

Arnold Mill Primary School

20th October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy time this half term. We've had trips to the library, visits to our old school site, walks around Arnold and visitors who have come in to help us with our learning. It's been great watching the children develop their love of learning.

We have lots of great things planned for next half term so please keep an eye on your emails for updates. We've got a film night, Christmas fair, class parties and of course our nativities and KS2 Christmas concert.

Thank you for all your support this half term, we hope you have a super half term.

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

(School is closed from 23rd October 2023 and reopens on the 6th November 2023)

Children's Work:

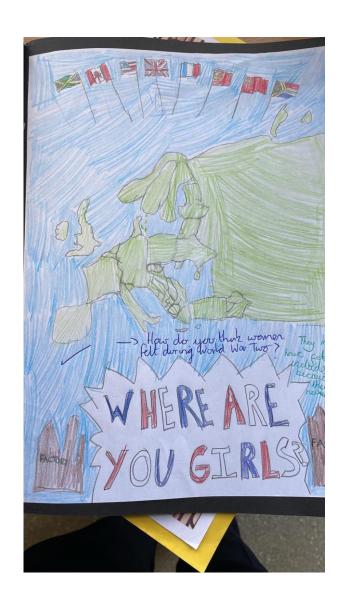






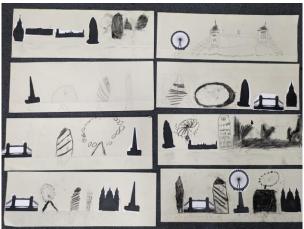


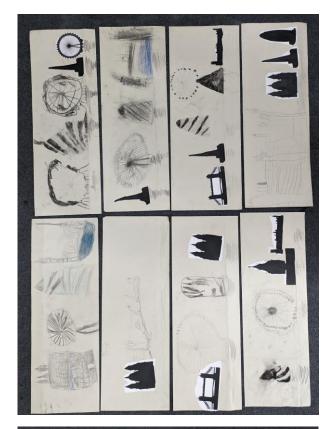


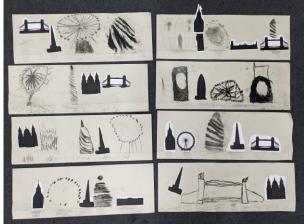












Reverse Advent Calendar



During November, we are collecting for Arnold Foodbank's **Reverse Advent Calendar**. The idea is that each day, the children can bring in an item to donate. However, we understand that this is a lot to ask, so any donations are welcome (see the poster below for ideas).

Any items collected will be passed on to the local food bank for distribution in December to help support people who may be going through a very difficult time in their lives

Why not help us prepare for Christmas by following this Reverse Advent in November. Please check our opening times around Christmas. You're welcome to ask us if there's anything in particular we're running short of. Thank you © Email: info@arnold.foodbank.org.uk Telephone: 07854 690694				
Tinned Meat eg Ham/Chicken Breast	Stuffing or Gravy	Tinned Veg - Sweetcorn, Peas, carrots	Mince/Apple Pies	6 Biscuits
Tinned Fruit	Christmas Pud/Cake	Custard/rice pudding	11 Teabags	12 Jelly/Trifle
14 Snacks/Crisps	Chocolate/ Selection box	16 Tinned Soup	17 Coffee (100g)	18 Squash/Juice
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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.

I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



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.

School Essentials Giveaway Event: Saturday 21st October



PTA Meeting: *Monday 10th November*



Diwali Special Lunch: Tuesday 14th November 2023



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

Film Night: Thursday 16th November 2023



We are holding a film night on Thursday 16th November at 3.30pm for children in F2 to Year 6. The films are due to start straight after school, so the children will be taken directly from their class to the 'cinema screen' by the teachers (they are welcome to bring a small cushion to sit on). The finish time and collection point will vary as shown in the table below. We have chosen shorter films for the younger children, as their attention span is shorter, and they get distracted easily.

Admission is £3.00 payable via ParentPay. Children will be provided with a drink and snack with the remaining money will go to raise funds for our 'Project Playground' appeal (see <u>here</u> for details). The

deadline to sign up will be 3.00pm on Thursday 16th November, after which time the finalised attendance list will be printed and passed to staff (for this reason we will NOT be able to accommodate late requests - sorry).

Children in years 5 and 6 are permitted to walk home on their own if parental consent is received via this form. ALL other children must be collected by a responsible adult, unless they are booked to go to Millie's After School Club, in which case they will be escorted there by a member of staff.

To keep costs down, we will NOT be issuing tickets. ParentPay will give us an attendance list which allows us to keep a track of numbers for fire regulations and for the staff to know which children to escort to the 'cinema screen'.

We ask that the children observe 'cinema etiquette' at all times during the film, therefore no mobile phones will be allowed.

Children in Need: Friday 17th November 2023



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 Link to consent form

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.

Non-Uniform Day: 24th November



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:

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Half Term Activities







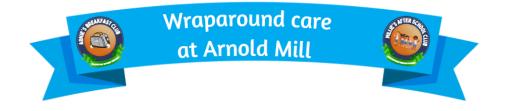




School Clubs



Please note that there will be no after school clubs running w/c 6th November (except Millie's). They will resume w/c 13th November. SATS Boosters will still run as normal.



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

Dinner Menus w/c 6th November 2023







Calendar



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

November

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

Tues 7th - Bonfire Night Themed Lunch (see poster)

Fri 10th - Remembrance Day Special lunch

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

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

Tues 14th - Diwali Special Lunch (link to poster)

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 (link to poster)

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 - Author visit for Foundatoin and KS1

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

Thurs 30th Nov - Class 2a Assembly with parents (see letter)

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)

Tues 19th - KS1 Nativity "Lights, Camel, Action!" 2.30pm (details to follow)

Tues 19th - Year 3/4 Christmas Party

Weds 20th - KS2 Performance at 2.30pm (details to follow)

Weds 20th - KS1 Christmas Party

Thurs 21st - Foundation Nativity "The Twinkly Nativity!" 9.45am or 2.25pm (details to follow)

Fri 22nd - Foundation Christmas Party

Fri 22nd - Year 5/6 Christmas Party

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

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

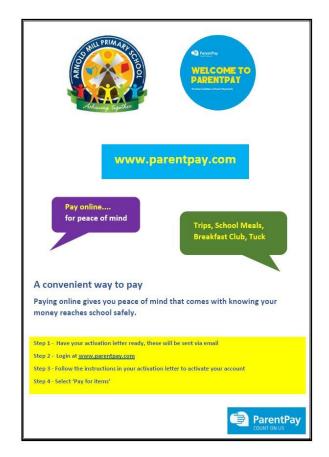
Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2023-24 August 2023 to July 2024







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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