Arnold Mill Weekly Newsletter - 9th December 2022





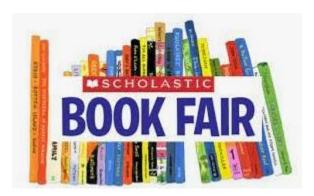
Thank you for all the support you have given school over the last few weeks. There has been a lot going on. Non-Uniform Days, The Christmas Fair, The Book Fair, Special Assemblies and Sporting Events! It's been a very special time to be in school.

The last day of term is Wednesday 21st December 2022, we've still got a lot more to fit in during the last week and a half, so please make sure your child is in school if they are fit and well.

Best wishes,

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Scholastic Book Fair



We took a total of just over £1,300 in sales meaning that the school will receive £800 worth of books. Thank you to all staff and children who helped with the book fair and to everyone who bought something.

Strep A Infections: What you need to know

Please click on the link below for the latest guidance regarding Strep A. We will keep you up to date as we get further guidance.

Link to information sheet



Christmas Fair











The fair was a massive success! We raised approximately £2,000 for school!!! If you have any tokens left, you can either save them for the summer fair or return them to school for either a cash refund or to donate them to the defibrillator fund. If you are wanting a refund, please let us have them back by Wednesday 14th December at the latest.

The Great Arnold Mill Bake Off - The Results

The winners of the Great Arnold Mill Bake Off 2022 are...

Children:

Natasha with 'Christmas Present'

Summer with 'A Taste of Summer'

Suria and Tegh with 'Sweet Christmas'

Adults:

Ria with 'Ria's Mighty Mince Pies'

Each winner won a small prize. Well done!



1 - 'Christmas Present' by Natasha



2 - 'A Taste of Summer' by Summer



3 - 'Sweet Christmas' by Suria and Tegh



4 - 'Ria's Mighty Mince Pies' by Ria

Thank you to the following companies/people for donating prizes for the fair:















Reading for Pleasure Session with Parents (Year 1 & 2 only)

On Friday 16th December, we would like to invite one adult per child to come into school and share in our weekly reading for pleasure time. This event was really well received by both adults and children alike in October and we are really looking forward to running it again.

We will register the children as normal at 8.50am and then re-open the doors for parents and carers to enter at 9am. We are sorry, but due to space considerations, we can only invite one adult per child and younger siblings will need to be closely supervised at all times. The session will end promptly at 9.30am.

As it is nearly Christmas, we will have some Christmassy books in the classrooms to choose and if you have one at home you would like to bring in to share, we would love to see it! The next event will be in February and will be all about sharing our favourite books.

If you have any queries, please contact your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

KS1 Team



KS1 Geography Walk Around Arnold

At the end of next week we are planning to take the key stage 1 children for a walk around Arnold. This will link to our learning about the local area in Geography from earlier this term.

1B will be going on their trip on the morning Thursday 15th December 9:30 am.

1A and 1C will be going on their trip on the morning Friday 16th December 9:30am.

We will be returning to school before lunch.

1A and 1C will be going on their trip following the reading for pleasure morning so parents who attend are welcome to stay and volunteer with their class.

If you are available to volunteer please complete the form using the link below. We will be contacting volunteers to confirm early next week. <u>Link to volunteer form</u>

Many thanks,

KS1 team

SATS Booster Sessions - Starting in January



We would like to invite your child to a SATS booster class. This will happen every Tuesday and Thursday starting promptly at 8.15am in 2F (please wait outside the classroom and a member of staff will let you in).

- Tuesday's booster group is a focus on Reading.
- Thursday's booster group is a focus on Maths.

Children are encouraged to bring a breakfast snack if they wish. The first session will be on Tuesday 10th January, and this will run until the end of the Spring term.

SATs will be held week commencing 8th May 2023. You are probably aware that Monday 8th May has now been designated a bank holiday due to the King's Coronation, therefore, the SATs timetable will run from Tuesday to Friday instead of the usual Monday to Thursday. Please ensure that your child is in school for SATs week. Any questions please ask.

Kind Regards,

Shaun Hewlett Deputy Headteacher

School Clubs - Apply by Sunday 11th December



School Clubs have now finished until January (apart from Boccia, which will continue until 14th December).

School Clubs for the Spring Term

We are asking parents to register their children for the clubs which will run in the Spring term. These clubs are detailed on the next page and will run in 2 separate 4 week blocks as follows (apart from Gardening and Netball – see below):

Spring 1: w/c 9th January – w/c 30th January

Spring 2: w/c 27th February – w/c 20th March

Please register your child's interest by completing the form (<u>Link to application form</u>) by **Sunday 11th December 2022**. We are asking you to choose clubs in the order of preference and we will then try to accommodate everyone, as best we can, onto their preferred club. Children may be offered places in more than one club if spaces are available.

