

# **Arnold Mill Weekly Newsletter - 10th February 2023**



Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe it's the end of another half term and what a busy one it's been!

This week we've had more Bikeability sessions and library visits, Internet Safety Day, a visit from the Cyber Security Police for years 5 and 6 and a visit from Nottingham Liberal Synagogue for Key Stage 1.

We held a Parent Forum Coffee Morning yesterday. It was lovely to hear about all the positive things parents felt were going well like the new newsletter, the SIMS Parent App, support for SEN children, all

the work children have done towards internet safety and the varied opportunities that Arnold Mill give our children. They asked about parents' evening and why we are organising things the way we do. We have continued to use the outside doors so that the teaching areas in the corridors are left clean and ready for the next day. We understand that it was difficult to look at work in such a short time, therefore, we are planning to do a drop in afternoon so that you can come and have a closer look at books alongside your child. I will get a date out to you after half term.

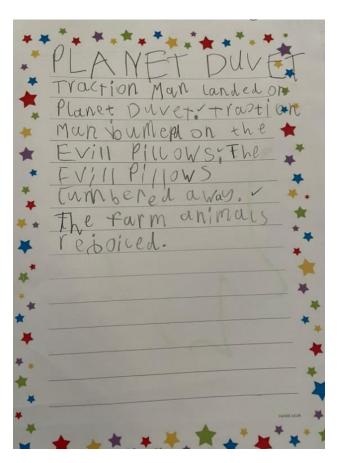
Following on from parents' evening, we would be very grateful if you could complete the online parent questionnaire (see below).

I hope you all have a lovely week and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 20th February. Please note, there won't be any clubs the first week back, apart from Boccia on Wednesday.

#### **Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher**

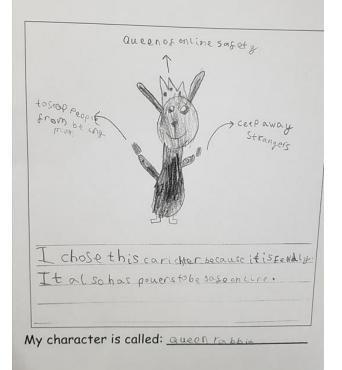
#### **Children's Work**

Here are a few examples of recent work from some of the children in school.



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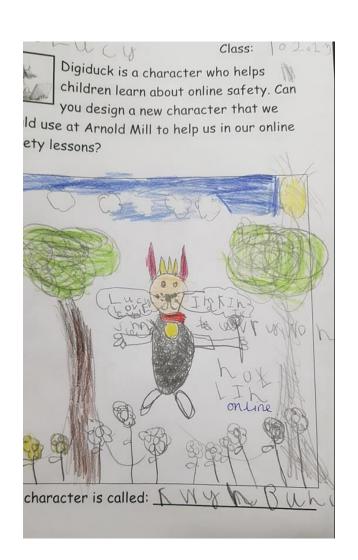
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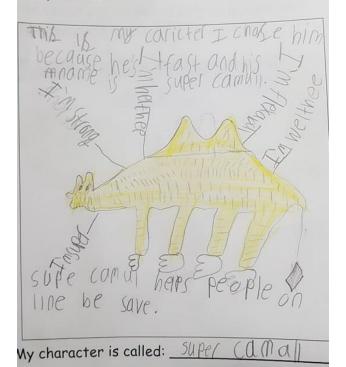
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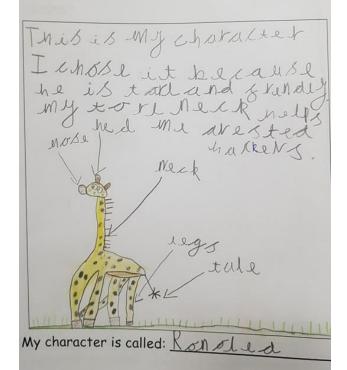
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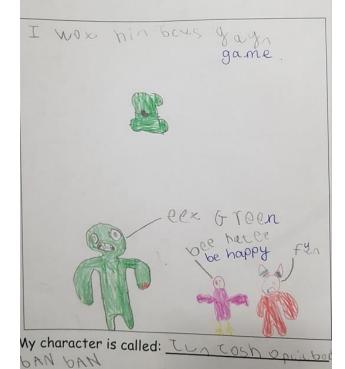
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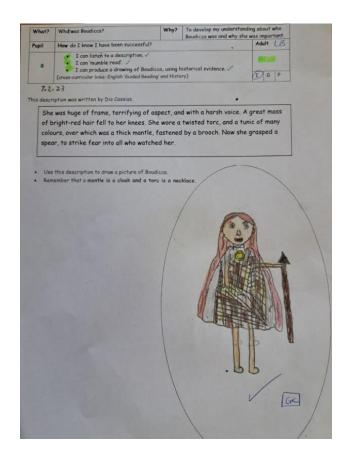
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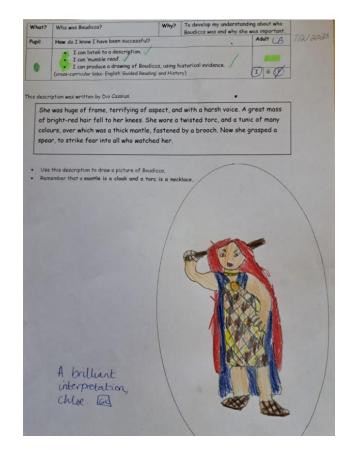


