

# Arnold Mill Weekly Newsletter - 27th January 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another busy week with more library visits, a drumming workshop for key stage 1 and 2 (flyers have been sent home about lessons) and an assembly by Severn Trent Water amongst other things.

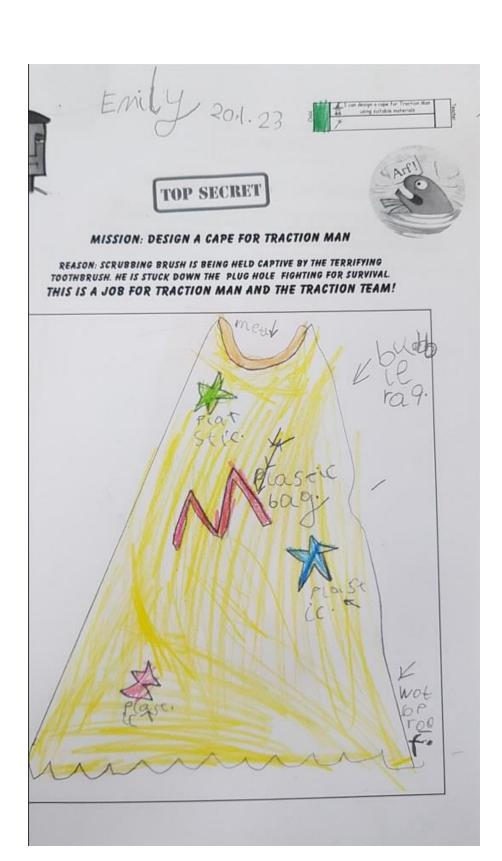
Next week it's is National Storytelling Week and there is a Live Storytelling event with author Wendy Shearer. Key Stage 1 are having a non-uniform Superhero Day (more details below). We also have Bikeability sessions happening for classes 2d and 2e and classes 2b and 1c are visiting Arnold library.

Please note that Class 2b will be closed to pupils on **Wednesday 1st February** due to strike action (more details below).

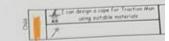
## Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

## **Children's Work**

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



1 - Work from 1a





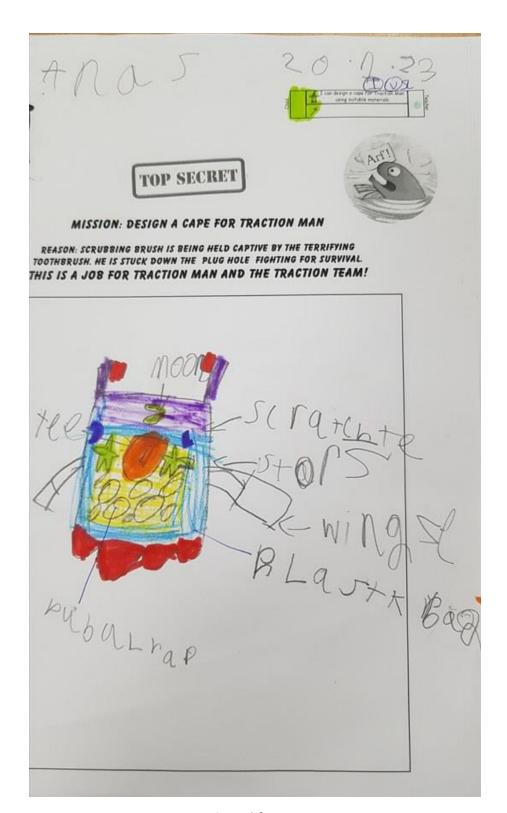
## MISSION: DESIGN A CAPE FOR TRACTION MAN

REASON: SCRUBBING BRUSH IS BEING HELD CAPTIVE BY THE TERRIFYING TOOTHBRUSH. HE IS STUCK DOWN THE PLUG HOLE FIGHTING FOR SURVIVAL.

THIS IS A JOB FOR TRACTION MAN AND THE TRACTION TEAM!