Please note that Gardening Club and Netball are not starting until after February half term due to the dark nights. These will run for 4 weeks up until Easter and another 4 weeks after Easter. We want people to register for these clubs now so that they're not swapping from one club to another at half term.

We will inform you by Friday 16th December as to whether your child has been successful.

We would emphasise that if you sign your child up to a club, they should attend every week unless there are exceptional circumstances. Regular non-attendance may mean we offer the place to someone else. We always have children dropping out of the clubs which is very disappointing when other children have missed out. If your child can't make it for any reason, you should let the office know. If, for any reason, the school needs to cancel a club, e.g. staff absence, we will email and text the relevant parents.

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	Y3/4/6	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
	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	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

Christmas Performances



Information about our Christmas performances can be found below. Tap on the images below until you come to the relevant performance and then click on the 'Expand' icon to open the relevant letter.

Foundation Stage - Wriggly Nativity

Thursday 15th December 9.45-10.30am (F1am/30 hrs, F2a & F2b)

Thursday 15th December 2.25-3.15pm (F1pm/30 hrs, F2a & F2b)

We would like to invite Foundation Stage parents/carers to join us for the performance. Due to health and safety reasons relating to the number of people in the Hall we must limit the number of guests for the performance. To ensure that we can set out the correct number of guest chairs for each

performance please confirm the name of your child's guest by midnight on Wednesday 14th December (you will find the link to the booking form at the end of this letter).

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

- In advance of the performance, we will set out the number of seats requested via the electronic booking form.
- The pedestrian gate on Cross Street will be opened approximately ten minutes before the performance start time (the pedestrian gate on Bestwood Avenue is kept locked between 9.19am and 3.15pm).
- The guest list will be checked and you will be invited to take your seats approx. 5 minutes before the performance is due to start
- The main vehicular access gates leading to the staff car park generally remains closed during the day, if the 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 8.30 & 9.10am and again between 3.00 & 3.50pm).

Each child may have two guest tickets (two per child, not two per performance - if you have more than one child in Foundation Stage please only book a maximum of two tickets). Tickets are free of charge and must be booked (on a first come, first served basis) via the electronic booking form – please click on this <u>Click this link to book tickets</u> We will not be issuing physical tickets as the booking form enables us to produce the guest list.

REMINDER - in line with our Safeguarding Policy and Social Media Parental Agreement, there should be no phones out during the performance. Don't worry - we will pop some photos onto your child's TEAMs account.

At the end of each performance there will be a collection bucket should you wish to make a cash donation to our chosen charity, which this year we are raising funds to purchase and install a community defibrillator in memory of Erica Taylor. Alternatively, you can donate via our JustGiving page Click here to donate

If the defibrillator saves one life, it will be worth every penny!

Key Stage 1 - Hey Ewe!

Tuesday 13th December 9.45-10.30am

Tuesday 13th December 2.30-3.15pm

We would like to invite Key Stage 1 parents/carers to join us for the performance. Due to health and safety reasons relating to the number of people in the Hall we must limit the number of guests for the performance. To ensure that we can set out the correct number of guest chairs for each performance please confirm the name of your child's guest by midnight on Wednesday 12th December (you will find the link to the booking form at the end of this letter).

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

- In advance of the performance, we will set out the number of seats requested via the electronic booking form.
- The pedestrian gate on Cross Street will be opened approximately ten minutes before the performance start time.
- The guest list will be checked and you will be invited to take your seats approx. 5 minutes before the performance is due to start
- Please note that the pedestrian gate on Bestwood Avenue will be locked at 9.15am and will remained locked until 3.15pm.
- The main vehicular access gates leading to the staff car park generally remains closed during the day, if the 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 8.30 & 9.10am and again between 3.00 & 3.50pm).

Each child may have two guest tickets (two per child, not two per performance - if you have more than one child in Key Stage 1 please only book a maximum of two tickets). Tickets are free of charge and must be booked (on a first come, first served basis) via the electronic booking form – please Click here to book tickets. We will not be issuing physical tickets as the booking form enables us to produce the guest list.

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Key Stage 2 - Outdoor Winter Carol Concert

Monday 19th December 2.30-3.15pm

We would like to invite Key Stage 2 parents/carers to join us for this performance. Due to the number of children/adults attending this performance it will be held on the playground (weather permitting) and therefore tickets are not needed – just turn up. Please note that seats won't be provided for this performance. If you have mobility issues and require a seat, please let us know. If we have inclement weather on the day, we will rearrange for performance for Tuesday 20th or Wednesday 21st December. Keep an eye on your emails or our website and Facebook page for updates.

