

Arnold Mill Weekly Newsletter - 3rd February 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been National Storytelling Week and the children have loved getting involved with all the activities we've had planned. Key Stage 1 had a non-uniform Superhero Day and loved getting dressed up as their heroes. We also had Bikeability sessions and library visits.

Next week is the last week of this half term and there won't be any clubs running, other than Boccia on Wednesday. We have more Bikeability sessions and library visits, along with Internet Safety Day, a visit from the Cyber Security Police for year 5 and 6.

We have Parents' evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday and a Parent Forum Coffee Morning on Thursday (see below for more details).

I look forward to seeing you all at some point next week.

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Result of Parent Governor Election



Further to the recent letter circulated regarding a vacancy on the Governing Body for a Parent Governor, I am writing to confirm that following the counting of votes received, Mr Steven Lucas has been elected as Parent Governor for a four-year term.

I would like to thank all parents, guardians, and nominees for their participation in the process.

Should you wish to find out more about the Governing Body, please see the section on the school website.

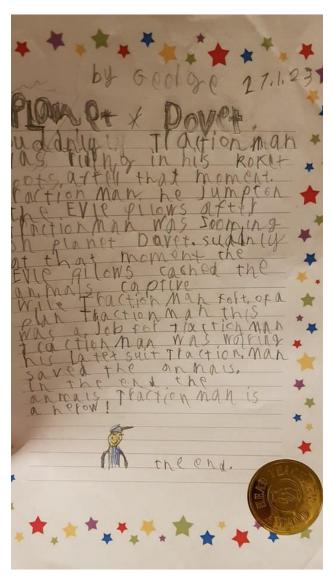
If you would like to contact The Governing Body at any time, please send an email to the school office for the attention of The Governors or leave a message at the school office and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Anthony Clarke

Children's Work

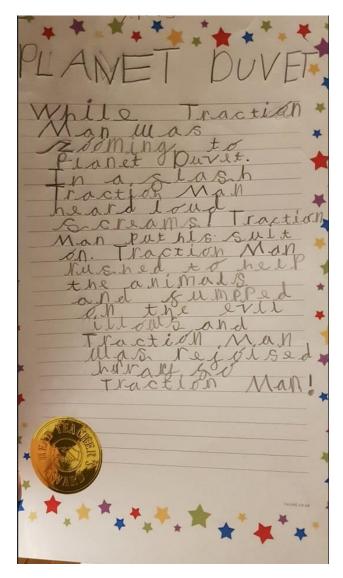
Here are a few examples of recent work from some of the children in school.