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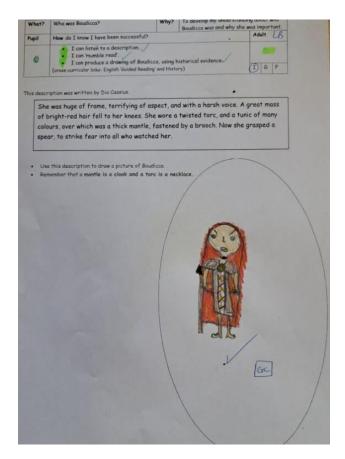
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#### Travel to the Atlantis

long ago back in AD600 Stood a Strong and fierce God named Hunterwho originated from Greece. Hunter kept a charming clam necklace in his bedroom to give to his wife named Aphrochte. One night, Hunter woke up but the necklace was not there. He had Suspected that it had been Stolen by the vicious devil mermeids who lived in the Atlantis.

Hunter couldn't leave his necklace unaterioled So he packed his bags and Sprinted down to the horbour. There he boarded the most orninous Ship on the island. Hunter threw his bag onto the Ship and Set Sail. The waves burped Smothly and the Sea was calm but Hunter didn't give up on his journey.

Hunter gelt tired so he looked at the waves but he heard a bump on the ship so he went to investigate. I zurni the Queen of passing powers had jumped onto the ship, in her hand Hunter could see a took. I zurni handed Hunter the took and she said, "Hunter take this took because you will need it for battle."

Hours later, Hunter ginally arrived at Atlantis So he got out his diving tank and headed under water. The mermails were here and ready for battle so Hunter got out his torch and headed towards them.

One of the mermaids bit Hunter and the torch fell out his hand, he thought he was going to lose until somebody jumped in, grabbed the torch and

6 - Work from 2d

Hades And The Magical Perdont

A long time ago, in Ancient Greece there lived a strong Mighty hero called Hodes, the hero of the underworld. Hades was bloode with enerally gran eyes. Hades had a Magical pendant which gave his powers which he had lost. Hades Must travell across Greece to find it.

Hades wroke up and decided to go to the harvor. He stepped into a bord and set og.

The Sea was choppy and saley and the waves were crashing all one the place. He still continued. First he went to wate but there was nothing." Its usuless "Murphilad Hades.

Next he travelled to crate and ran into Somebody he gound out it was a good.

All og a Sudder Hades heard a rumble in the sky then his boal started to Shake he turned around and he Spotted on outline og the God og power. Epindhous. He book a step closer to Hades "what that in your hand" asked Hades "its a trydard that you will need but you will have to become "Neplied Epindhous "Be aware og what" questioned Hades but Epindhous disapered.

Hedus ran into a base colled Scylla. Scylla was a beast that Never Hodes was turbed or Sticals across the ocean best if Hocles galls he doesn't get his predest back but Hades managed to cross the obsticals but Scylla doesn't know that Hades hours about her magic sente so Hades used his trydent that years people so Hades pointed the trydent at Scylla and she groze so Hades on her store the Scale and she disintegrated.

