

Arnold Mill Weekly Newsletter 28th April 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

We had a PTA meeting on Monday which was very well attended - Thank you! The next meeting (to plan/prepare for our upcoming Summer Fair in June) will be held on Monday 22nd May at 3.40pm on and everyone is welcome to come along - the more the merrier!

Next week will be another busy week. We have children in years 3 & 4 out on a residential trip to Rand Farm, along with lots of coronation themed events (see more details below).

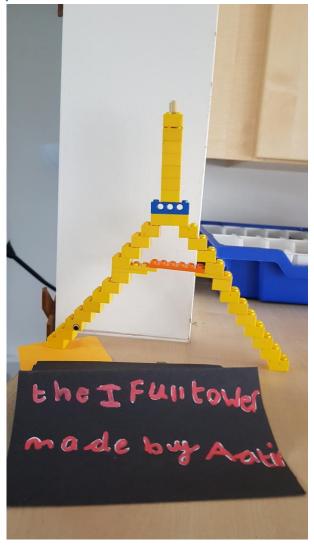
Please remember that Monday is a bank holiday and Tuesday is a strike day closing the nursery (F1am and F1pm) and classes F2b (Miss Joynt) and 2b (Mr Booth). School will be open for all other classes.

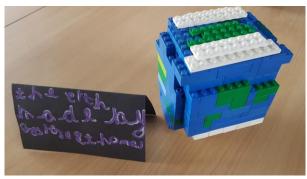
Have a super weekend!

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Children's Work

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















General Notices:

Strike Action



CLASS CLOSURES for strike action – PLEASE CHECK BELOW FOR WHICH CLASSES ARE CLOSED

Please note: Unions are in negotiations with the Government and so things may change at short notice. We will let you know if anything does change.

You may be aware from media coverage that the Government have offered a pay deal to teachers which was rejected by all unions. In light of the pressure this would place on the school's budget and the impact this would have on children, all unions are balloting for strike action again and the NEU have declared strike action, which will take place on **Thursday 27th April and Tuesday 2nd May 2023**. The situation is still ongoing and so further classes might be affected in the future. We can only close classes when they are affected by strike action and can't move teachers around. I apologise for any distress this causes and hope the situation will be resolved soon.

Please see the table below that shows which classes are closing.

All children should attend school if their class is open, even if their sibling is absent.

Children in the affected classes 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 21st April 2023**.

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

Kind regards,

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

	Thursday 27 th April	Tuesday 2 nd May			
F1	Open as usual	Closed due to strike action			
F2a	Open as usual	Open as usual			
F2b	Closed due to strike action	Closed due to strike action			
1a	Open as usual	Open as usual			
1b	Open as usual	Open as usual			
1c	Open as usual	Open as usual			
2a	Open as usual	Open as usual			
2b	Closed due to strike action	Closed due to strike action			
2c	Open as usual	Open as usual			
2d	Open as usual	Open as usual			
2e	Open as usual	Open as usual			
2f	Open as usual	Open as usual			

Eid Fair



The Eid fair on Wednesday was a huge success with lots of people coming along to support it. Thank you to Mrs Hussain, Mrs Gibbs and everyone else who helped organise it. We haven't yet calculated the amount raised but we will let you know in the next newsletter.

There are some raffle prizes still not claimed. These are ticket numbers:

- 299 Green
- 322 Green
- 356 Green
- 367 Green
- 373 Green
- 385 Green
- 757 Lilac
- 768 Lilac
- 814 Grey

- 837 Grey
- 927 Blue
- 943 Blue
- 486 Yellow

If you're a winner, just pop along to the office with your winning ticket to claim your prize.



Library Visits for the Summer Term



During the Summer Term your child's class will be visiting Arnold library (dates listed below). They will be walking from school to the library. As this is your child's third visit to the library this academic year the visit will be slightly more informal and is known as a 'Book Exchange Visit'. Your child will be given the opportunity to browse, borrow books and even share a story or two. Library staff will not lead the visit this time, although they are on hand at the Help Desk to support.