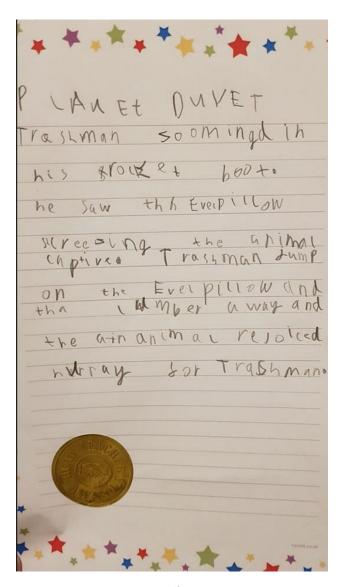
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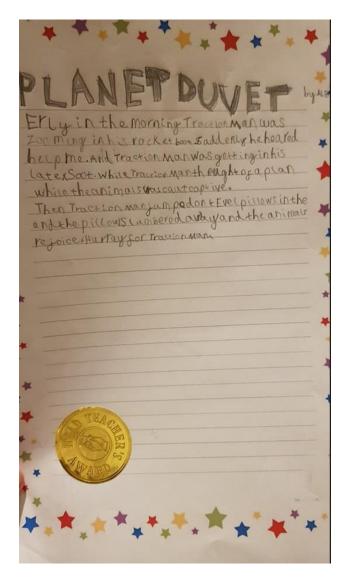
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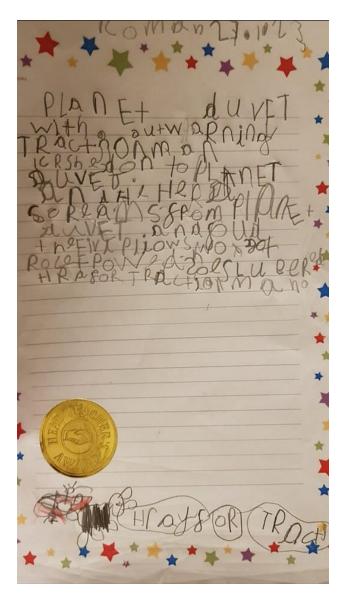
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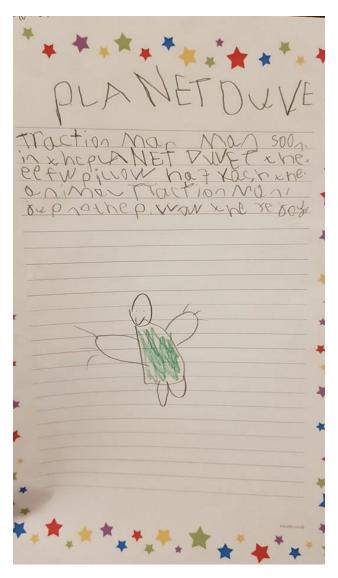
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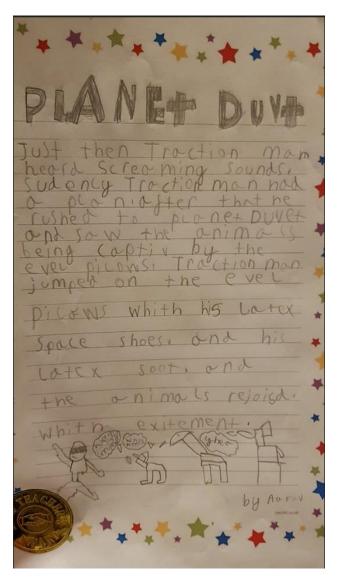
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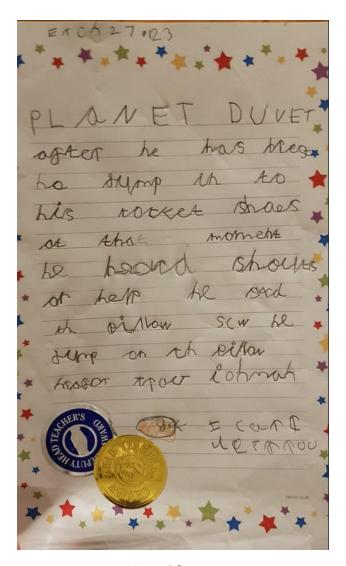
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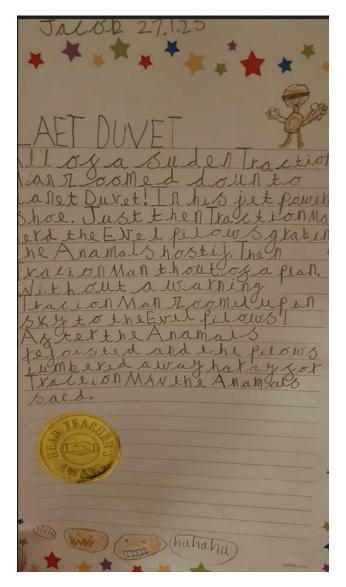
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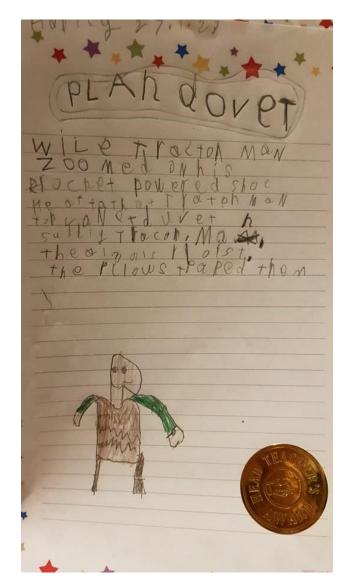
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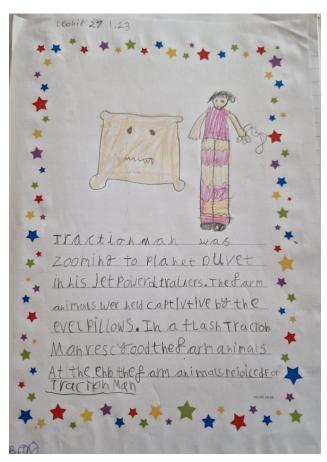
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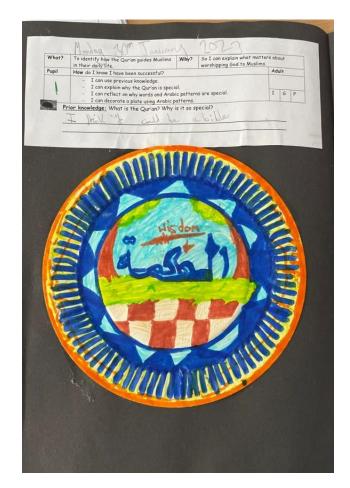
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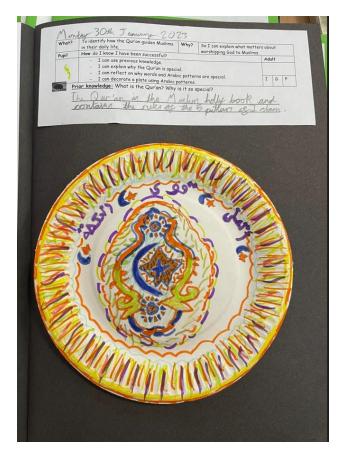
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Nominations for the Next Talent Assembly are now open