Hades girally gound his pendant but the monster may be back.

7 - Work from 2d

Arina and the poince Dragon

In thrient Greek times, there lived a girl who was brown and old, that lived in wood, named trina. time hunted for food and made priends with the animals. One late afternoon she part out a monster had separated the stone of peace. Everyone was agaid that these will be no more peace in the world. trina knew she was brown and had to stop this.

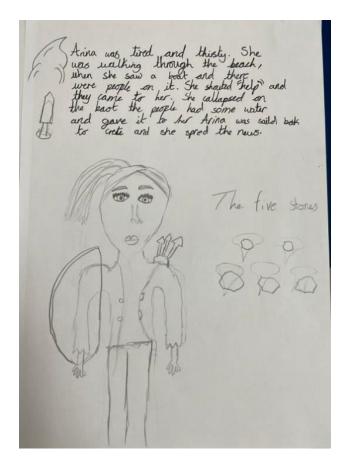
Arina was told she had to find a case somewere in Rhodes. So she saild accross the dark deadfull ocean. When she got to knodes she noticed something strange, she had noticed that all the building had fallen or were set on fire. I rina was worned but she knew she could not let anyone down, so she searched and searched but she could not text anyo find it so she went back to her loat and searched but she went back to her loat and sat allone unlill.

Suddenly smoke stanted to surround her and then a goddess appeared and spoke of her journey she said to trina.

My name is Nicea and I can help you, you will need to find a cave gull of smoke."

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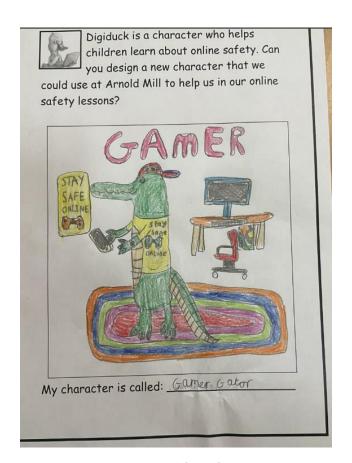
In a pull of air she was gone. Arina turned arolind and journed the right case!

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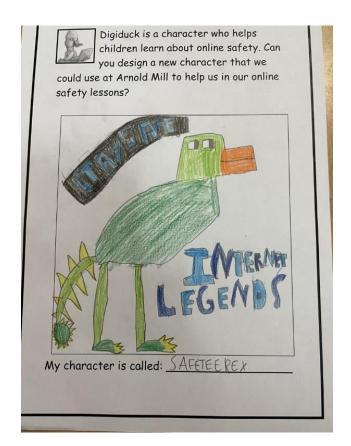
This was made for the stones of peace than it must be a trick. So dring had stoped on the cloring that moved to get doser to the stones she was extremely dappy she held both of the stones she was extremely dappy she held both of the stones and suspiciosty, the case stated to fall apart and she was knowed out.

Actor a few hours linear had awoken she remembered that she was getting stoones. Arina shoot up, and injurit of her stood a enormous bast with spikes on its wings. She was tenified, but she weed her board around and shot the beast. Fire came shooting out of his mouth, tring used a sword she pland up and aut came three more stones. Arina put all the stones together and shore it at the beast and he turned to stone.

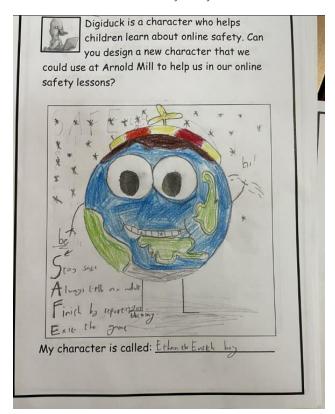
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# **Red Nose Day - Friday 17th March**



This year for Red Nose Day we will be having a wacky non-uniform day. Come dressed as crazy as you can! You could wear your clothes inside out, back to front, pattern on pattern or just fancy dress. It's up to you.

We won't be taking cash donations this year but donations can be made online Link to JustGiving page.

We will also be having a Red Nose Day themed lunch - keep an eye out for the menu.

