Arnold Mill Primary School

24th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

What with White Post Farm's visit, the KS1 drama workshops, the Y5/6 Holocaust Museum visit, 1c's class assembly and our non-uniform day, it's been a super exciting week. Whenever we have visitors in school or go on trips, we are always pleased to hear the positive comments people have to say about our children. Their behaviour and the respect they show others is something we can all be proud of. Well done children!

We have another busy week next week, culminating in the Christmas Fair on Friday 1st December. We are very grateful for all the donations and offers of help we have received so far, we will also welcome any help/donations in the run up to the fair next week. You can buy raffle tickets and tokens ahead of the fair via ParentPay and these can be collected from the office at any point next week. Avoid the queues at the fair and buy in advance!

Have a great weekend!

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Children's Work:

New Articles

School Meal Price Increase from 4th December

In October 2023 Nottinghamshire County Council proposed an increase to school meal prices. This was delayed and was sent to be reviewed under the Authority's call-in process. This process has now concluded, and unfortunately, despite lots of kick-back, the increase to £2.95 per meal will be implemented from Monday 4th December 2023.

Children in Need

Thank you for all the donations we received for Children in Need. We raised £75. The donation page is still open if anyone wants to make a donation.

Link to donations page

Scholastic Book Fair: *Tuesday 28th November-Tuesday 4th December*

Dear Parents, Carers and Grandparents,

It is that time of year again; the school book fair is upon us!

Your support in previous years has been fantastic raising money for the school to buy books for guided reading, the library and individual classes. It has benefitted every child in the school. We hope that, with your help, we can be just as successful this year.

There will be a huge selection of books for all ages including new titles written by a host of popular authors. There is a competition for the children to enter and a selection of affordable stationary. Plenty for the children to choose from and lots of ideas for Christmas!

The book fair will come to school on the 29th November and will be with us until the 5th December.

Opening times are:

- *3.30pm – 4.00pm from the 28th November onwards.*
- *Starting from the 29th November we will also be open in the morning 8.30am until 8.50am*
- *You will also find us at the Christmas Fair on the 1st December (in the main lobby area). If you are unable to attend, you can purchase books online or order books through us. We look forward to seeing you from the 28th November – 4th December.Thank you for your continued support.*

K Nunley and K Appleyard

Drama4all Workshop

PERFORM®

WATCH YOUR CHILD SHINE

We were very pleased to receive a KS1 visit from Perform on Monday 20th November. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of Around The World and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of Around The World*. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click here to download it free or here to find out more about the* Around The World *theme.*

*Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering **a special introductory discount** to all parents of Arnold Mill Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Monday 11th December.*

*To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **ARNO111223** or book a Free Trial Session online at perform.org.uk/try.*

Reducing Parental Conflict

We have been asked by Nottinghamshire County Council to pass on these leaflets.

All families argue...

Reducing Parental Conflict
East Midlands

but is this affecting your child?

Do you want to make sure that grown up arguments and worries don't affect your whole family?

Your children learn about relationships from you

Being sad or worried can affect a child's learning

They need to learn how to resolve arguments

Your child needs to be protected from adult arguments

Children worry about you when they hear arguments

Worrying about things can affect your child's sleep

For more information or support on how you could better manage arguments, speak to a worker or send an email to ReduceParentalConflict@nottscc.gov.uk
For further information scan the QR code or visit:
www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk/relationshipsmatter

Nottinghamshire County Council

Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

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but do you want to make changes?

Do you want to resolve your arguments more easily and feel more able to have effective discussions?

Do you keep arguing about the same things?

Do you both want help to get past these problems?

Are your arguments getting worse or more often?

Are you really listening to each other?

Do you struggle to resolve arguments?

Do you feel like you're not getting anywhere?

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Previously Published Articles

Talent Assembly - Tuesday 5th December: *Deadline for nominations is TODAY (Friday 24th November)*

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

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

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

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

If you would like to nominate your child, please send a brief description, with a photo if possible, by **Friday 24th November 2023** *to joldfield@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk We won't be able to include any nominations received after this date.*

There will be additional talent assemblies during the year, so if you can't nominate this time, there will be other opportunities.

Looking forward to celebrating with you!

We will be holding our Christmas Fair and Christmas Market on Friday 1st December . If you, or someone you know, is able to help either at the Fair or during the run up we would be very grateful. Help needed includes sticking tickets on tombola prizes, setting up stalls ready for the Fair, helping on a stall at the Fair.

Or, do you know of a local business or individual that would be willing to donate a prize or two for the raffle or a stall?

For more information about the Christmas Fair, and all other things Christmassy (including Christmas Performances, Christmas Dinner, Christmas parties etc - please see our Christmas Newsletter - here is the **Christmas Newsletter** *link.*

Any other help would be appreciated - please click on this link **I can help**

PTA - we need more volunteers to join the PTA to help plan and run fundraising events, if you can help please (or would like more information) please contact the school office (office@arnoldmill.nottts.sch.uk) to let us know how you can help.

