Arnold Mill Weekly Newsletter





Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our new look weekly newsletter. This edition is quite lengthy, so I'll keep this bit short. As you'll see there's a lot going on in the run up to Christmas which we don't want you to miss out on. It's a bit different to the last couple of years!

Best wishes,

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

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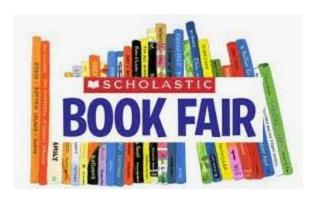


There have been a lot of children arriving to school late recently, especially this week. I would remind you that school starts at 8.50am and the classroom doors are open until 9.05am. If you arrive before 9.05am, your child should go directly to the classroom door (even if it appears closed).

If you arrive after 9.05am, you should sign your child in at the school office and they will be marked as late on the register. They will also have missed the deadline for ordering tuck.

Being late can be upsetting/embarrassing for the child and disruptive to the rest of the class.

Scholastic Book Fair



Tuesday 29th November-Tuesday 5th December 2022

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 29th November and will be with us until 5th December. Opening times are:

- 3.30pm -4.00pm from 29th November onwards.
- Starting from 30th November we will also be open in the morning 8.30-8.50am
- You will also find us at the Christmas Fair on 2nd December (in Classroom 2c).

If you are unable to attend, you can purchase books online or order books through us. We look forward to seeing you from the 29th November-5th December.

Thank you for your continued support.

Christmas Dinner Week



5th-9th December - Revised Menu



Christmas Fair



Friday 2nd December 3.45-5.00pm

An event for Children and families to enjoy:

- Santa's Grotto
 - Raffle
- Refreshments
 - Cakes
- Glitter/Henna tattoos
- Chocolate tombola
 - Stalls
 - Games
 - Book Fair
- Christmas Market
- Bottle Tombola

.... and much more

Christmas Raffle



We will be holding our traditional **Christmas Raffle** and hope that the children will help us fill four colour themed hampers (please see attached posters for more information). We also have a bicycle, beauty vouchers, flowers, board games and other prizes up for grabs (donations of additional Raffle prizes would also be greatly appreciated).

Raffle tickets are £1 and can be purchased in advance via ParentPay or at the Christmas Fair.

The "big draw" will take place at the end of the Christmas Fair (we will contact anyone who wins a prize but is unable to attend the Christmas Fair).

Foundation Christmas Hamper Raffle

This year we will be holding our traditional Christmas Raffle , to raise some much-needed funds for the school.

We hope that the children in Foundation will help us fill a "Red + White Hamper" by collecting and donating items that are either Red/White or wrapped in Red/White paper.

Red White Hamper donation request



- Items/donations to class by 1st Dec please
- The Hamper Raffle will be drawn on 2nd Dec
- FOUR Christmas Hamper and other prizes up for grabs



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Green & Blue (Courtesy of Year 1 & 2)



Pink & Purple (Courtesy of Year 3 & 4)



(Courtesy of Year 5 + 6)

Raffle Tickets are £1 and Can be purchased via your child's ParentPay account up to midnight on 1st Dec or at the Christmas Fair

Year 1 & 2 Christmas Hamper Raffle

This year we will be holding our traditional Christmas Raffle to raise some much-needed funds for the school.

We hope that the Children in Year 1 4 2 will help us fill a "Green 4 Blue Hamper" by Collecting and donating items that are either Green/Blue or wrapped in Green/Blue paper.

Green & Blue Hamper donation request



- Items/donations to class by 1st Dec please
- The Hamper Raffle will be drawn on 2nd Dec
- · FOUR Christmas Hampers and other prizes are for grabs









(Courtesy of F1 4 F2)

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Raffle Tickets are £1 and Can be purchased Via your Child's ParentPay account up to midnight on 1st Dec or at the Christmas Fair



This year we will be holding our traditional Christmas Raffle to raise some much-needed funds for the school.

We hope that the Children in Year 3 and 4 will help us fill a "Pink 4 Purple Hamper" by Collecting and donating items that are either Pink/Purple or wrapped in Pink/Purple paper.