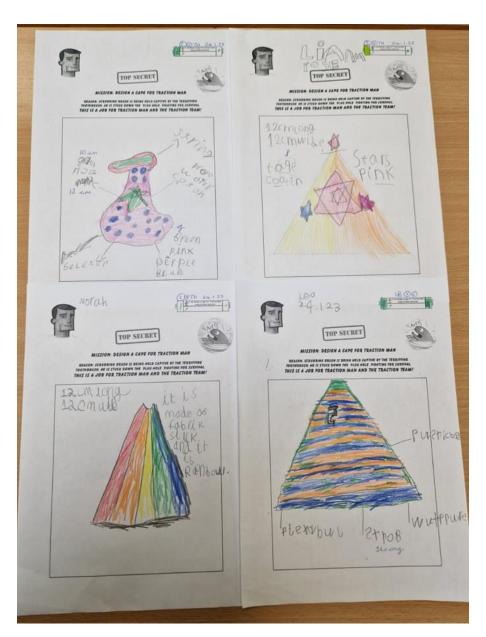
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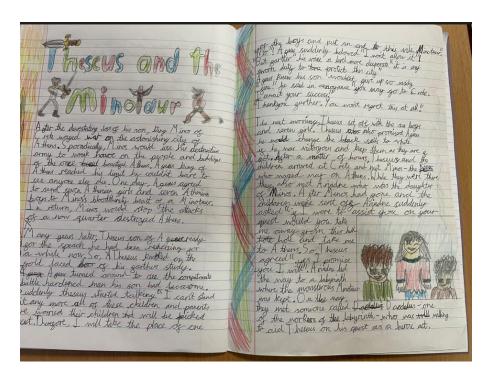
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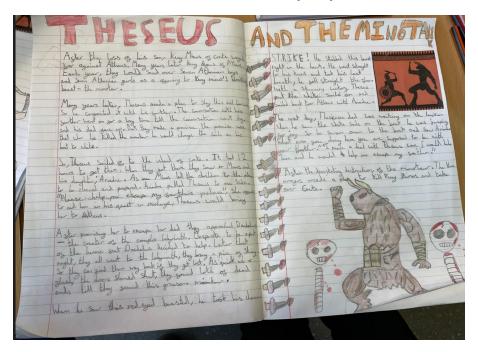
4 - Craft Work from 1c



5 - Work from 1c



6 - Theseus and Minotaur Work from 2f



7 - Theseus and Minotaur Work from 2f

### **Parents' Evening**



If your child has Structured Conversations, this round of Parents' Evening appointments are not applicable

We are inviting parents to book a ten-minute Parents' Evening appointment with the Class Teacher on either Tuesday 7th or Wednesday 8th February between 3.40pm and 6.00pm. We will arrange separate dates for children in 1c once Mrs Appleyard returns.

During the meeting you will have an opportunity to talk about your child's progress, achievements, and attitude to learning so far during this academic year. You will also have chance to have a quick look at some of their work.

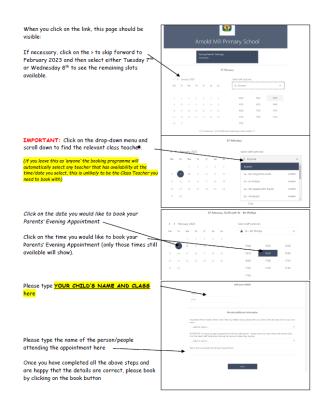
Please ensure that you arrive on time at the outside doors to the classroom and wait to be greeted by the teacher. There will be no clubs running at all for the whole week apart from Boccia After School Club which will run on Wednesday 8th February. All other clubs will resume w/c 27th February.

If you book an appointment and then are unable to make it, please follow the original booking link to reschedule your appointment (and free up the slot for someone else).

To book please click on the following link:

Link to Parents' Evening Booking Form

Instructions on how to use the booking form can be seen below.



## Strike Action - Wednesday 1st February 2023

#### 2b Class Closure for Strike Action – Wednesday 1st February 2023

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 1st February 2023. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over lack of school funding, teachers' pay and workload, and not because of any issues at our school.

I'm getting in touch to give you as much notice as possible about our arrangements for Wednesday 1st February 2023. Please be advised that children in class 2b will NOT be able to attend school on this date. All other classes will be open as normal.

Children in 2b will have access to Literacy Shed, Times Tables Rock Stars and The Oak Academy if they are able to work at home. Children who are eligible for free school meals will be able to collect a packed lunch from school, please let us know you if require a packed lunch ordering by Friday 28th January 2023.

I'm sorry that some of you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice, and that they will experience further disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. Arnold Mill remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching. We are working closely with our staff union

representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

If you have any questions or concerns around childcare for this day, please contact me at joldfield@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk

Please note that further days are planning for strikes, as below. We will let you know once we know the impact of these dates on school.