We would like all children to be able to choose a book on their visit to Arnold library. For this to happen please send in your child's library card or get signed up beforehand. If they don't have a library card, they can ask their teacher for a form to complete and return to school before the date of your child's class visit so that the library has time to process them. If your child already has a library card, could you please send it into school on the day of your child's class visit. Your child will then bring their card home along with their new book after their class has visited the library.

Please see the table below for the dates for when your child's class will visit the library.

Thanks for your support

Shaun Hewlett, Deputy Head Teacher

Class	When	Time
2B	Wednesday 26 th April	1.30pm-2.30pm
2D	Friday 5 th May	1.30pm-2.30pm
2F	Monday 15 th May	1.30pm-2.30pm
2E	Wednesday 17 th May	1.30pm-2.30pm
1C	Tuesday 23 rd May	1.30pm-2.30pm
1B	Friday 26 th May	1.30pm-2.30pm
1A	Tuesday 13 th June	1.30pm-2.30pm
F2A	Thursday 15 th June	1.30pm-2.30pm
2A	Tuesday 20 th June	1.30pm-2.30pm
F1	Wednesday 21 st June	9.30am-10.30am
F1	Wednesday 28 th June	1.30pm-2.30pm
F2B	Tuesday 4 th July	1.30pm-2.30pm
2C	Tuesday 11 th July	1.30pm-2.30pm

School Dinner Price Increase



We have been informed by the Catering Service at Nottinghamshire County Council that the price of a school meal will be increasing from w/c 8th May to £2.55 per meal.

Upcoming events:

King's Coronation Special Events: w/c 1st May



As I'm sure you're aware, the King's Coronation takes place on Saturday 6th May and to celebrate, we will be carrying out various activities/events in school.

The children will be able to decorate their own plates to bring home. Children in the foundation unit will do something slightly different.

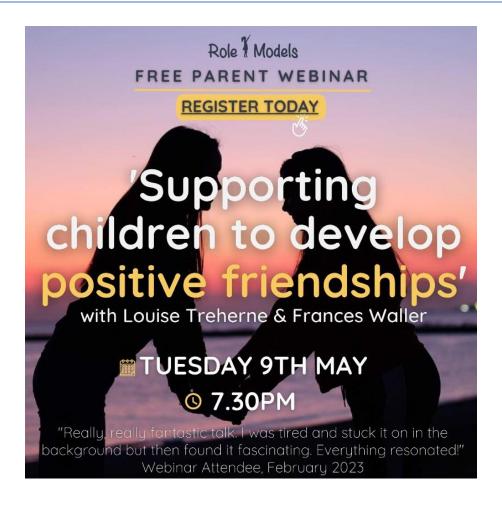
We will be having a special Coronation themed lunch on Friday 5th May (see posters below for details).

Don't forget that Monday 8th May is now a bank holiday and therefore school will be closed.





Click on this link to register



Parent Carers Forum: Thurs 18th May



F2 Trip to Sherwood Pines: 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

The Foundation 2 team

Year 1 Trip to Stonebridge City Farm: Monday 3rd July 2023



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

After School Clubs

School Clubs - Summer Term 2022/23	Summer 1: w/c 24th April - w/c 14th May	Summer 2: w/c 12th June - w/c 3td July