Pink & Purple Hamper donation request



- Items/donations to class by 1st Dec please
- The Hamper Raffle will be drawn on 2nd Dec
- FOUR Christmas Hampers and other prizes up for grabs







(COUrtesy of Year 1 + 2)



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Gold + Silver (Courtesy of Year 5 + 6)

Raffle Tickets are £1 and Can be purchased Via your Child's ParentPay account up to midnight on 1st Dec or at the Christmas Fair





Year 5 & 6 Christmas Hamper Raffle

This year we will be holding our traditional Christmas Raffle to raise some much-needed funds for the school.

We hope that the children in Year 5 \$\infty\$ 6 will help us fill a "Gold \$\infty\$ Silver Hamper" by collecting and donating items that are either Gold/Silver or wrapped in Gold/Silver paper.

Gold & Silver Hamper donation request



- Items/donations to class by 1st Dec please
 - The Raffle will be drawn on 2nd Dec
- · FOUR Christmas Hampers and other prizes are up for grabs







Green + Blue (Courtesy of Year 1 + 2)



(Courtesy of Year 3 4 4)



(COUrtesy of Year 5 & 6)

Raffle Tickets are £1 and Can be purchased Via your Child's ParentPay account up to midnight on 1st Dec or at the Christmas Fair



The fair is cashless



As at previous fairs, this one will be cashless - **blue Fair Tokens** are available to pre-purchase via <u>ParentPay</u> and will also be on sale at the Fair on the day (purchase by cash/debit/credit card). Tokens are 50p each, and you will be able to use them to pay for activities and to purchase items, e.g., if the chocolate tombola is £1 a go, you will need two blue tokens to have a go.

The only exceptions to this are:

- The Christmas Market as stall holders have paid a fee for their pitch and will take payments in cash/card directly
 - The Book Fair

Both of these areas of our Christmas Fair will be located in classrooms.

Pre-purchase tokens and raffle tickets will be available for collection from the school office from after school on Monday 21st November.

The Great Arnold Mill Bake Off



Do you have an up-and-coming baker in the family? Why not encourage them to enter our baking competition. There are three categories they can enter in; they just need to remember that we are a nut-free school, so no nuts are allowed.

- Children (under 11)
 - Children (11-16)
 - Adults

Please give your entry a title; and provide a full ingredients list. Bring your bakes along to the school office by 10am on 2nd December. Judging will take place at noon. Bakes will then be sliced and sold at the refreshment stand (all proceeds to go to the school fair).

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Knight and Mrs Martin are our judges. So, dust off the apron, and get baking!

Are you able to help?

In the past we have received lots of invaluable help from parents. 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:

- in the afternoon of Friday 2nd December from 1.30pm
- help on a stall during the fair between 3.30pm -5.00pm
- have an idea for a stall and are happy to prepare it, set it up and run it on the day
- sticking tombola tickets onto tombola prizes (during school hours 29th or 30th November)
 - or any other help would be appreciated

Please contact the school office or email (<u>office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk</u>) to let us know how you can help.

Alternatively, we are seeking the following donations (if you are able to help with any items, they should be dropped off at the school office):

- Small items suitable for tombola/lucky dip prizes
 - A raffle prize or two
 - Bottles for the water into wine stall
- Chocolate for the chocolate tombola (no nuts please)
 - Coloured items for our hampers

Christmas Performances



Information about our Christmas performances can be found below. Tap on the images below until you come to the relevant performance and then click on the 'Expand' icon to open the relevant letter.

Foundation Stage - Wriggly Nativity

Thursday 15th December 9.45-10.30am (F1am/30 hrs, F2a & F2b)

Thursday 15th December 2.25-3.15pm (F1pm/30 hrs, F2a & F2b)

We would like to invite Foundation Stage parents/carers to join us for the performance. Due to health and safety reasons relating to the number of people in the Hall we must limit the number of guests for the performance. To ensure that we can set out the correct number of guest chairs for each performance please confirm the name of your child's guest by midnight on Wednesday 14th December (you will find the link to the booking form at the end of this letter).

