go on the last trip. If you were unable to attend the meeting, the presentation can be found using this link.

How to apply for a place on the trip

Please complete this form to register your child's interest in attending the trip. The deadline for applying for a place is **Sunday 15th October** and we will inform parents w/c 16th October, whether their child has been successful. We will then require a £20 deposit to be paid by the end of October to confirm the place.

More information about the trip

The children will have a full two-day learning experience and a 1-night stop over on the Farm. The aim of the visit is for the children to hopefully gain a better understanding of farm life, why people continue to do it, where their food comes from as well as the effect upon the environment. There will be opportunities for children to participate in a range of activities which we will let you know about nearer the time. Children will also carry out farm jobs e.g., milking, bottle feeding, mucking out etc. There will also be lots of opportunities for children to have recreational time and use the different facilities at the farm to enable them to wind down at the end of a busy day.

The cost of the trip will be £135.00 per child, payable by instalments. The cost includes transport from school to Rand Farm Park, all meals, activities, use of the facilities, and talks/activities with farm staff.

Many thanks

Consultation about joining The White Hills Park Trust - Parents' meeting Thursday 19th October at 5.30pm



For some time, we have been looking at the best options for the school for the future. Many schools have now moved into Multi Academy Trusts (MATs), with approximately 43% of primaries and all but 1 secondary being an academy in Nottinghamshire. After a lot of research and discussion by the governing body and senior leadership staff we have decided to move forward with joining a MAT and have applied to join the White Hills Park Trust.

We believe that this move will have many benefits for our children, families and staff enabling us to work with other highly regarded schools to share expertise in all areas of school life. At the same time, we will maintain all of the attributes that make our school so special. We will also be able to share facilities and staff expertise to develop our curriculum and our educational offer. The trust will have a central focus on professional development for our staff so that we can continually improve our teaching and learning.

Each school within White Hills Park Trust retains its own individuality, ethos and values. In terms of the day-to-day life of the school, there will be little difference to that which is currently experienced by the pupils and parents. In particular we will be maintaining our strong identity as a primary school. I will continue to make operational decisions and share the strategic leadership with our Governing Body, at the same time as benefiting from sharing best practice amongst other schools.

The consultation period is from Monday 16th October to Monday 27th November. We are arranging a consultation open event for **Thursday 19th October at 5.30pm**, in the school hall. You may also wish to send letters in to school marked 'Academy Conversion' if you have any questions. Key people will be in attendance including Dr Paul Heery, CEO of the White Hills Park Trust, and Mrs Jacquie Sainsbury, Primary Director of the White Hills Park Trust who will give a presentation and will be available afterwards to answer any questions you may have. The governors will have access to, and will consider, all responses before we make a final decision. We look forward to engaging with you in this very important step for our school.

Mrs Oldfield - Head Teacher

KS1 Reading for Pleasure with Parents: First session Friday 20th October



It has been a good start to the year, and we are really looking forward to welcoming you all into class.

As our returning KS1 parents will know, we like to invite you to come into school and read with your child once per half term. Reading is at the heart of everything we do in school and promoting a love of reading for pleasure is one of our highest priorities. After having taken on board feedback from last year, we are letting you have these dates now so that as many of you as possible will hopefully be able to join us! You are always welcome to bring books from home to share in these sessions or read one we have in class.

In all cases, please arrive outside your child's classroom and we will open the doors as soon as we can for you to sign in and join in!

Friday 20th October 9-9.30am (reading for pleasure)

Tuesday 12th December 3-3.30pm (share a winter celebration story)

Friday 9th February 9-9.30am (bring your favourite book to share)

Tuesday 26th March 3-3.30pm (Easter story and craft)

Friday 24th May 9-9.30am (reading for pleasure)

Tuesday 23rd July 3-3.30 (our year's story and celebration)

We hope you can join us at one or more of the sessions, but we do understand that you are all very busy so please don't worry if you can't as there are lots of staff members who will be able to read with your children.

