

# **Arnold Mill Weekly Newsletter** 26th May 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

That's another half term down and only one to go! I can't believe how quick this year is going.

We have had lots of special assemblies this week, including 2b's assembly to parents. It has been so nice to get parents back into school to share our learning. The children have been very nervous before each assembly, as many can't remember doing them before. However, they have all done a fantastic job and I am sure that as time goes by they will grow in confidence. Thank you for all your support with these events.

Just a quick reminder that there are no after school clubs the first week back (apart from Boccia).

Our wrap around care, **Arnie's Breakfast Club** and **Millie's After School Club**, will be continuing after the holiday. They are well supported-thank you!

# We are offering:

\* 7.45- 8.50am for £3.25.

\* 3.30-4.30pm childcare (no food) for £5

\* 3.30-6pm (with food) for £12

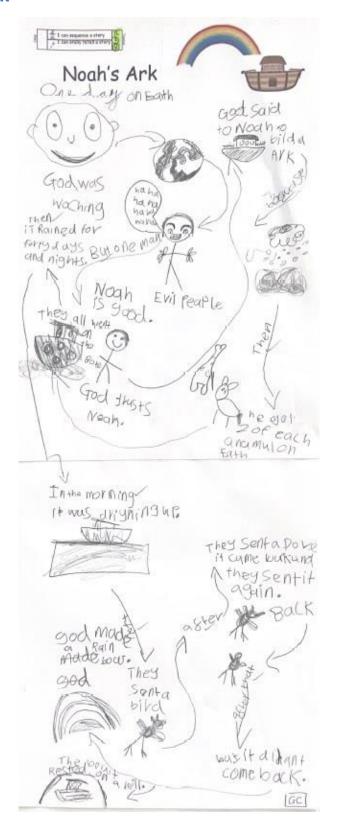
We are offering these options so you have choices which hopefully makes childcare more affordable.

Details about how to book and pay for sessions is covered in more detail in this newsletter.

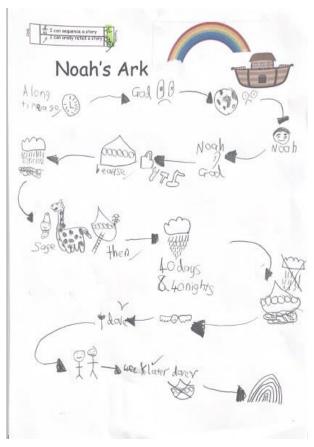
Have a lovely half term break.

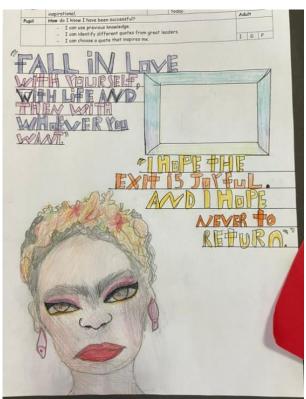
Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