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

- In advance of the performance, we will set out the number of seats requested via the electronic booking form.
- The pedestrian gate on Cross Street will be opened approximately ten minutes before the
 performance start time (the pedestrian gate on Bestwood Avenue is kept locked between
 9.19am and 3.15pm).
- The guest list will be checked and you will be invited to take your seats approx. 5 minutes before the performance is due to start
- The main vehicular access gates leading to the staff car park generally remains closed during the day, if the 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 & 9.10am and again between 3.00 & 3.50pm).

Each child may have two guest tickets (two per child, not two per performance - if you have more than one child in Foundation Stage please only book a maximum of two tickets). Tickets are free of charge and must be booked (on a first come, first served basis) via the electronic booking form — please

click on this <u>Click this link to book tickets</u> We will not be issuing physical tickets as the booking form enables us to produce the guest list.

REMINDER - in line with our Safeguarding Policy and Social Media Parental Agreement, there should be no phones out during the performance. Don't worry - we will pop some photos onto your child's TEAMs account.

At the end of each performance there will be a collection bucket should you wish to make a cash donation to our chosen charity, which this year we are raising funds to purchase and install a community defibrillator in memory of Erica Taylor. Alternatively, you can donate via our JustGiving page <u>Click here</u> to donate

If the defibrillator saves one life, it will be worth every penny!

Key Stage 1 - Hey Ewe!

Tuesday 13th December 9.45-10.30am

Tuesday 13th December 2.30-3.15pm

We would like to invite KeyStage 1 parents/carers to join us for the performance. Due to health and safety reasons relating to the number of people in the Hall we must limit the number of guests for the performance. To ensure that we can set out the correct number of guest chairs for each performance please confirm the name of your child's guest by midnight on Wednesday 12th December (you will find the link to the booking form at the end of this letter).

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

- In advance of the performance, we will set out the number of seats requested via the electronic booking form.
- The pedestrian gate on Cross Street will be opened approximately ten minutes before the performance start time.
- The guest list will be checked and you will be invited to take your seats approx. 5 minutes before the performance is due to start
- Please note that the pedestrian gate on Bestwood Avenue will be locked at 9.15am and will remained locked until 3.15pm.
- The main vehicular access gates leading to the staff car park generally remains closed during the day, if the 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 & 9.10am and again between 3.00 & 3.50pm).

Each child may have two guest tickets (*two per child, not two per performance - if you have more than one child in Key Stage 1 please only book a maximum of two tickets*). Tickets are free of charge and must be booked (on a first come, first served basis) via the electronic booking form – please <u>Click here to book tickets</u>. We will not be issuing physical tickets as the booking form enables us to produce the guest list.

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Key Stage 2 - Outdoor Winter Carol Concert

Monday 19th December 2.30-3.15pm

We would like to invite Key Stage 2 parents/carers to join us for this performance. Due to the number of children/adults attending this performance it will be held on the playground (weather permitting) and therefore tickets are not needed – just turn up. Please note that seats won't be provided for this performance. If you have mobility issues and require a seat, please let us know. If we have inclement weather on the day, we will rearrange for performance for Tuesday 20th or Wednesday 21st December. Keep an eye on your emails or our website and Facebook page for updates.

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

- The pedestrian gate on Cross Street will be opened approximately ten minutes before the performance start time.
- Please note that the pedestrian gate on Bestwood Avenue will remained locked until 3.15pm so the only access will be via the main entrance on Cross Street.
- The main vehicular access gates leading to the staff car park generally remains closed during the day, if the 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 3.00 & 3.50pm).
- Drinks and biscuits will be available after the performance and children can then be collected from their classes at 3.30pm as usual.

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Christmas Parties



Information about our Christmas parties can be found below. Tap on the images below until you come to the relevant Key Stage and then click on the 'Expand' icon to open the relevant letter.

Foundation Stage (F1am & F1pm) Christmas Party

Friday 16th December

This year Foundation will have their Christmas party on **Friday 16th December.** Your child can come to school (at the normal drop off/collection times) in their party clothes but please ensure that they are wearing sensible footwear to avoid accidents at playtime.

As there will be light party food/nibbles we are asking each child to bring a **cash donation of £1 towards the purchase of party food**. Your child's teacher will collect the money, donations are requested **by 12th December please**. Any change left over from the purchase of the food will be donated to the collection to buy a defibrillator for the local community.