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

- The pedestrian gate on Cross Street will be opened approximately ten minutes before the performance start time.
- Please note that the pedestrian gate on Bestwood Avenue will remained locked until 3.15pm so
 the only access will be via the main entrance on Cross Street.

- The main vehicular access gates leading to the staff car park generally remains closed during the day, if the 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 3.00 & 3.50pm).
- Drinks and biscuits will be available after the performance and children can then be collected from their classes at 3.30pm as usual.

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Christmas Parties



Information about our Christmas parties can be found below. Tap on the images below until you come to the relevant Key Stage and then click on the 'Expand' icon to open the relevant letter.

Foundation Stage (F1am & F1pm) Christmas Party

Friday 16th December

This year Foundation will have their Christmas party on **Friday 16th December.** Your child can come to school (at the normal drop off/collection times) in their party clothes but please ensure that they are wearing sensible footwear to avoid accidents at playtime.

As there will be light party food/nibbles we are asking each child to bring a **cash donation of £1 towards the purchase of party food**. Your child's teacher will collect the money, donations are requested **by 12th December please**. Any change left over from the purchase of the food will be donated to the collection to buy a defibrillator for the local community.

If your child has any food allergies you are welcome, if you would prefer, to send them to school with their own named, small plate of light party food/nibbles from home instead of a donation.

Foundation Stage (F2a and F2b) Christmas Party Day

Friday 16th December 2022

This year the Foundation Unit will have their Christmas party on Friday 16th December 2022.

Your child may come to school in their party clothes (please ensure that they are wearing sensible footwear to avoid accidents at playtime). During the party there will be Christmas activities in their classroom and light party food/nibbles (at Lunch time normal dinner arrangements will apply).

This year we are asking each child to bring a **cash donation of £1 towards the purchase of party food.** Your child's teacher will collect the money, **donations are requested by 12th December please**. Any change left over from the purchase of the food will be donated to the collection to buy a defibrillator for the local community.

If your child has any food allergies you are welcome, if you would prefer, to send them to school with their own named, small plate of light party food/nibbles from home instead of a donation.

Key Stage 1 (Class 1a, 1b, 1c) Christmas Party

Monday 19th December

This year Class 1a, 1b and 1c will have their Christmas party on **19th December.** Your child may come to school in their party clothes (please ensure that they are wearing sensible footwear to avoid accidents at playtime). The plan for the day is:

Morning – Christmas activities in their classroom

Lunch time – (normal dinner arrangements apply).

Afternoon – Christmas Party activities. During the party there will be light party food/nibbles.

This year we are asking each child to bring a cash donation of £1 towards the purchase of party food. Your child's teacher will collect the money, donations are requested by 15th December please. Any change left over from the purchase of the food will be donated to the collection to buy a defibrillator for the local community.

If your child has any food allergies you are welcome, if you would prefer, to send them to school with their own named, small plate of light party food/nibbles from home instead of a donation.

Key Stage 2 (Class 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f) Christmas Party

Wednesday 21st December 2022

This year Key Stage 2 will have their Christmas party on **Wednesday 21st December 2022.** Your child may come to school in their party clothes (please ensure that they are wearing sensible footwear to avoid accidents at playtime). The plan for the day is:

Morning – Christmas activities in their classroom

Lunch time – (normal dinner arrangements apply).

Afternoon – Christmas Party activities. During the party there will be light party food/nibbles.

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Fundraising News

Reverse Advent Calendar - donations still welcome



During December, the PTA are again organising a **Reverse Advent Calendar** in aid of Arnold Foodbank. Each day, the children can bring in an item from the Food Bank's shopping list if they would like to. Any items collected will be passed on to the local food bank to help support people who may be going through a very difficult time in their lives.

Please don't feel you have to give something every day, but if you would like to bring anything in during the month of December, we will ensure it goes to a good cause. A donation box will be in each classroom.

Items include:

Food Items:

Milk, tea bags, coffee, breakfast cereal, tinned food, cup-a-soups, rice, pasta sauce, beans, biscuits

Baby Essentials:

Disposable nappies, baby wipes, baby milk, sterilising tablets, breast pads, baby oil/cream, nappy rash cream

Toiletries:

Deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, soap, moisturiser, sanitary wear

Home Care:

Washing-up liquid, laundry detergent, antibacterial spray, disinfectant, toilet cleaner, bleach, cleaning cloths/sponges, washing-up brush, dustpan and brush

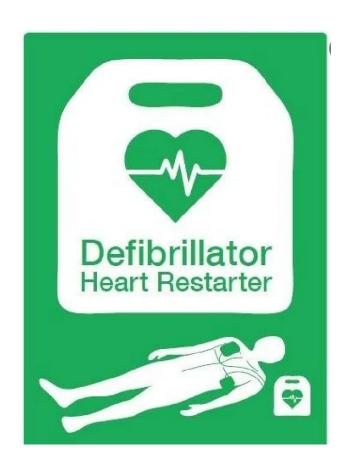
Thank you for any support you can offer with this.