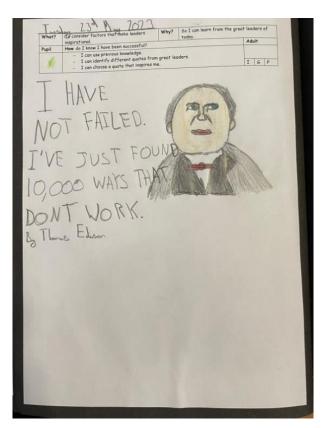
# **Children's Work**

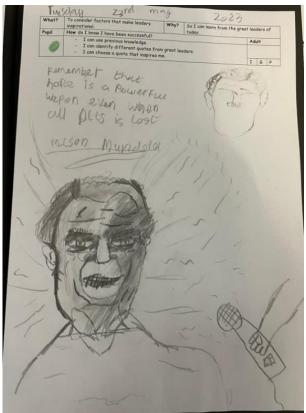


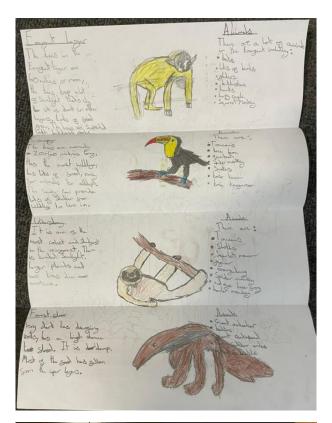


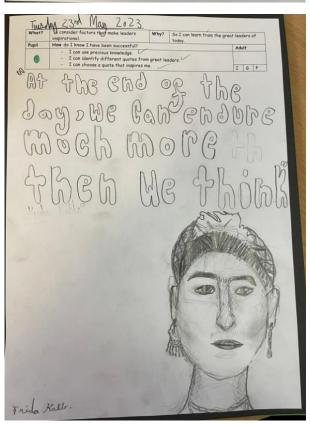


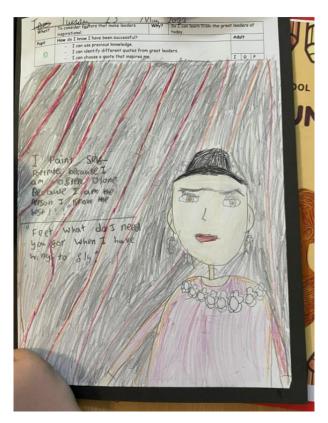


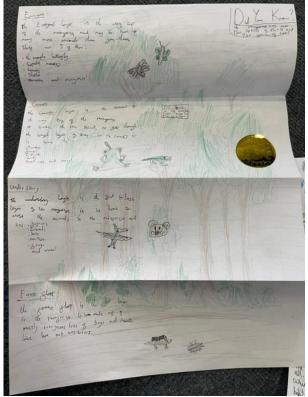




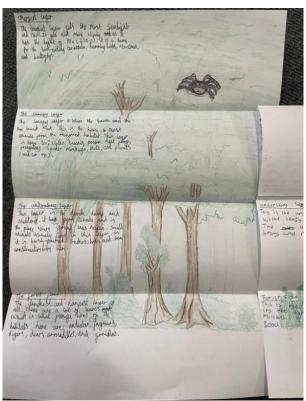












# **General Notices:**

Sun Protection Guidelines – Sun Hats and Sun Cream



Now that the warm weather has arrived I would like to remind parents/carers of our sun protection quidance.

On hot days we will encourage children to wear a hat, drink plenty of water and sit in the shade as required.

- Please make sure your child brings a sun hat/cap and water bottle (marked with their name and class) to school
- Please ensure that your child is wearing suitable school shoes (no trainers, flip flops or open toed shoes)
  - Please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school on hot days. The long lasting protection types are recommended. If your child is prone to burning and you feel they may need an additional application you may send in a bottle of sun cream (marked with their name), which your child should give to their teacher. Your child will be able to apply the cream themselves when needed (usually just before lunchtime) under the supervision of a classroom staff member.

If your child requires a staff member to assist with applying additional sun cream please email the class teacher to confirm that you give consent for a member of staff to assist your child to apply an additional application of the sun cream you have/will provide.

#### **School Dinners - Gelatin**



We have been informed by School's Catering at Nottinghamshire County Council that, due to supplier issues, the jelly served in school now contains gelatin and is no longer suitable for vegetarians. An alternative dessert will be provided.

We would be grateful if you could inform children this may affect of this change so they are aware they will be given a different dessert to that advertised.

# **Milk Deliveries**



Due to delivery issues, there won't be any milk on Monday 5th June. This resumes on Tuesday 6th June as normal.

# **Summer Fair:** Friday 23rd June, 3.40-5.30pm - Free Entry, All Welcome!!!



With the end of the school year rapidly approaching, our minds are turning to Summer and all of the exciting events we have planned. If you are able to support any of the following initiatives, we would be very grateful. We know it is an expensive time of year for everyone, so please do not worry if you are unable to help, we do understand.

This year our **red, white, and blue themed Summer Fair** is nearly here and we can't wait to see you! A massive thank you to the parents, carers, staff and children who are working hard to make this a fun event for everyone. You are amazing, and we couldn't do this without you. We have lots planned, including:

- Raffle and Tombolas a fair's not a fair without a raffle and a tombola! Take your chance and win a prize!
  - Games roll up, roll up! All the fun of the Summer Fair!
  - Take a break with some delicious cake and a cup of tea.

What will you find inside our Lucky Boxes?

# **Tokens**



As at previous fairs, this one will be cashless - **blue Fair Tokens** are available to pre-purchase via ParentPay and will also be on sale at the Fair on the day (purchase by debit or credit card). Tokens are 50p each.