If your child has any food allergies you are welcome, if you would prefer, to send them to school with their own named, small plate of light party food/nibbles from home instead of a donation.

Foundation Stage (F2a and F2b) Christmas Party Day

Friday 16th December 2022

This year the Foundation Unit will have their Christmas party on **Friday 16th December 2022.**

Your child may come to school in their party clothes (please ensure that they are wearing sensible footwear to avoid accidents at playtime). During the party there will be Christmas activities in their classroom and light party food/nibbles (at Lunch time normal dinner arrangements will apply).

This year we are asking each child to bring a **cash donation of £1 towards the purchase of party food.** Your child's teacher will collect the money, **donations are requested by 12th December**

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If your child has any food allergies you are welcome, if you would prefer, to send them to school with their own named, small plate of light party food/nibbles from home instead of a donation.

Key Stage 1 (Class 1a, 1b, 1c) Christmas Party

Monday 19th December

This year Class 1a, 1b and 1c will have their Christmas party on **19th December.** Your child may come to school in their party clothes (please ensure that they are wearing sensible footwear to avoid accidents at playtime). The plan for the day is:

Morning – Christmas activities in their classroom

Lunch time – (normal dinner arrangements apply).

Afternoon – Christmas Party activities. During the party there will be light party food/nibbles.

This year we are asking each child to bring a cash donation of £1 towards the purchase of party food. Your child's teacher will collect the money, donations are requested by 15th December please. Any change left over from the purchase of the food will be donated to the collection to buy a defibrillator for the local community.

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Key Stage 2 (Class 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f) Christmas Party

Wednesday 21st December 2022

This year Key Stage 2 will have their Christmas party on **Wednesday 21st December 2022.** Your child may come to school in their party clothes (please ensure that they are wearing sensible footwear to avoid accidents at playtime). The plan for the day is:

Morning – Christmas activities in their classroom

Lunch time – (normal dinner arrangements apply).

Afternoon – Christmas Party activities. During the party there will be light party food/nibbles.

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School Clubs



Next week is the last week for the current set of clubs (apart from Boccia, which will continue until 14th December).

We are currently putting together a timetable of clubs for next term. A letter will be sent out next week with more details, so keep an eye out.

Fundraising News

Children in Need 2022

We raised an amazing £245 for Children in Need this year. Thank you to everyone who has donated. The donation page will be open until Friday 2nd December if you still wish to make a contribution.

Link to Children in Need donation page



Reverse Advent Calendar



During December, the PTA are again organising a **Reverse Advent Calendar** in aid of Arnold Foodbank. Each day, the children can bring in an item from the Food Bank's shopping list if they would like to. Any items collected will be passed on to the local food bank to help support people who may be going through a very difficult time in their lives.

Please don't feel you have to give something every day, but if you would like to bring anything in during the month of December, we will ensure it goes to a good cause. A donation box will be in each classroom.

Items include:

Food Items:

Milk, tea bags, coffee, breakfast cereal, tinned food, cup-a-soups, rice, pasta sauce, beans, biscuits

Baby Essentials:

Disposable nappies, baby wipes, baby milk, sterilising tablets, breast pads, baby oil/cream, nappy rash cream

Toiletries:

Deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, soap, moisturiser, sanitary wear

Home Care:

Washing-up liquid, laundry detergent, antibacterial spray, disinfectant, toilet cleaner, bleach, cleaning cloths/sponges, washing-up brush, dustpan and brush

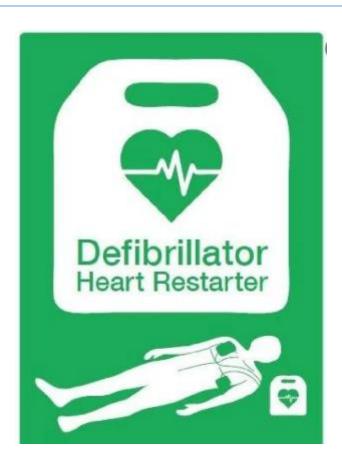
Defibrillator Fundraising in memory of Erica Taylor

We sent out a letter earlier this month ($\underline{Link \ to \ original \ letter}$) stating that we were wanting to raise £1,000 to fund a defibrillator outside the school gates.

