Arnold Mill Weekly Newsletter - 1st December 2022





Dear Parents/Carers,

As tomorrow will be a bit hectic with the Christmas Fair, we're sending the newsletter out a day early this week.

It's been another busy week at Arnold Mill. We've had church visits, a talent assembly, music lessons, sporting competitions, the book fair and, of course, the Christmas fair is tomorrow night.

I think we will all need a relaxing weekend after that!

Best wishes,

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Extra Bank Holiday - Monday 8th May (SATs week)



You may have heard that Monday 8th May 2023 has now been designated a bank holiday due to the King's Coronation. As this is SATs week, the test timetable will now run from Tuesday-Friday instead of the usual Monday-Thursday. If your child is in year 6, please ensure that they are at school for SATs week.

Scholastic Book Fair



Tuesday 29th November-Tuesday 5th December 2022

Thank you for your support with the Book Fair to date. This is running until Monday between 9.30-8.50am or 3.30-4.00pm, so there's still time to grab a book! We can take both cash or card payments.

It will also be located in class 2c at the Christmas fair.

Christmas Fair

Friday 2nd December 3.45-5.00pm



1 day to go!!!

We hope everyone has a fantastic time. We will update you next week with how much money is raised.

Tokens and raffle tickets can be purchased from the office, via ParentPay or at the fair (in Class 2c) using cash or card.

Thank you to everyone who has donated or offered to helped with the fair. We really couldn't do it without your support.

The fair is cashless



If you have already ordered tokens or raffle tickets for the fair, these can be collected from the office.

Blue Fair Tokens are available to pre-purchase via <u>ParentPay</u> and will also be on sale at the Fair in class 2c (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., the chocolate tombola is £1 a go, therefore you will need two blue tokens to have a go.

There is a price list below of stalls accepting tokens.

The only stalls not accepting tokens are:

- The Christmas Market (in classes 2d and 2e) stall holders have paid a set fee for their pitch and will take payments in cash or card directly
 - The Book Fair (in class 2c) cash or card

Cake Stall 1-2 tokens Refreshments (Tea, Coffee, hot chocolate) 2-3 tokens Henna Tattoo 2 tokens Glitter Tattoo 1 token Arnold Mill Pound 2 tokens Raffle 2 tokens Water to Wine 3 tokens Chocolate tombola 2 tokens Bottle tombola (over 18) 3 tokens Santa Grotto 5 tokens Teddy Tombola 1 or 2 tokens Authors Uncovered Book Table donations Elfridges Christmas Gift Store (Parents Keep Out) 1-4 tokens Christmas window stickers and Christmas Baubles 2-4 tokens Guess how many sweets in a jar Guess how many marbles in a jar 1 token 1 token Strawberry Lace Challenge 1 token Guess the Elf 1 token Christmas Crafts/decorations 1-6 tokens Quiz 1 token Marble Game 1 token Coin in a Bucket 1 token Play Your Cards Right 1 token Jelly beans in a jar 1 token Blindfold Bowl Challenge 1 token Knock the Snowman 1 token Hit the Pug 1 token Ball and Cup game 1 token T-Shirt Challenge 1 token Beer Pong 1 token Pin the Nose on snowman or Rudolph 1 token Name the Teddy 1 token

Christmas Market

Bella's Bows cash & card
Wax melts by Talia-Mai cash & card
Nanny Vic Crochet cash
Evie's Chocolates cash
Radcliffe Donkey Sanctuary cash & card
Holly's Biscuits & baked Goods cash & card

Little Stars Bespoke Nappycakes & Gifts cash/PayPal/bank transfer

tombola cash
Toys & clothes cash

The Great Arnold Mill Bake Off



If you're entering our Great Arnold Mill Bake Off, 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 on the refreshment stand (all proceeds to go to the school fair).

There are three categories they can enter in with a small prize for each winner; remember that we are a nut-free school, so no nuts are allowed.

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

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

School Clubs



School Clubs have now finished until January (apart from Boccia, which will continue until 14th December).