- Wednesday 1st March
- Wednesday 15th March
- Thursday 16th March



# Ballot for new Parent Governor - closes Wednesday 1st February at 10.00am



We are delighted to report that we had 2 nominations to become parent governor at Arnold Mill Primary School. As there is currently only 1 post available, we are carrying out a ballot of all parents. The ballot will close on Wednesday 1st February at 10.00am and we will announce the successful candidate shortly after.

# Online Safety Advice for Parents - Free Webinar Tuesday 7th February at 7pm

Join East Midlands Special Operations Unit, as they host a free Webinar on how you can keep yourself safe online.

Safer Internet Day is a celebration of the safe and positive use of technology, coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre.

Cyber Security is the protection of your hardware, software and data from unauthorised access and cyber attacks. Hear from East Midlands Special Operations Cyber Protect Officers on the latest threats to you and how to stop them from happening.

Please use this <u>Link to Eventbrite page</u> to book a place on the webinar.



## Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies - Now available to order on ParentPay



Please <u>click here</u> for the link to the letter.

## National Storytelling Week - w/c 30th January 2023

To celebrate storytelling week, taking place from 30th January to 5th February 2023, we have some exciting reading activities throughout the week. This includes the chance to join a live storytelling event with professional storyteller and author, Wendy Shearer, on 30th January, suitable for KS1 and KS2.

If you would like to get involved with National Storytelling Week at home there are resources to help families enjoy the age-old tradition of storytelling and share their own stories, memories, and experiences. See the link below to access these:

#### **Link to My Storytelling Scrapbook**

Please feel free to send any pictures of your children reading for pleasure at home and taking part in National Storytelling Week!

Happy Reading **#** 



### KS1 Superhero Day - Tuesday 31st January (years 1 & 2 only)



Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our learning on Superheroes in KS1, we are very excited to be holding a Superhero Day! **On Tuesday 31st January** we would like to invite the children in 1a, 1b and 1c to come to school wearing something to represent a superhero.

Please don't feel you should go out and buy anything new. Something designed at home would be perfect and a whole outfit is not needed just a token mask, cape, top etc. would be super! Please also feel free to think outside the box and remember that there are plenty of real-life superheroes that could be thought about e.g. sporting heroes, key-worker superheroes like doctors, nurses, teachers(!), carers, fire fighters, armed forces etc. Of course, if the children prefer to wear their normal uniform, this is absolutely fine.

If you, or someone you, know are a real-life superhero (key worker) and may have time to share something about this role, please let your child's teacher know.

We will be spending the day doing lots of brilliant superhero-themed activities and are very excited about it!

If you have any questions, please speak to one of the KS1 team.

## **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).

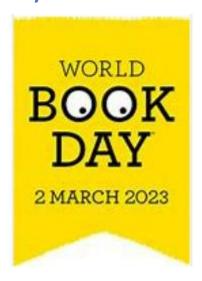
Look out for the peach coloured trip permission form, medical information form and your confirmation of packed lunch arrangement (including how to order a school prepared lunch) which will be sent home with your child either today or Monday. Please complete it and return it to school by 20th February.

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







## 'Including Parents' Conference - 7th March 2023

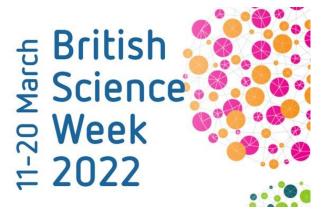
Please use the link below to see a leaflet about the 'Including Parents' Conference.

This is a free conference for parents and carers of children and young people up to the age of 19 with additional needs, who are resident in Nottinghamshire or whose child attends a Nottinghamshire school.

#### **Link to leaflet**



## **Calling all Scientists**



As part of British Science Week, we are asking for parents/carers to get in touch if they work in a science related career.

## **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.



## **Key Stage 1** - **Reading for pleasure session with parents**

Friday 10th February



We would love to invite you into your Keystage 1 child's class on Friday 10th February 2023 for our next reading for pleasure event. This time our focus is on the children's favourite books. If you are able to join us, please arrive at your child's class for 9.10am and wait for the doors to open. As in previous events, we will bring the children in at 8.50am to do the registers and then re-open the doors at ten past nine. Whether you are able to join us or not, please send your child's favourite book into school that day (or bring it with you if you can attend). Please make sure your child's book is clearly named so it doesn't get mixed up with our books! We are looking forward to having the children share their favourite books with you, us and each other.