Tokens are used to pay for activities and to purchase items at the Fair, e.g., if the chocolate tombola is £1 a go, you will need two tokens (the only exceptions are the Summer Market - as stall holders have paid a fee for their pitch and will only take payments in cash/card directly).

# Raffle - On Sale Now!!!



We will be holding our traditional **Summer Raffle** with lots of lovely prizes up for grabs (donations of additional Raffle prizes would also be greatly appreciated). Raffle tickets are £1 and can be purchased via ParentPay in advance or at the Summer Fair.

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

Pre-purchase tokens and raffle tickets will be available for collection from the school office from after school on Monday 5th June (if you have any blue tokens from previous Fairs you may use them at the Summer Fair).

# **Lucky Boxes**



This year we will be selling **Lucky Boxes** – please can the children help us fill a small box, paper bag, envelope or gift bag with gifts worth £1 (it can be sweets, colouring pencils, a keyring etc. (more information to follow).

# **Non-uniform Day**



There will be a non-school uniform day on **Friday 16th June 2023**, if your child would like to come to school in their own clothes please donate a bottle or some chocolate for our upcoming Summer Fair.

We would welcome donations of:

#### **Bottles:**

New and unused bottles of bubble bath, cordial, pop, alcohol etc

Adults please carry any alcohol or any glass bottles into school as we do not want to put any child at risk.

#### **Chocolate:**

A box, grab bag or bar of chocolate.

# **Volunteers Needed**



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

- pop into the PTA final planning meeting? (22nd May at 3.40pm in the staffroom)
- got 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 22nd or 23rd June)
  - help setting up on the day (in the afternoon of Friday 23rd June from 1.30pm)
    - help on a stall during the fair (between 3.40pm -5.30pm)
      - making tea for our volunteer stallholders
      - or any other help would be appreciated

Please contact the school office (office@arnoldmill.nottts.sch.uk) to let us know how you can help.



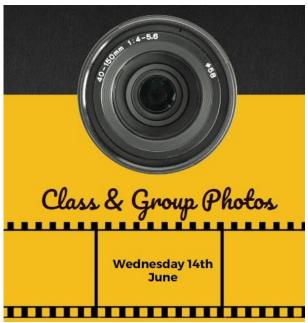
We are seeking donations of:

- small prizes suitable for tombola/lucky dip
  - a raffle prize or two
  - bottles for the water into wine stall
- chocolates (no nuts please) or wine for the tombola
  - soft toys
  - lucky boxes fillers
  - cakes/cookies for the refreshments stall

Any donations can be dropped off at the school office.

# **Other Upcoming School Events:**

**School Photographer** 



The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 14th June to take class and group photos. Please ensure your child comes to school in smart uniform, preferably wearing a jumper/cardigan.

Class 2C Visit to Arnold Library for Creative Workshop: Thursday 22nd June



We have an exciting opportunity for 2C to take part in some free creative workshops at Arnold Library on Thursday 22nd June. These workshops will be delivered by the Inspire's Library Artist and Author in residence Amy Lee Young and Donna David. This residency forms part of Inspire's National

Portfolio Organisation (NPO) Arts Council England funded programme. The aim is for children to create some fantastic Artwork and creative writing which will generate the On Your Marks Exhibition at Beeston Library from Saturday 8 July to Thursday 7 September during the summer holidays!

Children will leave school at 9.45am and will return at 2.30pm. Please complete the consent form for your child by Friday 9th June consent form. Children will eat their lunch at the library so if your child requires a packed lunch from the kitchen, please indicate this on the form.

If you would like to look at more information regarding the day, see links below where you can meet Amy and Donna on the Inspire website and look at how the Inspire library have worked on this project over the last 7 years.

Meet Amy and Donna | Inspire - Culture, Learning, Libraries (inspireculture.org.uk)

Artist and Author in Residence | Inspire - Culture, Learning, Libraries (inspireculture.org.uk)

If you require extra information, please speak to the class teacher.

Thanks for all your support.

*Mr S Hewlett - Deputy Headteacher* 

**Talent Assembly:** Thursday 29th June (Get nominations in by Friday 9th June)



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 9th June 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!

F2 Trip to Sherwood Pines: Tuesday 20th June



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

**Year 6 Trip to see Now Hear This:** Friday 23rd June



We are offering year 6 pupils the opportunity to attend 'Now Hear this!' at the Royal Concert Hall on Friday 23rd June.