Join the PTA!

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Residential Visit to Kingswood: *September 2024*

We recently held a hugely successful residential trip to Kingswood Dearne Valley. We have decided to run the same trip again next year. It will be from Monday 16th - Friday 20th September 2024.

The 4 night/5 day experience includes the following:

- *Coach travel to and from the venue.*
- *4 nights accommodation.*
- *Cooked breakfast, lunch and evening meal every day*
- *A range of adventure and water activities supervised by trained instructors*
- *An experience to never forget.*

The cost of this trip works out at £358.50 + £16.25 for the bus (this may vary, depending on spaces booked) per child.

If you would like your child to go on the trip, please pay a minimum of £10 deposit by Friday 17th November and this will confirm your child's place.

The remaining balance can be paid either in full or by instalment as long as the full balance is paid by July 2024.

I really hope that you feel able to allow your child to take part in this opportunity and I look forward to going into more detail about the itinerary as soon as we confirm the booking.

Please also be aware that we will be working as a group to try and fundraise so we can reduce the total cost. This could change the final balance due but we will keep you informed as much as possible. ***Also, due to the rising cost, this may be the final time that we can expect parents to pay for this trip, so could be the final time that we run this trip in this format.***

Mr T Robinson and G.Dibley

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:

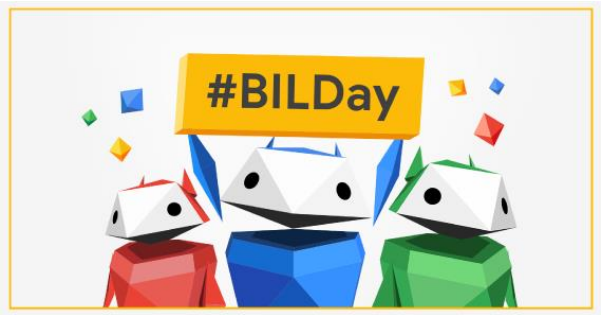
We are looking for physical donations such as outdoor games, dressing up clothes, pushchairs and any construction materials. If you have anything you think might be suitable, please speak to the office.

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.

Online Safety Assembly - Invite to parents to join remotely: *Tuesday 28th November*



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to invite you all to join a special online assembly to celebrate Google's Be Internet Legends Day 2023!

As you will know, we spend a lot of time carefully selecting and using the best resources to support the teaching of online safety in school. This is an area that we know concerns many parents and carers as our children are increasingly accessing online environments.

In KS1, we use our SMART with a Heart rules to help the younger children in school remember how to keep safe online in an age appropriate way. In KS2, we use Google's Be Internet Legends programme to help our older children with the key areas or 'pillars' of online safety. This assembly will give you the chance to understand more about this and give you valuable support with online safety for your child/children. Whilst the assembly is aimed at those with children in KS2, we warmly invite any parent to join using the link below. The assembly will be streamed live on YouTube at 9.30am on **Tuesday 28th November**. *The link will then remain available to watch later if you want to catch up at your leisure.*

https://youtube.com/live/1TZmvbIu8pg?feature=share

All our KS2 pupils will be watching the assembly live in school and will then be following it up in classes with a session on Google's Interland game which has been specifically developed to support the teaching and learning of online safety at KS2. You can find this here Play Interland - Be Internet Awesome

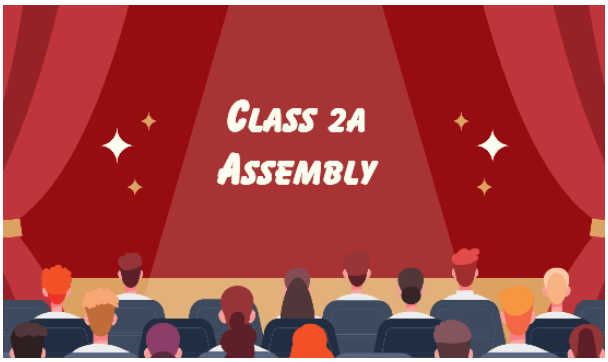
We really hope you can take part.

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Carter - Computing Leads

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 guests at approx. 9.05am and the assembly is due to start at 9.10am*
- ***After the assembly you may join your child in their classroom for 10-15 minutes to have a look at some of their work if you wish.***
- *Please note that the pedestrian gate on Bestwood Avenue is locked at 9.15am and will remained 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.

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.