We very much hope you can join us!

The KS1 Team

#### **Year 4 Times Tables**



The national times table check is a test for all year four pupils which takes place between the 5th and 16th of June 2022. It is an on-screen check consisting of twenty five times table questions. Your child will be able to answer three practice questions before taking the actual check. They will then have six seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than five minutes to complete.

The purpose of the check is to determine whether your child can fluently recall their times tables up to 12; a skill which is essential for future success in mathematics.

#### Why are Times tables important?

Times tables are fundamental in supporting children and under pin everything within Maths. It is vital that all children know their multiplication facts up to  $12 \times 12$  as it will give them the essential knowledge needed to be proficient with the curriculum in Year 5 and 6.

#### How can you support your child at home?

- Encourage children to play Times table Rockstars as often as possible (<u>link to Timetables</u> Rockstars).
- Daily sessions (approximately five minutes) will help children to learn times tables more than one long session a week. The soundcheck is very similar to the multiplication check.
  - Quiz your child at home regularly. This could be when making dinner or on the journey to/from school.
  - Display a poster with all of the times tables facts on at home. Identify patterns within the multiplication tables.
- Create flash cards with your children and let them play with friends, siblings, grandparents.

  They could write the answer on the back and test themselves.
- Chanting their times table is an excellent way to learn them. They could do this each time they walk up the stairs.

Any times tables practise that the children can do at home will really support them to become proficient in their times tables and help them with their everyday maths learning.

Please see our website for other maths support suggestions - (link to our website).

Regards

Mr Booth, Miss Butler and Mrs Brumby

## **Lost Property**

Please see the photos below for all lost property we currently have. If you believe something belongs to your child, please contact the office. All named items are returned to class once a week. Please remember to label all property so that it is easier to return to the rightful owner.









We have over 100 items of un-named lost property, including:

Item	size/age	Brand	colour	In Lost Property Box No
1 cardigan	age 10	School Wear	blue	4
1 cardigan	age 11	Tu	blue	4
1 cardigan	age 6	Tu	blue & whit	te 4
1 cardigan	age 6-7	George	blue	4
1 cardigan	age 7	Tu	blue	4
1 cardigan	age 9	Tu	blue	4
1 cardigan	age 9-10	George	blue	4
1 cardigan	age 10-11	George	blue	2
1 cardigan	age 3	Next	blue	2
1 cardigan	age 4-5	M&S	blue	2
1 cardigan (logo)	age 24"	Banner	blue	4
1 cardigan (logo)	age 5-6	Uniform Shop	blue	2
1 cardigan (logo)	age 7-9	Uniform Shop	blue	1
3 cardigans	age 4-5	George	blue	1
5 cardigans	age 5-6	George	blue	4
2 cardigans (logo)	age 7-8	Uniform Shop	blue	1
1 hoodie (zip)	age 6	Tu	black	1
1 hoodie (zip)	age 7-8	George	navy	1
1 joggers	age 6-8	Smart Start	black	2
1 jumper (v neck)	age 10-11	George	blue	4
1 jumper (v neck)	age 8-9	George	blue	1
1 jumper (v neck)	age 8-9	George	blue	4
1 jumper/fleece (round neck - logo)	age 5-6	Uniform Shop	blue	4
1 jumper/fleece (round neck - logo)	age 9-10	Uniform Shop	blue	4
1 jumper/fleece (round neck)	age 12-13	George	blue	4
1 jumper/fleece (round neck)	age 5	Tu	blue	4
1 jumper/fleece (round neck)	age 8	Tu	blue	4
1 jumper/fleece (round neck)	age 9-10	George	blue	4
1 jumper/fleece (round neck)	age 9-10	Tu	blue	4
2 jumpers (round neck)	age 7-8	George	blue	2

