

# Arnold Mill Weekly Newsletter 25th July 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

I must start this newsletter with massive thank yous. Thank you to the staff for all their hard work this year. Thank you to the children for making each day one we can be proud of. And thank you to all of you for your support this year. We have had so many wonderful events which wouldn't have been possible without your support.

We're saying a final goodbye to Mr Knight and Ms Ward today. We wish them good luck with their retirements. We've been able to give them a lovely send off, so I know they are aware how much we all think of them.

We have two new members of staff joining us in September. Mr Poullet and Mrs Carter. Mr Poullet will be our new Site Manager and Mrs Carter will be joining the KS1 team as a teacher in 1a alongside Mrs Lloyd. We hope they will love Arnold Mill as much as we do.

For some time, we have been looking at the best options for the school for the future. Many schools have now moved into Multi Academy Trusts (MATs), and this is something the Department for Education is encouraging us all to do. After a lot of research and discussion by the governing body and senior leadership staff, we have decided to move forward with joining a MAT. In order to keep you fully informed we are planning MAT meetings in the Autumn term especially for parents. More information will go out about this in September.

We have lots of wonderful things planned for the next academic year (which starts for your children on Wednesday 6th September). During our first week back, we will all be doing a special project about Arnold Mill and our local area. We what to find out 'Why are we called Arnold Mill?'- I'm really looking forward to finding out the answer.

And finally... I hope you all have a lovely Summer break; I hope the sun shines and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

#### Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher





# **General Notices:**

Academic Calendar for 2023-24 (please note change of dates for inset days)

Please see below the academic calendar for next year. Please note that there has been a change to the inset days previously published. The inset day on 24th May has now been cancelled and there is a new inset day on 5th July.



Reminder to parents of children in year 2 - End of Entitlement to Universal Free School Meals



If your child is moving into year 3 in September, their entitlement to Universal Infant Free School Meals will come to an end. Therefore you will need to pay £2.55 for each meal unless you are entitled to Income Based Free School Meals. You can check your eligibility and apply for these online via the Nottinghamshire County Council website:

#### www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

This will also entitle you to free milk along with other potential benefits for both your child and the school as a whole.

You can pay for meals using ParentPay. If you require registration details please ask at the office.

#### **ParentPay Balances**



Could we please remind parents to make sure all debts for dinner, tuck, breakfast club or after school clubs are cleared as soon as possible and before the new academic year.

If your child is leaving Arnold Mill, any balances on their accounts will either be refunded or transferred to a sibling. We will endeavour to do this as soon as possible.

Many thanks

Nottinghamshire Household Support Fund (HSF) Phase 4 - Information for parents eligible for free school meals



Nottinghamshire County Council have launched the fourth round of their House Support Fund (HSF) for families with children eligible for free school meals. Please use the link below for more information. Please note that school does not have any involvement in this scheme and any queries should be directed to the Council via <a href="https://householdsupportfund@nottscc.gov.uk">householdsupportfund@nottscc.gov.uk</a>.

Nottinghamshire Household Support Fund (HSF) Phase 4 information

# **Community Notices**

# Arnold Town FC are on the lookout for players for the girls' football team



# The Healthy Families Team - How can they support you?





#### **Mouth Care**



Brush teeth, for 2 minutes, morning and especially at night.



Limit sugary foods and drinks to mealtimes only.



Visit the dentist regularly for a mouth check.

How to find an NHS Dentist: Call: 111

Visit: www.nhs.uk

#### Eye Health

Free NHS sight tests are available at opticians for all children under 16 and for young people under 19 in full-time education.







#### **Hearing Checks**

Although your child will have routine hearing tests it is important you look out for any hearing problems.

Signs of possible hearing problems:

- Talking loudly and listening to the tv at a high volume.
   Difficulty pin pointing where a sound is coming from.
- A change in their progress at
- Mispronouncing words.
   Not responding when their name is called.

Speak to your GP or Health Family Team if you have any concerns. Your child can have a hearing test at any age.



# **National Child Measurement Programme**



To help monitor national trends and to tackle individual lems the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) sures the height and weight of every child in reception year ged 4 to 5) and Year 6 (aged 10 to 11 years) in all primary schools.

Trained staff from the Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust carry out the measurements.

If there are any concerns, please speak to your Health Professional.







# **Summer Holiday Activities**



There are lots of affordable, fun things to do across Gedling Borough this summer:

# Link for more details





# St.Mary's Church Activity Week

Welcome to Wonder Zone! Join your Lab and explore some great scientific discoveries. Find out who God is and how exploring science and following him can go hand in hand.