Kind regards,

The KS1 Team

School Essentials Giveaway Event: Saturday 21st October



KS1 White Post Farm Roadshow: Thursday 16th November 2023



We have been lucky enough to be able to arrange for White Post Farm to bring their fantastic roadshow to school on Thursday 16th November 2023. They will be bringing with them a variety of animals from the farm ranging from reptiles to mammals; some bigger, some smaller and lots in between! They will be providing two animal experts for the day who will be able to teach the children all they know about the animals to support our KS1 science curriculum on animal classification, lifecycles and animals & offspring. There will be opportunities for the children to get up close to the animals, ask questions and handle them – if they want to! It is a brilliant learning opportunity not available even on a physical visit to the farm.

To help with the cost of this full-day roadshow we are asking for a contribution of £4.72 per child. Please make payment via ParentPay as soon as possible and no later than Friday 10th November.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

The KS1 Team

NHS Flu Vaccinations: 21st November



As part of the NHS National Immunisation schedule, the NHS are offering the flu vaccine to all primary and secondary school children. This has been scheduled for 21st November for children at Arnold Mill.

Please use this link to read the information leaflet Link to information leaflet

Please use this link to fill out the consent form <u>Link to consent form</u>

Please note that children will only receive the vaccination if parental consent is given.

Year 5 & 6 - National Holocaust Museum: 22nd November



The visit, on 22nd November 2023, will provide an engaging opportunity for the children to discover what life was like for Jewish children in Europe during World War 2 and will be an informative way of extending our classroom work in history, geography and R.E. We will have the opportunity to hear a survivor of the Holocaust speak about their experiences and the whole day is an extremely moving and thought-provoking experience.

The trip to The Holocaust Museum will take place during school hours, leaving school at 9.15am and returning by 3.30pm and will cost £14.00, payable via your child's ParentPay account by 17th November please. The cost of the trip includes transport and entrance to the museum.

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 enclosed Trip Permission Form and return it to the school office by 1st November.

On the day the children will need to wear school uniform and may also bring a small amount of money (£5 max.) to spend in the gift shop should you wish, however this will be their responsibility to look after.

There will be lots of other thrilling adventures so keep an eye out for more.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Dibley, Mr Hewlett and Mr Phillips

Class 1C Assembly – Thursday 23rd November 2023 (booking essential)



We would like to invite Class 1C 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 Wednesday 22nd November via this link 1C Assembly.

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).

REMINDER - in line with our Safeguarding Policy and Social Media Parental Agreement, there should be no phones out during the assembly.

Class 2a Assembly – Thursday 30th November 2023 (booking essential)



We would like to invite Class 2a 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 Wednesday 29th

November via this link 2A 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 quests 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 remained locked until 3.15pm.
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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.

Applying for a secondary school place



If your child is in year 6, you have until Tuesday 31 October 2023 to apply for a secondary school place. You'll need an email address to register to apply and are advised to consider carefully which four schools you want to apply for. Applying online is quick and easy.

Link to Nottinghamshire County Council School Admissions

Half Term Activities - We will publish these as we receive information











School Clubs



School Clubs - Autumn Term 2023/24

Day:	Club:	Organiser:	Times of club:	Year Group:	Control designation of the last of the las	Parents to collect from:
Monday	Recorder Club	Mr Phillips and Mrs Bennett	3.30-4.15pm	3/4 by invite	15	2d
	Running Club	Mrs Greentree and Mrs Stones	3:30pm-4:30pm	5/6	20	Reception
	Gardening (Foundation garden)	Mrs Broniewska and Miss Rose	3.30pm-4.15pm	1/2	8	Foundation
Tuesday	Year 6 Maths SATS Booster (2e)	Miss Dibley	8.15am	6	N/A	N/A
	Football Club	Mr Robinson/Mrs Stones	3.30-4.30pm	5/6	40	2e
	Board Games	Mrs Rathore/Mrs Nicholls	3.30pm-4.15pm	2/3	15	2c
	Choir	Mrs Oldfield	3.30pm- 4.15pm	All year groups	30	2f
	Gardening	Mrs Humphry, Miss Joynt, Mrs Hopewell	3.30-4.30pm	3-6	15	Foundation
	Performance Squad	Mrs Greentree	3:30pm-4:30pm	3/4	By Invitation	Reception
Wednesday	Boccia	Mrs Greentree	3:30pm-4:15pm	KS2	By Invitation	Reception
Thursday	Year 6 Reading SATS Booster (2f)	Mr Hewlett	8.15am	6	N/A	N/A
	Book Club	Mr Hewlett/Mrs Stones	3.30-4.30pm	F2-Y6	20	2f
	Performance Squad	Mrs Greentree	3:30pm-4:30pm	5/6	By Invitation	Reception
Friday						
	There are no after school clubs on a Friday					

^{*}No need to book - just turn up



Please use the link below for more information about the wraparound care we offer at Arnold Mill.