### **Parent Satisfaction Questionnaire**



At Arnold Mill we set out to provide the children with the highest standard of education in a safe and secure environment. We have a set of aims and values that you are familiar with and we are continuously aspiring to make school even better.

The annual questionnaire is a very important part of the school self-evaluation process and is designed to provide parents/carers with an opportunity to express their thoughts and opinions on some of the key aspects of school life. The outcomes are used to feed into the school improvement process. Past questionnaires have provided us with really useful information that we have acted upon to improve systems and procedures or address concerns.

Please do not use this questionnaire as an opportunity to 'personalise' complaints regarding specific people. I would hope that this questionnaire does not throw up any complete surprises and that any significant concerns have been addressed through previous communication.

This questionnaire can be completed anonymously but if you feel strongly about something, it may be helpful to add your name so we can feed back directly if needed.

Please use this Link to questionnaire to complete the questionnaire by Friday 24th February at latest.

# **Nottinghamshire Families Information Service Survey 2023**



We have been asked to pass this on to parents at our school.

**Link to Nottinghamshire County Council Survey** 

## Nominations for the Next Talent Assembly are now open

Talent Assembly – 27th March 2023



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 6th March to joldfield@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk Any nominations received after this date, will be put forward for the Summer assembly.

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!

## Year 3/4 visit to Southwell Minster on Tuesday 28th February 2023



In support of our History topic on 'The Romans' we have arranged a visit to Southwell Minster. Southwell stands on the site of a Roman Villa - one of the largest in the country. Southwell Community Archaeology Group will be supporting us with our day and will be providing three hands-on sessions. These sessions will include archaeology, living history and a site walk.

The cost of the visit is £13.50 (payable on <u>ParentPay</u>) and includes the coach transport and the guided activities. The visit will take place within our normal school day (the coach will be leaving at 9.30am and returning at approximately 3.00pm). The children will need to wear school uniform and have a warm/waterproof coat, gloves, and hat please.

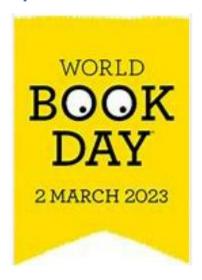
LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS - The children will need a packed lunch, including a drink (not fizzy or glass bottles please). This can either be home prepared or you can order a school packed lunch for £2.40 (payable on ParentPay [Dinner money account] unless your child is entitled to free school meals).

Look out for the peach coloured trip permission form, medical information form and your confirmation of packed lunch arrangement (including how to order a school prepared lunch) which will be sent home with your child either today or Monday. Please complete it and return it to school by 20th February.

Many thanks

Year 3/4 Team

# World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March



On **Thursday 2nd March 2023** we will be celebrating World Book Day and joining together as a school to celebrate our love of reading. The theme for this years World Book Day is 'You Are a Reader'. To help support with this theme we are inviting the children to come to school in their pyjamas. During the afternoon we will be making reading dens, so the children are welcome to bring a blanket and a teddy. There will be lots of book related activities going on throughout the day for the children to enjoy and we would love the children to bring their favourite book to school to share with the class.

#### What can you do at home to support our World Book Day celebrations?

We would love it if you could support your child by getting creative at home! We would like children to create their favourite book character by decorating a wooden spoon. Here are some ideas below...

We look forward to the day ahead and can't wait to see your fantastic designs.

Thanks for all your continued support.

Shaun Hewlett

Deputy Headteacher







## **Year 4 Swimming Lessons - starting Friday 3rd March**



This term the Year 4 children will be going swimming at Carlton Forum Leisure Centre. We will travel there by bus, which is provided by the Local Authority. The morning swimming sessions start on **Friday**3rd March 2023 and will be weekly through to 21st July.

Your child **does** need to wear school uniform on swimming days. Please can you ensure your child brings their costume and towel in a separate bag.

The Local Education Authority issue rules regarding swimming costumes which are as follows:

- Girls one piece swimming costume
- Boys swimming trunks or close fitting shorts without side pockets and no longer than midthigh length (see attached sheet) - please see Mrs Greentree if you are unsure.
  - Hair which is longer than jaw length should be tied back or in a cap.
  - All jewellery must be removed. Ear rings cannot be taped over or covered by a hat.
- Goggles can be worn. However, it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to adjust and fit the goggles correctly and to write a letter of consent to the class teacher.