Day:	Club:	Organiser:	Times of club:	Year Group:	Number of places available:	Parents to collect from:
Monday	Homework Club*	Mr Robinson	12.30-1.00pm	Y5/6	N/A	N/A
	Gardening (continuing with current children with 3 further places available)	Mrs Hopewell, Mrs Humphrey, Miss Joynt and Ms Rose	3.30-4.30pm	Y3-6	3 (12 already taken)	School Library (off the playground)
	Netball (continuing with current children with 4 extra places available)	Mrs Keeton	3:30-4:15pm	Y5/6	4 (11 already taken)	Main entrance
	Football Club	Mr Robinson	3.30-4.30pm	Y4/5	30	2E
	Graphic Design Club	Mr Hewlett	3.30-4.15pm	Y1-6	15	2F
	Badminton	Mrs Greentree	3:30-4:30pm	Y3/4	20	Reception
Tuesday	SATs Booster Y6 Reading*	Mr Hewlett	8.15-8.50am	Y6	N/A	N/A
	TTRS*	Mr Booth	12.30-1.00pm	Y4	N/A	2E
	Board Game Club	Mrs Rathore and Mrs Nicholls	3.30-4.15pm	Y3/4	15	2C
	Choir	Mrs Oldfield and Mrs Monaghan	3.30-4.15pm	Y1-6	30	2E
	Running Club	Mrs Greentree	3:30-4:30pm	Y5/6	20	Reception
Wednesday	TTRS*	Miss Dibley	12.30-1.00pm	Y3	N/A	N/A
	Boccia	Mr Knight and Mrs Greentree	3.30-4.15pm	By invitat	ion	Main entrance
Thursday	SATs Booster Y6 Maths*	Mr Hewlett and Mrs Nicholls	8.15-8.50am	Y6	N/A	N/A
	Homework Club*	Mr Robinson	12.30-1.00pm	Y5/6	N/A	N/A
	Sewing Club	Mrs Nunley/Ms Ward	3.30-4.15pm	Y5/6	6-8?	
	Book Club	Mrs Oldfield and Mrs Stones	3.30-4.15pm	Y1-6	20	2F
	Tennis Club	Mrs Greentree	3:30-4:30pm	Y5/6	20	Reception
Friday	Homework Club*	Mr Robinson	12.30pm - 1.00pm	Y5/6	N/A	N/A

^{*}No need to book

Dinner Menu: w/c 1st May (Special Menu for Coronation Week)





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 ParentPay 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 '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
 - Computershare (in the process of registering)
 - kiddivoucher (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

Donations of toys/games/activities



As we have had to set up the after school club with such short notice, we are asking for any donations of unwanted toys/games/activities which are still in a good condition. If you have anything which you wish to donate, please bring it to the school office.

Calendar



May

Mon 1st May - Bank Holiday

Tues 2nd May - King's Coronation Themed Day (more details to follow)

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

Fri 5th May - 2d Visit to the library

Fri 5th May - Coronation Themed Lunch (<u>Link to themed lunch menu</u>)

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Mon 8th May - Bank Holiday for King's Coronation
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Tues 9th-Fri 12th May - Y6 SATS week

Mon 15th May - 2f Visit to the library

Weds 17th May - 2e Visit to the library

Thurs 18th May - Seaside themed lunch (Link to themed lunch menu)

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

Tues 13th Jun - 1a Visit to the library

Thurs 15th Jun - F2a Visit to the library

Tues 20th Jun - 2a Visit to the library

Weds 21st Jun - F1 Visit to the library

Fri 23rd Jun - Summer Fair (more details to follow)

Weds 28th Jun - F1 Visit to the library

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

July

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

Tues 4th Jul - F2b Visit to the library

Thurs 6th Jul - Wimbledon themed lunch (<u>Link to themed lunch menu</u>)

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 (more details to follow)

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

Fri 21st Jul - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly to parents

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

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2022-23 Nottinghamshire County Council

Public Holidays

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

Autumn Term
Schools Open - morning Wednesday 31 August 2022
Schools Open - morning Tuesday 17 April 2023
Half Term - Morday 17 October 2022 - Priday 28 October
May Day Bash Holisty - Morday 11 May 2023
Condoel Sode - evening Wednesday 21 December 2022
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Schools Ober - evening Tuesday 25 Aug 2023

Administration Day Inset day

3 - Academic Calendar 2022-23





4 - Click here to see school policies



5 - Click link to visit ParentPay



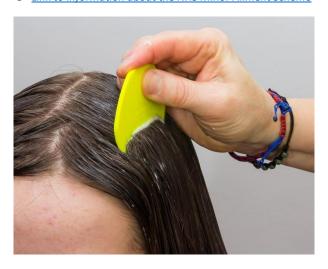
6 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



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



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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