#### Monday 31st July to Thursday 3rd August

Fun-filled actioned pack week for children from 5 to 11 years.

Mornings: 9.30 am to 12 Noon

Only £16 for the 4 days. (£4 per day)

For more information contact Andrea Sands (07814 770946)



#### Nottingham Beach - Slip 'n' Slide Discount



#### **School is out for SUMMER!**

The Mellors Group would like to provide you with a discount code for the GIANT Slip 'N' Slide to enjoy this summer.

Head on over to www.nottinghambeach.co.uk to book your tickets before the 31st of July 2023!

Insert 'SCHOOLSOUT23' at checkout when prompted for a discount code.

We look forward to welcoming you!

#### T&C's

Your tickets must be booked before 31st July 2023.

Online Bookings only – this code will not work on site.

The code has limited uses, book now to avoid disappointment. The code reduces the cost from £12.50 to £8.50.

Swimming costume required, Wetsuits available (deposits required) limited quantity.

Please see the general T&C's for the Giant Slip 'N' Slide here <u>Frequently Asked Questions - Official</u>
<u>Nottingham Beach</u>

# **Dinner Menus**

The menu for next term is now ready to view.

# Link to Autumn/Winter 2023 Menu

# **Calendar**



#### September

Mon 4th - Admin Day

Tues 5th - *Inset Day* 

Weds 6th - First day back for children (first visit for new reception children 9.15-11.30am)

Thurs 7th - Second visit for reception children 8.50am-1.00pm

Fri 8th - Reception children start full time

Mon 11th - Evacuation themed day for year 5/6

Thurs 14th - School photographs (individual and siblings)

Mon 18th-Fri 22nd - Year 5/6 Kingswood Residential

#### October

Tues 17th & Weds 18th - Parents' Evenings

#### Mon 23rd-Fri 3rd Nov - Half Term

#### November

Weds 22nd - Year 5 Trip to the National Holocaust Centre

Fri 24th - Non-uniform day (bring a bottle or chocolate donation for the Christmas fair)

Tues 28th Nov-Tues 5th Dec Book fair

#### December

Fri 1st - Christmas Fair

Monday 25th December - Wednesday 3rd January - Christmas holidays

#### **January**

Thurs 4th - *Inset day* 

Fri 5th - *Inset day* 

Mon 8th - Children return to school

# **Useful information**



Click through the sheets below for information about:

• Wraparound Care

- 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.







Greet your child with a smile and not a mobile!



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



2 - Click for important information about Strep A

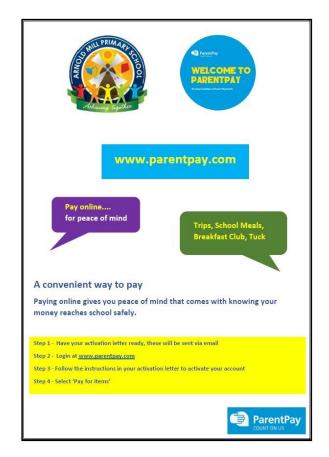
Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2023-24 August 2023 to July 2024







3 - Click here to see school policies



4 - Click link to visit ParentPay



5 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



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



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



8 - <u>Link to information about how to deal with head lice</u>





# Inspiring Reading



Children need support to develop the habit and love of reading. How can you be their inspiration?

- 1. Talk about the reader's interests and inclinations find connected texts that tempt to explore and discuss together.
- Think about why reading is good for them focus on intrinsic motivation rather than external rewards.
  - Capitalise on opportunities to share reading thoughts and interests with others encourage them to notice preference and choice.
  - 4. Find regular opportunities to visit your local/ school library.
  - Make reading time relaxed and interactive chat about pictures, characters, likes, dislikes and interesting facts.
  - 6. Be a reading detective by investigating the different purposes for reading (e.g. adverts to persuade, news to inform, stories to entertain).

    7. Recognise and celebrate diversity in texts - empower reading of

  - magazines, comics and texts that reflect different realities.

    8. Invite others into the reading space share the love of reading together in your reading community!



In collaboration with Book Week NI 2022



For more inspiration, visit https://ourfp.org/ @OpenUni\_RfP





We've signed up for Tax-Free Childcare: Have you?



Find out more at childcarechoices.gov.uk



# office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk

**0115 9667930** (option 1 to record a child's absence or option 4 to speak to a member of the admin team)

https://www.arnoldmillprimary.co.uk

https://www.facebook.com/arnoldmillofficial