Please adhere to the regulations, as the instructors will not let your child swim if they break the rules.

#### Mrs Greentree

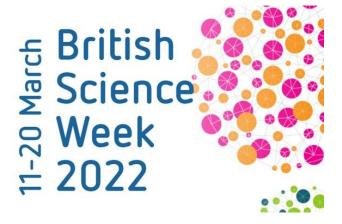
Boys require "jammer" style <u>tight fitting</u> trucks or shorts with <u>no pockets</u>, and which are <u>no longer than midthigh length</u>. Baggy "board shorts" style of swimwear is NOT suitable for the swimming lessons: **Acceptable boys'** swimwear is shown below:



Girls require a <u>one-piece swim suit</u> which is <u>tight fitting and not revealing</u>. Bikini/tankini style of swimwear is NOT suitable for the swimming lessons: Acceptable girls' swimwear is shown below:



## **Calling all Scientists**



As part of British Science Week (11-20 March) we are looking for anyone with a science based career who would be willing to come into school and speak to the children about it. This could be arranged at your convenience. Please contact the school office on 0115 9667940 or office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk if you are interested.

## **Foundation 2 - Easter Craft Afternoon with parents**

Tuesday 28th March 2023 - Save the date



We are inviting parents of children in Foundation 2 to come into school for a craft afternoon on Tuesday 28th March. It will give you the opportunity to create some lovely Easter crafts with the children. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

## **Easter Competition**



This year Arnold Mill are hosting an Easter competition. Children can decorate an egg, design an Easter bonnet or construct an Easter garden. The children can be as creative as they like. Every class will have an Easter competition winner and the winner in each class will receive a prize.

Entries will be displayed so both the children can see each other's creations and parents can come along from 3pm onwards. Entry will be through the main entrance and into the hall. Please leave via the library doors. You may then collect your child early, if you wish.

If your child would like to enter, they will need to bring their egg, bonnet or garden to their classroom on Friday 31st March 2023. Please don't bring them before as they will be tricky to store.

## I have added some ideas below to get you thinking, but please feel free to use your child's original ideas let them have some fun!

## Good Luck!

















# Rand Farm Park Residential (Years 3 & 4)



We are taking children in years 3 and 4 to Rand Farm Park in May and there are still 2 places available. Just contact the school office if your are interested. Here is the link to the original letter for information **Link to letter**.

For those people attending, we are currently talking to the children and looking at which groups to put them in for the trip. Please keep an eye out after half term for the information booklet and relevant forms to complete.

## **F2** Trip to Sherwood Pines



We have arranged to take the children from F2 on a visit to Sherwood Pines on Tuesday 20th June 2023. We will be making woodland art, learning about minibeasts and pond dipping. The trip will take place during normal school hours.

The cost of the visit is £12.20 per child payable via ParentPay by 5th June 2023 (we recognise that finances may be stretched, so we have tried to give you as much notice as possible, we have also tried to be flexible by way of offering the option to pay the full amount either in small increments to suit, or in one lump sum). The cost includes the organised activities at Sherwood Pines, hiring a bus and a free packed-lunch (as your child is entitled to Universal Free School Meals).

We will send hard copy trip permission forms and medical information forms for completion nearer the time.

On the day, children will be expected to wear school uniform but can wear trainers or similar comfy shoes, they will also need a drink and a morning snack. If it is very hot they will need a sun hat and have sunscreen applied.

Many thanks

The Foundation 2 team

## Year 2 Robin Hood Camping Trip - 29th-30th June 2023



We have arranged to take Year 2 children on a residential visit to Robin Hood Activity Centre in Mansfield on Thursday 29th to Friday 30th June 2022. The children will have a full two-day learning experience and a night stop over. The aim of the visit is for the children to experience the outdoors whilst team building, developing independence and above all having lots of fun!

The cost of the trip will be approximately £42, depending on the number of children participating but we will be able to confirm this closer to the date when numbers are confirmed.

We are really hopeful that all of our Year 2 children will take part in the trip as it is a memorable and fantastic trip.