Talent Assembly – 27th March 2023

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 6th**March to joldfield@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk Any nominations received after this date, will be put

forward for the Summer assembly.

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



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 2 Robin Hood Camping Trip - 29th-30th June 2023

We have arranged to take Year 2 children on a residential visit to Robin Hood Activity Centre in Mansfield on Thursday 29th to Friday 30th June 2022. The children will have a full two-day learning experience and a night stop over. The aim of the visit is for the children to experience the outdoors whilst team building, developing independence and above all having lots of fun!

The cost of the trip will be approximately £42, depending on the number of children participating but we will be able to confirm this closer to the date when numbers are confirmed.

We are really hopeful that all of our Year 2 children will take part in the trip as it is a memorable and fantastic trip.

There will be a meeting for all parents/carers of Year 2 children at school on **Tuesday 28th February** from 6.00pm until 6.30pm. At this meeting we will be able to give you a lot more information about the visit. In the meantime, here is a link to their website (Link to Robin Hood Activity Centre Website)

Please confirm whether or not you will be attending the meeting by completing this form (<u>link to form</u>) by Monday 27th February.

You can either wait until after the parents' meeting or start making payments straight away if you know you want your child to take part. You do not need to pay the full balance all at once, you can pay in whatever increments you wish, as long as the final balance is paid by Friday 16th June 2023.

If you require any further information, or have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to come in or email us.

Yours sincerely



Text Messages from School - Save our number

We generally send correspondence via email/SIMS Parent App, but sometimes when we have to communicate urgent information, such as a last minute change of menu, we send text alerts.

Unfortunately, the texts which we send are very limited on the number of characters they can contain and therefore need to be quite vague. We will usually refer you to an email which will contain a more detailed message.