School Clubs for the Spring Term

We are asking parents to register their children for the clubs which will run in the Spring term. These clubs are detailed on the next page and will run in 2 separate 4 week blocks as follows (apart from Gardening and Netball – see below):

Spring 1: w/c 9th January – w/c 30th January

Spring 2: w/c 27th February – w/c 20th March

Please register your child's interest by completing the form (<u>Link to application form</u>) by **Sunday 11th December 2022**. We are asking you to choose clubs in the order of preference and we will then try to accommodate everyone, as best we can, onto their preferred club. Children may be offered places in more than one club if spaces are available.

Please note that Gardening Club and Netball are not starting until after February half term due to the dark nights. These will run for 4 weeks up until Easter and another 4 weeks after Easter. We want people to register for these clubs now so that they're not swapping from one club to another at half term

We will inform you by Friday 16th December as to whether your child has been successful.

We would emphasise that if you sign your child up to a club, they should attend every week unless there are exceptional circumstances. Regular non-attendance may mean we offer the place to someone else. We always have children dropping out of the clubs which is very disappointing when other children have missed out. If your child can't make it for any reason, you should let the office know. If, for any reason, the school needs to cancel a club, e.g. staff absence, we will email and text the relevant parents.

School Clubs – Spring Term 2022/23

Day:	Club:	Organiser:	Times of club:	Year Group:	Number of places:	Parents to collect from:
Monday	Homework Club*	Mr Robinson	12.30pm -1.00pm	Y5/6	N/A	N/A
	Photography Club	Mr Hewlett	3.30pm-4.15pm	Y1-Y6	15	2F
	Dodgeball Club	Mrs Greentree	3.30-4.30pm	Y3/4/6	20	Main entrance
	Gardening (from after February half term because of dark nights)	Mrs Hopewell, Mrs Humphrey, Miss Joynt and Ms Rose	3.30-4.30pm	Y3-6	15	School Library (off the playground)
	Netball (from after February half term because of dark nights)	Mrs Keeton	3:30-4:15pm	Y5/6	15	Main entrance
Tuesday	SATs Booster Y6 Reading*	Mr Hewlett	8.15am-8.50am	Y6	N/A	N/A
	TTRS*	Mr Booth	12.30 - 1.00pm	Y4	N/A	2E
	Choir	Mrs Oldfield & Mrs Monaghan	3.30pm- 4.15pm	Y3-6	30	2E
	French Club	Mrs Bennett & Mrs Nicholls	3.30pm-4.15pm	Y3	12	2F
	Running Club	Mrs Greentree & Mrs Stones	3:30-4:30pm	Y5/6	25	Main entrance
Wednesday	TTRS*	Miss Dibley	12.30pm - 1.00pm	Y3	N/A	N/A
	Boccia	Mr Knight and Mrs Greentree	3.30pm - 4.15pm	By invitat	ion	Main entrance
Thursday	SATs Booster Y6 Maths*	Mr Hewlett & Mrs Nicholls	8.15am-8.50am	Y6	N/A	N/A
	Homework Club*	Mr Robinson	12.30pm -1.00pm	Y5/6	N/A	N/A
	Book club	Mrs Oldfield & Mrs Stones	3.30-4.15pm	Y1-6	20	2f
	Kapla Club	Mr Phillips	3.30pm- 4.30pm	Y1/2	12	2E
	Dodgeball	Mrs Greentree	3:30-4:30pm	Y5/6	20	Main entrance
Friday	Homework Club*	Mr Robinson	12.30pm -1.00pm	Y5/6	N/A	N/A
	There are no after school clubs on a Friday					

^{*}No need to book

Next week is Christmas Dinner Week

5th-9th December - Revised Menu



Christmas dinner day is on Wednesday 7th December but the menu has been revised for the whole week (see below).

On Wednesday, children should come to school in uniform as usual but may 'Christmas it up', e.g. tinsel in hair, Christmas hats etc.