2 jumpers (v neck)	age 6-7	George	blue	4
2 jumpers/fleeces (round neck)	age 5	School Wear	blue	4
3 jumpers/fleeces (round neck)	age 5-6	George	blue	4
2 jumpers/fleeces (round neck)	age 6	Tu	blue	4
1 leggings	age 8-9	George	black	1
1 long sleeved top (round neck)	age 4-5	Next	white	3
1 t shirt (polo)	age 10-11	M&S	white	3
1 t shirt (polo)	age 11-12	F&F	white	3
1 t shirt (polo)	age 6-7	George	white	3
1 t shirt (polo)	age 7	Tu	white	3
1 t shirt (polo)	age 7-8	George	white	3
1 t shirt (polo)	age 7-8	Lily & Dan	white	3
1 t shirt (polo)	age 7-8	Tu	white	3
1 t shirt (round neck)	age 4-5	George	white	3
1 t shirt (round neck)	age 5	Next	white	3
1 t shirt (round neck)	age 5-6	Tu	white	3
1 t shirt (round neck)	age 6	Next	white	3
1 t shirt (round neck)	age 7	School life	white	3
1 t shirt (round neck)	age 8-9	George	white	3
5 t shirts (polo)	age 6	Tu	white	3
1 trousers	age 6	Tu	black	1
1 trousers/leggings	age 9-10	George	black	1
1 vest (round neck)	age 6-7	George	white	3
1 vest (round neck)	age 7-8	Nutmeg	white	3

#### Lost property can either be:

- collected from the school office in person
- dropped off at your child's class please ring or email the school office and let us know the item details (eg, white polo t shirt, age 7-8, Tu, in box 3)

As ever, unclaimed lost property is recycled/donated to charity at the end of each half term.

## School Clubs - please see details of cancellations below





Please note that the following clubs are not running w/c 31st January 2023:

- Year 3/4 Dodgeball on Monday 31st January
  - Running club on Tuesday

We apologise for the inconvenience.

#### School Clubs – Spring Term 2022/23

Day:	Club:	Organiser:	Times of club:	Year Group:		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	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		
	Board Games Club	Mrs Rathore	3.30-4.15pm	Y1/2	12	2C		
	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	Y3/4	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 invitation		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

## Dinner Menu - w/c 30th January (week 1)



## **Important Dates**

#### **January**

Mon 30th Jan - Sun 5th Feb - National Storytelling Week

Mon 30th Jan - Live Storytelling Event with author Wendy Shearer

Mon 30th Jan & Tues 31st Jan Class 2D Bikeability

#### Tues 31st Jan - 2b Visit to Arnold Library

Tues 31st Jan - KS1 Superhero Day (Link to letter)

#### **February**

Wed 1st Feb & Thu 2nd Feb Class 2E Bikeability

Weds 1st Feb - Class 2b closed to pupils due to the strike action (Link to letter)

Thurs 2nd Feb - Art Award Assembly with parents (by invitation only)

Fri 3rd Feb - 1c Visit to Arnold Library

Mon 6th Feb & Tues 7th Feb Class 2F Bikeability

Tues 7th Feb - F2b Visit to Arnold library

Tues 7th Feb - Internet Safety Day

Tues 7th & Weds 8th Feb - Parents' Evenings

Fri 10th Feb - 1a Visit to Arnold Library

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

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

Tues 28th Feb - F2a Visit to Arnold Library

#### March

Thurs 2nd Mar - World Book Day (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

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 - 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 (<u>Link to letter</u>)

#### 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)

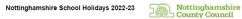
Just click on the symbol in the top left hand corner of the relevant sheet to find out more information on that subject.



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



9 - Click for important information about Strep A



September 2022 to July 2023



Autumn Term Schools Open - morning Wednesday 31 August 2022 Half Term - Monday 17 October 2022 - Friday 25 October Schools close - evening Wednesday 21 December 2022

Spring Term
Schools Open - morning Wednesday 4 January 2023
Haif Term - Monday 13 February 2023 - Friday 17 February 2023
Spring Break - Monday 3 April 2023 - Friday 14 April 2023

Summer Lern
Schools Open - moming Tuesday 17 April 2023
May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 1 May 2023
Haif Term - Monday 29 May 2023 - Friday 2 June 2023
Schools Close - evening Tuesday 25 July 2023

\*Return date for August/September 2023 TBC

#### 10 - Academic Calendar 2022-23



#### 11 - Click here to see school policies



12 - Click link to visit ParentPay



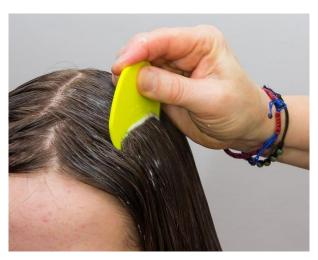
#### 13 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



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



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



16 - <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!



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









Find out more at childcarechoices.gov.uk