The event takes place during the day at from 1.00-2:30pm. Pupils will travel to and from the event via public transport accompanied by school staff. If your child would like to attend, please make payment via ParentPay. The cost of the trip will be £5.70, which includes a ticket for the event and travel. This is a completely optional trip and children who don't go will remain in class.

#### *Further information about the event:*

Now Hear This is a fun-packed, fast-paced introduction to classical music and the instruments of the orchestra for Key Stage 2 children aged 7-11, with the chance to join the world famous Hallé orchestra in making a sensational sound.

This year's theme is Out of This World, full of the music of sci-fi and fantasy. The concert begins with the epic Sunrise from Strauss' Also Sprach Zarathustra, best known from Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey. Your guide to the concert is presenter, dancer and bassoonist, Ruth Rosales. She takes us on a journey into some fantastic worlds, escaping the trolls with Grieg's Peer Gynt In the Hall of the Mountain King, flying with the Angry Birds and battling alongside the heroes of Final Fantasy. There are fantastic creatures too, with Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake and the lullaby from Stravinsky's Firebird. After some dancing skeletons from Saint-Saens' Danse Macabre, the concert ends, with the famous Duel of the Fates from Star Wars.

Year 1 Trip to Stonebridge City Farm: Monday 3rd July



Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Year 1 visit to Stonebridge City Farm – Monday 3rd July 2023

In support of our curriculum topics for the summer term, 'Growing and Animals' Year 1 children will be visiting Stonebridge City Farm (during normal school hours). During the visit, the children will have the opportunity to feed the animals, take part in a farm, barn and garden led by the farm staff and to play in the play area.

The trip includes a guided tour of the farm, garden and barn, animal feed and the return coach trip.

The cost is £4.90 per child (the cost of this trip is reduced due to Mrs Hussain's fundraising efforts) and should be paid via your child's ParentPay account by 23rd June please.

#### **Useful Information:**

- As Year 1 children are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals, Mrs Burrows will be providing a packed lunch. Your child will, however, need a drink (no fizzy drinks please) and small rucksack to put their lunch in please (they will need to carry their own rucksack on the day).
- There is also a gift shop, if your child wishes to bring a small amount of money with them to spend (no more than £5), this is fine. Spending money should be sent in a named purse/wallet and handed to their teacher in the morning.
- The children must come in their school uniform but can wear trainers or suitable footwear for walking around the City Farm.

- If the weather is hot, please ensure they are wearing sun cream and a sunhat. As we will be outside, please send them with an extra layer, just in case it feels chilly in the shade.
- Please pick your child up at normal time from their classroom, we will be returning to school during the early afternoon, depending on traffic, so should be back in plenty of time.
- If your child needs to take any medication with them on this trip (such as inhalers, hayfever medicine and travel sickness tablets) you will need to fill out a separate form for each medicine and hand the completed form and the medication (in a clear sandwich bag with your child's name on it) in on the day.
- A hard copy of the necessary permission form and medication forms will be sent home for you to complete nearer the time.

If you have any questions about the day, please talk to your child's teacher.

The Year 1 team would like to thank Mrs Hussain for fundraising for the trip, we would be very grateful if you would support her ongoing fundraising efforts with the upcoming Eid Mini Fair and Raffle – please click on this link for more information.

Yours faithfully,

The Year 1 Team

#### F2 End of Year Learning Celebration (ticket only event): Thursday 6th July

We would like to invite you to an F2 celebration event on Thursday 6th July at 2.45pm.

The children will perform some songs and tell you about the things they have learnt during their year with us. At the end of the presentation there will be ten minutes for you to come into the Foundation Unit to have a look at your child's work with them and then you can take it home with you at the end of the day.

There are two guest tickets (in total) available for each F2 child, to book your tickets please complete the electronic form - <u>link here</u> by midnight on 5th July 2023.

We will not be issuing physical tickets as the booking form enables us to produce the guest list for us to check on the day.

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

- On the day of the assembly, we will set out the number of seats as requested via the electronic booking form.
- Doors open for guests at approx. 2.40pm and the assembly is due to start at 2.45pm.
- Please note that the pedestrian gate on Bestwood Avenue is locked at 9.15am and will remain 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 3.00pm and 3.50pm).