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2023-24
August 2023 to July 2024

Nottinghamshire County Council

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19 February - 29 March **5 weeks 4 days**

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3 June - 26 July **8 weeks**

School Clubs

School Clubs – Autumn Term 2023/24

Day:	Club:	Organiser:	Times of club:	Year Group:	Number of places:	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
	Tag Rugby	Mr Fretwell	3.30-4.30pm	5/6		Main Reception
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

Wraparound care at Arnold Mill

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

Link to Wraparound Care Information

Dinner Menus w/c 27th November 2023

AUTUMN/WINTER 2023/24

WEEK 2

WEEK COMMENCING

September 4, September 25, October 16, November 6, November 27, December 18, January 8, January 29

MY SCHOOL MENU

TASTE of NATURE

Vegetarian meals are available upon request

	MAIN MEAL	DESSERT
MONDAY	Quorn dippers, roasted baby potatoes sweetcorn cucumber sticks Gluten	Shortbread OR Fruit Gluten
TUESDAY	Nottinghamshire sausage gravy, Yorkshire pudding mashed potatoes, broccoli & carrots Egg Gluten Milk Sulphur Dioxide Plant based sausages	Jelly & fruit OR Fruit
WEDNESDAY	Cheesy tomato pasta garlic bread, carrot & cucumber sticks Gluten Milk Soya	Chocolate sponge & chocolate sauce OR Fruit Milk Egg Gluten
THURSDAY	Roast pork, stuffing & gravy Yorkshire pudding, roasted OR mashed potato cabbage & fresh carrots Milk Egg Gluten Quorn roast	Strawberry ice cream tub Milk OR Fruit
FRIDAY	MSC fish finger wrap Pommes noisette, crunchy veg & sweetcorn tomato ketchup Gluten Milk Fish Quorn vegan nuggets	Honey & oatmeal cookie OR Fruit Gluten

ALSO SERVED DAILY: Best of both bread Gluten and Soya Seasonal vegetables available daily, Coleslaw Egg when served.

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/schoolmeals

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Calendar

November

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

Tues 28th - *Online Safety Assembly (see letter)*

Tues 28th Nov-Tues 5th Dec - *Book fair* (*see letter*)

Wed 29th - *F1 visit the Library am & pm*

Wed 29th - F2b visit St Paul's Church (see letter)

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

December

Fri 1st - *Christmas Fair* (see *Christmas Newsletter*)

Weds 6th - *Christmas Dinner Day* (see *Christmas Newsletter*)

Wed 6th - F2a visit to St Paul's Church (*see letter*)

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

Tues 19th - *KS1 Nativity "Lights, Camel, Action!" 2.30pm* (see *Christmas Newsletter*)

Tues 19th - *Year 3/4 Christmas Party* (see *Christmas Newsletter*)

Weds 20th - *KS2 Performance at 2.30pm* (see *Christmas Newsletter*)

Weds 20th - *KS1 Christmas Party* (see *Christmas Newsletter*)

Thurs 21st - *Foundation Nativity "The Twinkly Nativity!" 9.45am or 2.25pm* (see *Christmas Newsletter*)

Fri 22nd - *Foundation Christmas Party* (see *Christmas Newsletter*)

Fri 22nd - *Year 5/6 Christmas Party* (see *Christmas Newsletter*)

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

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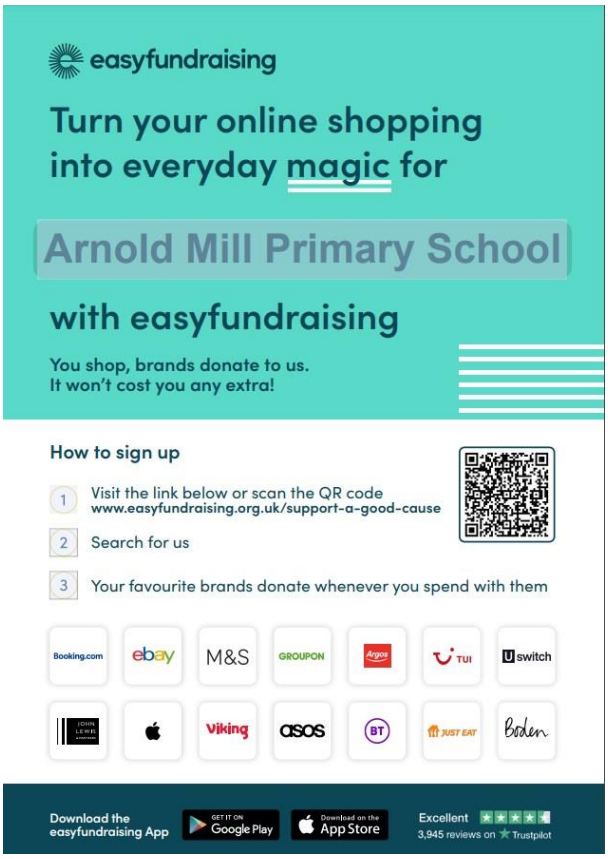
3 - [Click here to see school policies]

4 - [Click link to visit ParentPay]



5 - [Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising]

6 - Link to Cost of Living Factsheet

7 - Link to information about the NHS Minor Ailment Scheme

8 - Link to information about how to deal with head lice

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/
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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

9 - [Link to Tax Free Childcare website]

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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