There will be a meeting for all parents/carers of Year 2 children at school on **Tuesday 28th February** from 6.00pm until 6.30pm. At this meeting we will be able to give you a lot more information about the visit. In the meantime, here is a link to their website (Link to Robin Hood Activity Centre Website)

Please confirm whether or not you will be attending the meeting by completing this form (**link to form**) by Monday 27th February.

You can either wait until after the parents' meeting or start making payments straight away if you know you want your child to take part. You do not need to pay the full balance all at once, you can pay in whatever increments you wish, as long as the final balance is paid by Friday 16th June 2023.

If you require any further information, or have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to come in or email us.

Yours sincerely

## **Sports News**

The cross country finals took place at last weekend with 2 of our pupils taking part. Maisie came 40th and Hamza came 26th. Well done to them both!

### **Future Fixtures:**

The following sporting fixtures have been arranged. Please feel free to come along and show your support.

Tues 21st Feb Girls' Football vs Killisick (home)

Tues 28th Feb Boys' Football vs St Wilfrid's (home)

Tues 14th Mar Girls' Football vs Richard Bonington (away)

Thurs 16th Mar Boys' Football vs Robert Mellows (home)

Tues 21st Mar Boys' Football vs Killisick (home)

Thurs 23rd Mar Girls' Football vs Robert Mellors (away)

Tues 18th Apr Girls' Football vs St Wilfrid's (home)

## **School Clubs**



There are no clubs running the first week back after half term, apart from Boccia on Wednesday

Clubs will restart w/c 27th February

# Dinner Menu - w/c 20th February (new menu)

Please see below the new Spring/Summer menus. Week commencing 20th February is week 1.

















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## **Important Dates**



### **February**

Mon 13th-Fri 17th Feb - Half Term Holiday

Thurs 23rd Feb - Maths Celebration Assembly (by invitation only)

Tues 28th Feb - Year 3/4 Visit to Southwell Minster (Link to letter)

Tues 28th Feb - F2a Visit to Arnold Library

Tues 28th Feb - Robin Hood Camp Information Evening for parents (year 2)

#### March

Thurs 2nd Mar - World Book Day (Link to letter)

Fri 3rd Mar - Year 4 Swimming starts (Link to letter)

Fri 3rd Mar - 1b Visit to Arnold Library

Fri 10th Mar - 2a Visit to Arnold Library

Mon 13th Mar - F1am Visit to Arnold Library

Mon 14th Mar - F1pm Visit to Arnold Library

Fri 17th March - Red Nose Day - non-uniform day

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Fri 17th March - Year 5/6 visit to Arnold Methodist Church
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Mon 20th Mar - Y5/6 Greek Workshop (Link to letter)

Tues 28th Mar - F2 Easter Craft Afternoon with parents

#### **April**

Mon 3rd-Fri 14th Apr - Easter Holidays

Thurs 27th Apr - 1b Assembly with parents (Link to letter)

## May

Mon 1st May - Bank Holiday

Weds 3rd-Fri 5th May - Y3/4 Rand Farm Residential

Mon 8th May - Bank Holiday for King's Coronation

Tues 8th-Fri 12th May - Y6 SATS week

Thurs 25th May - Class 2b Assembly with parents (Link to letter)

#### June

Mon 29th May - Fri 2nd Jun - Half Term Holiday

Mon 5th - Fri 16th Jun - Year 4 national times table check (<u>Link to letter</u>)

Thurs-29th-Fri 30th Jun - Year 2 Robin Hood Camp (details to follow)

#### July

Fri 21st Jul - Last Day in School For Children

Mon 24th & Tues 25th Jul - INSET Days

## **Useful Info:**

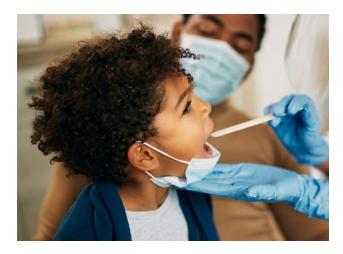


Click through the sheets below for information about:

- 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.





15 - Click for important information about Strep A



16 - Academic Calendar 2022-23



17 - Click here to see school policies



18 - Click link to visit ParentPay



19 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



20 - Link to Cost of Living Factsheet



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



22 - <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?

- $\ensuremath{\mathsf{L}}$  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.
- 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.
- 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).
- 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!

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