A reminder that, in line with our Safeguarding Policy and Social Media Parental Agreement, there should be no phones out during the production. We will have staff members taking pictures and videos of children which we will then share via Teams to the whole school. These should not be shared any further via social media platforms. Please indicate on the form if you wish your child not to appear on Teams photos/videos.

Kind Regards

F2 Team

Year 3 and 4 Ancient Anglo-Saxon Day: Wednesday 12th July 2023



In support of our curriculum topic for the summer term, 'Invade, Raid, Stayed', rather than taking the children on a more costly coach trip to a museum or attraction, we have arranged for the trip to come to us - a company called 'The Specialists' will run a series of fun workshops for the children on Wednesday 12th July.

Learning outside the classroom or in a workshop format is a valuable and effective means of extending pupil knowledge, enriching pupil understanding and promoting personal and social development. We encourage educational visits and experiences for all our pupils and hope that parents will recognise the value and importance of these visits or events and give them their full support.

The whole school cost of the day is £357 and includes a whole day of activities. This represents excellent value for money as we won't have to pay for transport (which would be at least £350). The company provide all the resources needed for the children to learn about the Anglo-Saxons. **The day works out at £4 per child and should be paid via your child's ParentPay account by 8th July 2023.** 

We believe in the value of these experiences and try to ensure that these opportunities are accessible and affordable to all. However, the school does not have the financial resources to pay for every trip or in-school trip alternative. The contribution is voluntary, and your child will not be excluded if you are unable to contribute. However, please note that without all such voluntary contributions, trips and activities may have to be cancelled, due to a lack of funds. We aim to give the children the best possible chances in their education whilst trying to balance the cost for both ourselves and parents. We hope that you will support us in this.

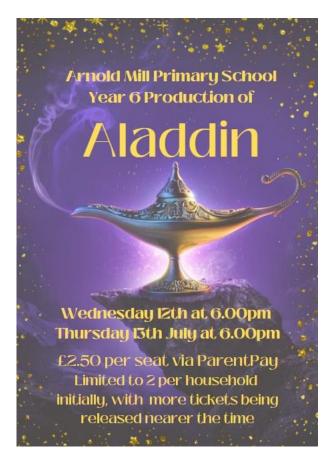
If you have any questions about the day, please talk to your child's teacher.

Yours faithfully,

The Year 3 / 4 Team

**Year 6 End of Year Performance:** Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th July

Parents of children in year 6 can purchase tickets via ParentPay.



Year 6 Leavers' Assembly: Friday 21st July

Parents of children in year 6 can apply for tickets using this link



# **Community Notices**



The Wildlife Trusts are currently advertising their 30 Days Wild campaign and have lots of ideas for outdoor activities through June to raise awareness of protecting wildlife <a href="https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/">https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/</a> The children may like a challenge to do over the half term break from here.



If you're looking for ways to keep the kids active and entertained next week during the school half term, Gedling Leisure have lots of activities happening at the leisure centres between Monday 29 May- Friday 2 June. Find out more about the activities on offer and the bank holiday opening times on the Gedling Leisure website: <a href="https://orlo.uk/v4SyC">https://orlo.uk/v4SyC</a>





# **Lost Property**



















# **Sports News**



A mixed team of Year 5's went to Christ The King Academy on Wednesday afternoon to compete in a 5 a side netball tournament. They won 3 matches, drew one and lost one. They played together as an amazing team, we are very proud of them!

# **After School Activity Clubs**



# There are no after school clubs w/c 5th June apart from Boccia (Wednesday).

# Dinner Menu: w/c 22nd May (week 1)

Please note that on Monday 5th June there will be a slight change in menu:

Cheese and tomato pizza, pomme noisettes, garden peas & sweetcorn

Strawberry Jelly



# **Wraparound Care at Arnold Mill**

# **Breakfast Club from 7.45am**



We run a daily breakfast club in the library area of the school (off the playground). The cost is £3.25 per session (payable on the day) and you don't have to pre-book, just turn up and ensure your <a href="ParentPay">ParentPay</a> balance is kept up to date.

We serve food for anyone who arrives before 8.30am. There is an assortment of cereal, toast, tea cakes, crumpets, juice or milk available. Pancakes are served every Wednesday.

Arnie's Breakfast club is led by school staff and children spend time socialising and playing with other children. Children are then escorted to their classroom by a member of staff.