Amazingly, we raised the initial £1,000 target within 2 days of launching the campaign! We therefore cheekily decided to aim to buy 2 defibrillators - one for outside each school entrance.

We have currently raised £1,545 and are able to purchase the first defibrillator and are well on our way to the second. Use this <u>Link to JustGiving page</u> if you wish to make a donation. We will also be having collection buckets at all the Christmas performances.

Thank you so much for the support.



Robin Hood Half Marathon



Early this year Mr Phillips, Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Cook took part in the Robin Hood Marathon. They managed to raise an amazing £684 to spend on resources for Foundation and Key Stage 1. So far we have ordered 45 Rekenreks for KS1 maths. These are counting racks which will have a big impact on understanding of numbers.

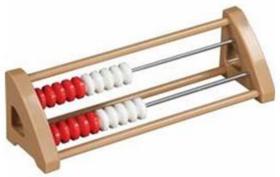
We also bought mud kitchens and sheds for both Foundation and Key Stage 1.











Cost of Living Help for Parents

Use the link below for access to a Cost of Living Factsheet with lots of helpful advice for anyone struggling with the current cost of living crisis.

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



Important Dates this Term



Mon 28th Nov - F2a Visit to St Paul's Church Link to letter

Tues 29th Nov - Start of Scholastic Book fair (running until Monday 5th December) <u>Link to letter</u>

Tues 29th Nov - Talent Assembly

Weds 30th Nov - F2b Visit to St Paul's Church Link to letter

Fri 2nd Dec - Year 3/4 Visit to Arnold Methodist Church Link to letter

Fri 2nd Dec - Christmas Fair 3.45-5.00pm (more details in the Christmas Fair section above)

Mon 5th-Fri 9th Dec - Special Christmas week menu Link to poster

Tues 6th Dec - Writing Assembly

Weds 7th Dec - Road Safety Team in school

Weds 7th Dec - Christmas Dinner Day <u>Link to poster</u>

Tues 13th Dec - KS1 Nativity Link to letter

Thurs 15th Dec - Foundation Stage Nativity Link to letter

Fri 16th Dec - Foundation Stage parties Link to F1 (Nursery letter) Link to F2 letter

Mon 19th Dec - KS2 Christmas Carols <u>Link to letter</u>

Mon 19th Dec - KS1 Party <u>Link to KS1 letter</u>

Weds 21st Dec - KS2 Party Link to KS2 letter

Weds 21st Dec - Last Day of Term (3.30pm finish)

Weds 4th Jan - First day of Spring Term

Next week's menu - Week 1



Useful info:



Click through the sheets below for information about:

- Free school meals and milk
- Academic Calendar 2022-23 (including inset days)
- Link to school policies
- ParentPay
- Easyfundraising
- Amazon Smile

Just click on the symbol in the top left hand corner of the relevant sheet to find out more information on that subject.



1 - Click here for information about free school meals and milk



2 - Academic Calendar 2022-23



3 - Click here to see school policies



4 - Click link to visit ParentPay



5 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



Did you know there is a great way to give to Amold Mill primary School when you shop on Amazon? And it doesn't cost you a single penny extrail

By signing up to Amazon Smile, you still get to browse the same wide selection of products as you do on amazon to sik. The difference is that when you do it through Amazon Smile, they give a donation to us based on a percentage (0.5%) of the value of your purchase. It may be a small amount, but if we all do our Amazon shopping on Amazon Smile, it soon adds up.

How to set it up:

How to use Amazon Smile on a web browser:

- Viet <u>smile amazon co.uk/</u>
 Sign in with the seme account you use for Amazon co.uk
 Select your charity Arnold Mill Primary School Fund
 Start shopping Remember to checkout at smile amazon.co.uk to generate donations for your chosen charity.

 Tip. Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile amazon.co.uk/

How to use AmazonSmile using the Amazon app on your mobile phone:

- 1. Open the Amazon Shopping app

- Navigate to the main menu by clicking on
 Tap on Settings and then select "AmazonSmile"
 Select your charity and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile
- in the mobile app

 5. Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will generate a donation for Arnold Mill Primary School.

Thank you for your support.

6 - <u>Click link to sign up to Amazon Smile</u>