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 to donate</u>

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 Key Stage 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



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Foundation Stage (F1am & F1pm) Christmas Party

Friday 16th December

This year Foundation will have their Christmas party in the morning on Friday 16th December (afternoon children are invited to come in all day - this is a change to our earlier letter). Children are welcome to wear 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 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.

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.

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 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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Fundraising News

School Discos

The children seemed to have a great time at both the recent school discos and we raised an amazing £622. This money will be spent on resources for the children.



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

Thank you for any support you can offer with this.

Defibrillator Fundraising in memory of Erica Taylor

We have now had the first defibrillator delivered to school and just need to arrange to get it fitted.

We have currently raised £1,680 and are well on our way to being able to purchase the second defibrillator. 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 fair and Christmas performances.

Thank you so much for the support.



NHS Minor Ailment Service



If you don't pay for your prescriptions, you may be able to use the NHS Minor Ailment Scheme to get advice and, when appropriate, free treatment for certain common illnesses without seeing a GP.

Help for common illnesses

If you want help dealing with a common illness such as a cold, cough or diarrhoea, you may be able to use the free NHS Minor Ailment Scheme at selected pharmacies. Our pharmacist will be able to offer advice and may be able to offer you medicines for a minor illness without you having to book an appointment to see your GP.

Who is the service for?

Schemes vary between locations, but the NHS Minor Ailment Scheme is for adults and children who:

- Are registered with a GP surgery which is taking part in the scheme
- Want treatment for a minor illness included in your local scheme

Medicines can be supplied free of charge to the customer if they are exempt from NHS prescription charges.

The NHS Minor Ailment Scheme is available across Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland but only in selected pharmacies across England.

What minor illnesses are covered?

Illnesses supported within the scheme may differ between locations. Some illnesses covered include:

- Back-ache, sprains and strains
- Colds
- Conjunctivitis
- Constipation
- Coughs
- Diarrhoea
- Earache
- Haemorrhoids
- Hay fever
- Head lice
- Headache and fever
- Heartburn and indigestion
- Insect bites and stings
- Mild eczema and dermatitis
- Minor fungal skin infections
- Mouth ulcers
- Nappy rash
- Sore throat
- Teething
- Threadworm
- Thrush

Benefits

- Convenient: No need to make an appointment
- Advice: Pharmacist can refer you to a GP if necessary
- Flexible: Many pharmacies are open at the weekend

Use the link below to find a participating pharmacy

Click link to find participating pharmacy

Find out if you're entitled to <u>free NHS prescriptions</u>.

Important Dates this Term



Mon 5th-Fri 9th Dec - Special Christmas week menu <u>Link to poster</u>

Tues 6th Dec - Writing Assembly

Weds 7th Dec - Road Safety Team in school

Weds 7th Dec - Christmas Dinner Day Link to poster

Tues 13th Dec - KS1 Nativity <u>Link to letter</u>

Thurs 15th Dec - Foundation Stage Nativity <u>Link to letter</u>

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

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

Mon 19th Dec - KS1 Party Link to KS1 letter

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

Useful info:



Click through the sheets below for information about:

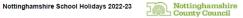
- Free school meals and milk
- Academic Calendar 2022-23 (including inset days)
- Link to school policies
- ParentPay
- Easyfundraising
- Amazon Smile
- Cost of Living Helpsheet

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

September 2022 to July 2023





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 Arnold Mill primary School when you shop on Amazon? And it doesn't cost you a single penny extra!

By signing up to Amazon Smile, you still get to browse the same wide selection of products as you do on amazon.co.uk. 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:

- Visit smile amazon.co.uk/
 Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.co.uk
 Select your charity Arnold Mill Primary School Fund
 Start shoping! 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 Amazon Smile using the Amazon app on your mobile phone:

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 2. Navigate to the main menu by clicking on =
 3. Tap on Settings and then select "AmazonSmile"
 4. 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 - Click link to sign up to Amazon Smile



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