## Millie's After School Club



Millie's After School Club is now held in the library area of the school (off the playground).

If you would like your child to attend, places can be booked via ParentPay for £12 per session, which includes a light tea. Just go to your child's page and click on 'Book meals and places' on the left hand side. Places should be booked by 12.00noon on the day at the very latest. You will be required to pay at the time of booking.

If you have any queries, please speak to the school office. The emergency contact number during after school club hours (3.30-6.00pm) is 07469 524024.

## Help with costs



We accept payment for both Arnie's Breakfast Club and Millie's After School Club via the following schemes:

- Government funded tax-free childcare scheme (<u>Link to Childcare Choices website</u>) Our preferred scheme
  - Bravo Benefits
    - Edenred
  - kiddivoucher
  - Computershare (in the process of registering)
  - care4 voucher (in the process of registering)

If you are registered for any other schemes, check to see if we are on their list of suppliers and, if not, let us know and we are happy to look at registering with them.

If paying via any of these schemes, just send us an email each time you make a payment and we will make a credit to your ParentPay account accordingly.

If you are in receipt of Universal Credits, you may be entitled to claim some of the costs back. If doing this you will need our registration number which is 122730 (Arnold Mill Primary School). You can find out more information here Link to Universal Credits Childcare costs page

## Calendar



May

Mon 22nd May - PTA Meeting/Summer Fair Planning

Tues 23rd May - 1c Visit to the library

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

Fri 26th May - 1b Visit to the library

## June

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

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

Tues 6th Jun - The Dogs Trust Assembly and workshops

Fri 9th Jun - Deadline for talent assembly nominations (<u>Link to letter</u>)

Tues 13th Jun - 1a Visit to the library

Weds 14th Jun - Class/Group photos

Thurs 15th Jun - F2a Visit to the library

Fri 16th Jun - Non-uniform day - please bring a bottle or some chocolate for the summer fair

Tues 20th Jun- F2 visit to Sherwood Pines (Link to letter)

Tues 20th Jun - 2a Visit to the library

Weds 21st Jun - F1 Visit to the library

Thurs 22nd Jun - Class 2c Visit to Arnold Library for creative workshop (Link to letter)

Fri 23rd Jun - Year 6 Visit to Royal Concert Hall to see 'Now Hear This' (Link to letter)

Fri 23rd Jun - Summer Fair (more details above)

Tues 27th Jun - 2c Assembly with parents

Weds 28th Jun - F1 Visit to the library

Thurs 29 Jun - Talent Assembly (Link to letter)

Thurs-29th-Fri 30th Jun - Year 2 Robin Hood Camp (Link to information booklet)

## Mon 3rd Jul- Year 1 visit to Stonebridge City Farm

Tue 4th Jul - DART Graduation Assembly (Year 5& 6) (more details to follow)

Tues 4th Jul - F2b Visit to the library

Weds 5th Jul - Transition day - children visit their new classes

Thurs 6th Jul - Wimbledon themed lunch (Link to themed lunch menu)

Thurs 6th Jul - F2 Learning Journey Assembly to parents (details to follow)

Tues 11th Jul - 2c Visit to the library

Weds 12 Jul - Year 3/4 Anglo Saxon Day

Weds 12 & Thurs 13th Jul - Year 6 Production (Link to poster)

Thurs 20th Jul - Year 6 Treat Day (more details to follow)

Fri 21st Jul - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly to parents (Link to poster)

Fri 21st Jul - Gold Star Assembly

Fri 21st Jul - Last Day in School For Children

Mon 24th & Tues 25th Jul - INSET Days

## **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.









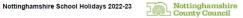
## Greet your child with a smile and not a mobile!



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



2 - Click for important information about Strep A





## 3 - Academic Calendar 2022-23





4 - Click here to see school policies



5 - Click link to visit ParentPay



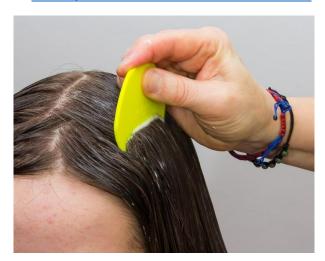
6 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



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

# The NHS Minor Ailment Service at your local pharmacy RUN BY OUR PRESCRIBING PHARMACIST

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



9 - <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



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**20115 9667930** (option 1 to record a child's absence or option 4 to speak to a member of the admin team)

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