The phone number which is associated to our text messaging system is **07860 097803**. It would help if you save this number into your phone as "Arnold Mill Text System", or something similar, so that you can see the message is from us, as we get a lot of responses saying "who is this?" and we don't have enough spare characters to say the message is from Arnold Mill. Please note, you will not be able to call us on this number as it is for text messages only.





We were very pleased to receive a visit from <u>Perform</u> a few weeks ago. The children had a wonderfully energetic time exploring the theme of <u>Circus Adventure</u> and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of Arnold Mill Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before Friday 10th February.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **ARNO100223** or visit perform.org.uk to find out more.





Could your child be entitled to free school meals & milk?



Do any of the following apply to you?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the qualifying benefits below:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earning from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- <u>Child Tax Credit</u> (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Use this link to find out more and apply: Link to Nottinghamshire County Council page

Things to note:

"My child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 so they already get free school meals anyway" - please apply anyway as the school will receive extra Pupil Premium funding

"My child doesn't ever stay for school meals" - please apply anyway as the school will receive extra

Pupil Premium funding

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.



Parents' Evening - Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th February



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.

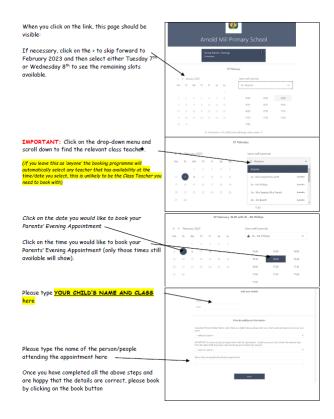
During the meeting you will have an opportunity to talk about your child's progress, achievements, and attitude to learning so far during this academic year. You will also have chance to have a quick look at some of their work.

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



Parent Forum



THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY AT 9.00AM

All parents/carers welcome to attend

It will be a chance to discuss how things are going and to share ideas

Use the link below to let us know if you will be attending

Link to form

Key Stage 1 - Reading for pleasure session with parents

Friday 10th February



We would love to invite you into your Key Stage 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 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).

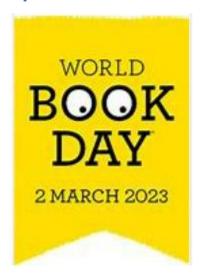
Look out for the peach coloured trip permission form, medical information form and your confirmation of packed lunch arrangement (including how to order a school prepared lunch) which will be sent home with your child either today or Monday. Please complete it and return it to school by 20th February.

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

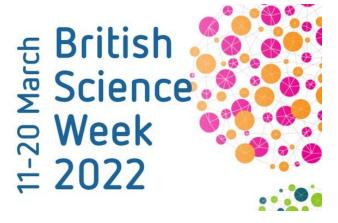
Please use the link below to see a leaflet about the 'Including Parents' Conference.

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 (11-20 March) we are looking for anyone with a science based career who would be willing to come into school and speak to the children about it. This could be arranged at your convenience. Please contact the school office on 0115 9667940 or office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk if you are interested.

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.



Easter Competition



This year Arnold Mill are hosting an Easter competition. Children can decorate an egg, design an Easter bonnet or construct an Easter garden. The children can be as creative as they like. Every class will have an Easter competition winner and the winner in each class will receive a prize.

Entries will be displayed so both the children can see each other's creations and parents can come along from 3pm onwards. Entry will be through the main entrance and into the hall. Please leave via the library doors. You may then collect your child early, if you wish.

If your child would like to enter, they will need to bring their egg, bonnet or garden to their classroom on Friday 31st March 2023. Please don't bring them before as they will be tricky to store.

I have added some ideas below to get you thinking, but please feel free to use your child's original ideas let them have some fun!

Good Luck!

















Sports News



The boys played their first match on Tuesday evening. It was our first game of the year and the boys did us proud! Even though it was a 1-0 loss to Richard Bonington Primary School the team played very well, showing a brilliant sporting spirit, fighting hard and encouraging each other to try their best.

