



Arnold Mill Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The school has always worked hard to have strong links with our parents/carers and the wider community and it has been a pleasure to see you all in school for Parents Evenings, Assemblies, supporting children at sporting competitions and reading with Children. It finally feels like we have returned to normal after the disruption Covid caused.

Since September the children have also enjoyed visits to the Library, Church, and Kingswood, started guitar and ukulele lessons (we are currently looking at drumming and piano lessons - more information to follow), and our plan is to continue offering these extra enhancements to the school curriculum. This term we are looking forward to welcoming you into school for the Parent Forum Meeting, Class 2A Assembly, Book Fair, Christmas Fair and Christmas Performances (there will be a separate letter telling you about all our exciting Christmas activities!). In the new year we also have a range of trips planned.

Every academic year we try to organise at least one trip for each Class per term. Sometimes the trip is a visit to a museum or activity centre, more recently we have arranged for the 'trip' to come to us (e.g., Whitepost Farm brought some animals to visit Key Stage 1). If a visitor comes to us there is no need to book an expensive bus for all the children and so we can make the whole experience cheaper. Learning outside the classroom or in a workshop format is a valuable and effective means of extending pupil knowledge, enriching pupil understanding and promoting personal and social development. We encourage educational visits/or experiences for all our pupils and hope that parents will recognise the value and importance of these visits or events and give their full support. We understand that life is getting expensive right now and bills are soaring, so we will endeavour to keep costs low. However, if we don't get enough money in to cover the trip, we may have to reduce what we do. Please talk to us if you are struggling to pay for trips, we can offer payment plans to help out.

Currently we have the following trips planned:

- Year 5/6 Vikings Day (14th November 2022 - in school - £4.10)
- Year 3/4 Time Travelling visit to Southwell Minster (28th February 2023 at Southwell - £ to be advised)
- Year 5/6 Greek Day (20th March 2023 - in school - £5.45)
- Year 3/4 Rand Farm (May 2023- at Rand Farm - £105.00)

Our Defibrillator appeal started on Tuesday this week and we have been blown away by the support you and our local community have shown. Our aim to provide a defibrillator on Cross Street will benefit the whole community, whilst being a lasting legacy for Erica Taylor, one of our amazing parents who sadly passed away earlier this term. The target on the JustGiving page has already been met, so we are being a bit cheeky and now plan to try and raise funds for 2 machines- one for the front entrance and one for the back entrance to school. Please share our plans far and wide and thank anyone who has support our appeal. Together we really can achieve great things.


Diary Dates/Don't Forget:

- **Children in Need** non-uniform day on 18th November – if you would like to make a donation to Children in Need please follow this [Link to donation page](#). We are not taking cash donations this year.
- The PTA are hosting an **F2, KS1 & KS2 Discos** (ticket only events) – see attached posters for more information.
- **Parent Forum Meeting** on 21st November (9.00 – 10.00am) [Link to letter](#) – all welcome, please do pop along, but please book so we know who to expect at the meeting.
- **PTA meeting for the Christmas Fair**– Thursday 24th November 2022 at 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome! We will meet in the staffroom.
- Y 6/5 visit to Daybrook Baptist Church on 21st November
- Y 3/4 visit to Arnold Methodist Church on 2nd December

It is going to be a very busy time leading up to Christmas. To make sure you don't miss out on anything please keep checking your emails and the school website.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards



Jackie Oldfield

Autumn/Winter Menu 2022-23

Menu for next week is

Week 2





**Children in Need Lunch
Friday 18th November**

Nottinghamshire Sausage Hot dog

(Gluten, Sesame, Sulphur dioxide)

Chips

Tomato Ketchup

Pudsey Cookie

(gluten)

No need to pre-book unless your child is in nursery
and doesn't usually stay on this day



**Children in Need
Friday 18th November
Non-uniform Day**

If you wish to make a donation, you can do this online
using the link below.

Please do not send cash into school.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8537>

Or scan the QR code:



Friday 18th November

3.30-4.30pm

F2 & KS1 Disco

(for classes F2a, F2b, 1a, 1b, 1c)

This is being organised by the PTA to raise funds for the school. As it will be a non-uniform day (Children in Need) the children are welcome to come to school in clothes suitable for the Disco.

Advance Tickets - £2.50 via your child's ParentPay account until 3.00pm on Disco day

At the door - £3.50 cash payment (payable at the school office after 3pm on the day)

Admission price includes a biscuit and unlimited water or juice.

We will NOT be issuing tickets to keep costs down, ParentPay will give us an attendance list so we will just tick the children off as they come in, this also allows us to keep track of numbers for fire regulations and for the staff to know which children to escort from their class to the Disco at the end of the school day.

After the disco children in class F2a & F2b should be collected from classroom 2c and children in class 1a, 1b & 1c from classroom 2f. Children booked to go to Happy Munchkins will be escorted there by a member of staff.

If you are interested in assisting the PTA please contact the school office. Thank you for supporting this event.

from all at the PTA

For Book Lines

Friday 25th November

3.30-4.30pm

KS2 Disco

(for classes 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e, 2f)

This is being organised by the PTA to raise funds for the school. As it will be a non-uniform day (chocolate and/or bottle donations for the Christmas Fair) the children are welcome to come to school in clothes suitable for the Disco.

Advance Tickets - £2.50 via your child's ParentPay account until 3.00pm on Disco day

At the door - £3.50 cash payment (payable at the school office after 3pm on the day)

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