<u>Link to Wraparound Care Information</u>

Dinner Menus: Week 2



Calendar



October

Mon 2nd - Class 2f Visit to Arnold Library 1.30-2.30pm

Weds 4th - Class 2e Visit to Arnold Library 1.30-2.30pm

Thurs 5th - Year 4 Rand Farm Parents Information Evening (see letter)

Mon 9th - Class 2d Visit to Arnold Library 1.30-2.30pm

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Tues 10th & Thurs 12th - Parents' Evenings (see letter)

Fri 13th - Class 1c Visit to Arnold Library 1.30-2.30pm

Mon16th - Class 2A Arnold Trail Walk 1.15-3.00pm (weather permitting)

Thurs 19th - Whitehills Consultation Meeting with parents 5.30pm (see letter)

Fri 20th - Year 1 & 2 Reading for Pleasure Session 9.00-9.30am (see letter)

Fri 20th - Class 1a Visit to Arnold Library 1.30-2.30pm

Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd November - Half Term
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November

Mon 8th - Parents' SEN Coffee Morning 9.15am (see info)

Fri 10th - PTA Meeting 3.40pm (see info)

Mon 13th - Class F2a Visit to Arnold Library 1.30-2.30pm

Weds 15th - Class F2b Visit to Arnold Library 1.30-2.30pm

Thurs 16th - Year 1/2White Post Farm Roadshow (Link to letter)

Fri 17th - Children in Need (more details to follow)

Mon 20th - F1am Visit to Arnold Library 9.30-10.30am

Tues 21st - Flu Vaccinations (F2-Y6) (Link to info booklet) (Link to consent form)

Weds 22nd - Year 5 & 6 Trip to the National Holocaust Centre (see letter)

Thurs 23rd - Class 1c Assembly with parents (see letter)

Fri 24th - Class 1b Visit to Arnold Library 1.30-2.30pm

Fri 24th - Non uniform day - chocolatey or bottle donation for the Christmas Fair

Mon 27th - Class F1pm Visit to Arnold Library 1.30-2.30pm

Tues 28th Nov-Tues 5th Dec Book fair

December

Fri 1st - Christmas Fair

Weds 6th - Christmas Dinner Day

Tues 12th - Year 1 & 2 Reading for Pleasure Session 3.00-3.30pm (see letter)

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

January

Thurs 4th - Inset day - School Closed

Fri 5th - Inset day - School Closed

Mon 8th - Children return to school

February

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

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February - Half Term

March

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

Fri 29th - Good Friday - School Closed

April

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

May

Mon 6th - May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed

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

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

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - Half Term

June

July

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

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

Fri 26th - Last day of term

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

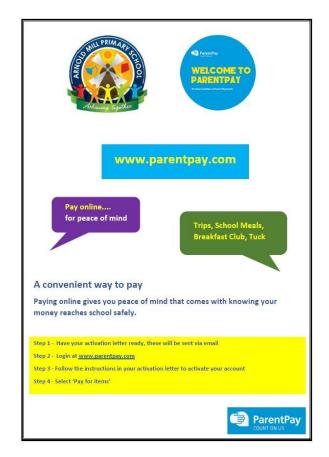
Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2023-24 August 2023 to July 2024







3 - Click here to see school policies



4 - Click link to visit ParentPay



5 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



6 - <u>Link to Cost of Living Factsheet</u>



7 - <u>Link to information about the NHS Minor Ailment Scheme</u>



8 - <u>Link to information about how to deal with head lice</u>





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.
- Think about why reading is good for them focus on intrinsic motivation rather than external rewards.
 - 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.
 - 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





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



Find out more at childcarechoices.gov.uk



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



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