Future Fixtures:

The following sporting fixtures have been arranged. Please feel free to come along and show your support.

Tues 21st Feb Girls' Football vs Killisick (home)

Tues 28th Feb Boys' Football vs St Wilfrid's (home)

Tues 14th Mar Girls' Football vs Richard Bonington (away)

Thurs 16th Mar Boys' Football vs Robert Mellows (home)

Tues 21st Mar Boys' Football vs Killisick (home)

Thurs 23rd Mar Girls' Football vs Robert Mellors (away)

Lost Property

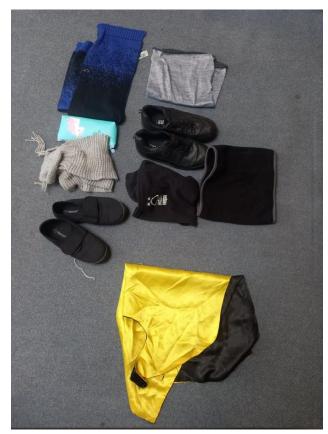
Please see the photos below for some of the lost property we currently have. If you believe something belongs to your child, please contact the office. All named items are returned to class once a week.

Please remember to label all property so that it is easier to return to the rightful owner.











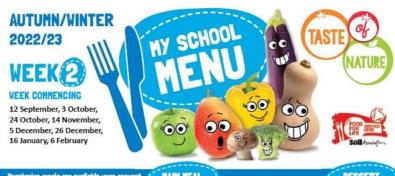
School Clubs

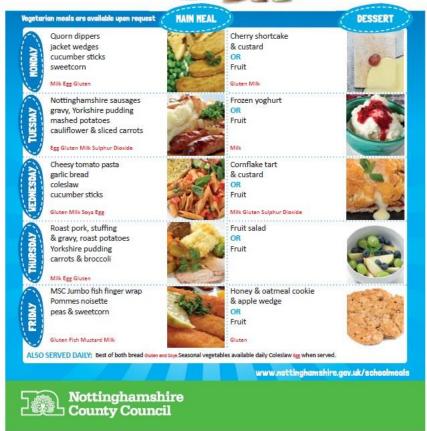


There are no clubs running next week, apart from Boccia on Wednesday

Clubs will restart w/c 27th February

Dinner Menu - w/c 6th February (week 2)





Important Dates



February

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

Thurs 9th Feb - Parent Forum Coffee Morning

Fri 10th Feb - 1a Visit to Arnold Library

Fri 10th Feb - KS1 Reading for Pleasure (with parents)

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

Tues 28th Feb - Robin Hood Camp Information Evening for parents (year 2)

March

Thurs 2nd Mar - World Book Day (<u>Link to letter</u>)

Fri 3rd Mar - Year 4 Swimming starts

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

Fri 17th March - Red Nose Day (details to follow)

Mon 20th Mar - Y5/6 Greek Workshop (<u>Link to letter</u>)

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 May - 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 (Link to letter)

June

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

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

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:



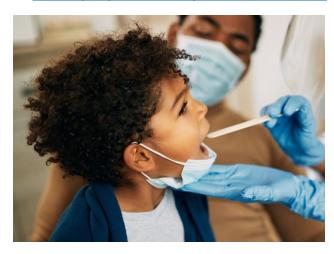
Click through the sheets below for information about:

- 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.

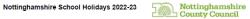


18 - Click here for information about free school meals and milk



19 - <u>Click for important information about Strep A</u>

September 2022 to July 2023





20 - Academic Calendar 2022-23



21 - Click here to see school policies



22 - <u>Click link to visit ParentPay</u>



23 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



24 - Link to Cost of Living Factsheet



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



26 - <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?

- $l.\ Talk$ 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.
- 3. 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).
- 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/
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We've signed up for Tax-Free Childcare: Have you?



Find out more at childcarechoices.gov.uk

27 - Link to Tax Free Childcare website