Defibrillator Fundraising in memory of Erica Taylor

We have currently raised £1,748 and are well on our way to being able to purchase the second defibrillator. We raised £48 from unused tokens and cash donations from the Christmas fair. Thank you. We will also be having collection buckets at all the Christmas performances and you can still donate unused tokens.

Use this <u>Link to JustGiving page</u> if you wish to make an online donation.

Thank you so much for the support.



Next Week's Dinner Menu - week 3



Important Dates this Term



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Tues 13th Dec - KS1 Nativity <u>Link to letter</u>
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Thurs 15th Dec - 1b Geography walk around Arnold

Thurs 15th Dec - Foundation Stage Nativity <u>Link to letter</u>

Fri 16th Dec - KS1 Reading for Pleasure Session with Parents

Fri 16th Dec - 1a/1c Geography walk around Arnold

Fri 16th Dec - Foundation Stage parties <u>Link to F1 (Nursery letter)</u> <u>Link to F2 letter</u>

Mon 19th Dec - KS2 Christmas Carols <u>Link to letter</u>

Mon 19th Dec - KS1 Party Link to KS1 letter

Weds 21st Dec - KS2 Party Link to KS2 letter

Weds 21st Dec - Last Day of Term (3.30pm finish)

January

Weds 4th Jan - First day of Spring Term

Mon 16th Jan - Class 2f Visit to Arnold Library

Weds 18th Jan - Class 2e Visit to Arnold Library

Thurs 19th Jan - Foundation stage/KS1 Drama Workshop (details to follow)

Thurs 19th Jan - 1a Assembly with parents (details to follow)

Mon 23rd Jan - 2d Visit to Arnold Library

Thurs 26th Jan - 2c Visit to Arnold Library

Tues 31st Jan - 2b Visit to Arnold Library

February

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Thurs 2nd Feb - 1c Visit to Arnold Library
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Tues 7th Feb - 1b Visit to Arnold Library

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

Thurs 9th Feb - 1a Visit to Arnold Library

Thurs 9th Feb - 2b Assembly with parents (details to follow)

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

Tues 28th Feb - F2a Visit to Arnold Library

March

Thurs 2nd Mar - World Book Day

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)

April

Mon 3rd-Fri 14th Apr - Easter Holidays

Thurs 27th Apr - 1b Assembly with parents

May

Mon 1st May - Bank Holiday

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

Mon 8th May - Bank Holiday

Tues 8th-Fri 12th May - Y6 SATS week

June

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

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
- Academic Calendar 2022-23 (including inset days)
- Link to school policies
- ParentPay
- Easyfundraising
- Amazon Smile
- Cost of Living Helpsheet
- Minor Ailment Scheme help with cost towards medication
- Headlice how to detect and treat

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



5 - <u>Click here for information about free school meals and milk</u>



6 - Academic Calendar 2022-23



7 - Click here to see school policies



8 - Click link to visit ParentPay



9 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



Did you know there is a great way to give to Arnold Mill primary School when you shop on Amazon? And it doesn't cost you a single penny extra!

By signing up to Amazon Smile, you still get to browse the same wide selection of products as you do on amazon.co.uk. The difference is that when you do it through Amazon Smile, they give a donation to us based on a percentage (0.5%) of the value of your purchase. It may be a small amount, but if we all do our Amazon shopping on Amazon Smile, it soon adds up.

How to set it up:

How to use Amazon Smile on a web browser:

- Visit <u>smile.amazon.co.uk/</u>
 Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.co.uk
 Select your charity Amold Mill Primary School Fund
 Start shopping! Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.co.uk to generate donations for your chosen charify.
 Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile.amazon.co.uk/

How to use Amazon Smile using the Amazon app on your mobile phone:

- 1. Open the Amazon Shopping app

- 2. Navigate to the main menu by clicking on =
 3. Tap on Settings and then select "AmazonSmile"
 4. Select your charity and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile
- in the mobile app

 5. Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will generate a donation for Arnold Mill Primary School.

Thank you for your support.

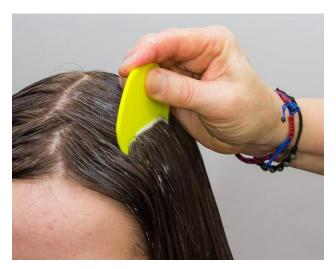
10 - Click link to sign up to Amazon Smile



11 - Link to Cost of Living Factsheet



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



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