



Arnold Mill Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With December rapidly approaching our minds are turning to Christmas and all of the exciting events we have planned. If you are able to support any of the following initiatives, we would be very grateful. We know it is an expensive time of year for everyone so please do not worry if you are unable to help, we do understand.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - 2nd December 2022 (3.30-5.00pm) - free entry, all welcome!

Our first post-Covid Christmas Fair is nearly here and we can't wait to see you! A massive thank you to the parents, carers, staff and children who are working hard to make this a fun event for everyone. You are amazing, and we couldn't do this without you. We have lots planned, including:

- Our Year 5 and 6 children have lots of games and challenges for you to try!
- Tombola - a fair's not a fair without a tombola! Take your chance and win a prize!
- Glitter Tattoos & Henna Tattoos - need a pick-me-up? Add a bit of glamour to your life with a glitter tattoo or henna hand tattoo.
- Take a break with some delicious home baked cake and a cup of tea.
- Will you be lucky at the ever-popular 'Wine to Water' stall.



As at previous fairs this one will be cashless - **blue Fair Tokens** are available to pre-purchase via ParentPay and will also be on sale at the Fair on the day (purchase by cash/debit/credit card). Tokens are 50p each, and you will be able to use them to pay for activities and to purchase items, e.g., if the chocolate tombola is £1 a go you need two blue tokens to have a go. The only exceptions are (1) the Christmas Market - as stall holders have paid a fee for their pitch and will take payments in cash/card directly (2) the Book Fair - both of these areas of our Christmas Fair will be located in classrooms. Pre-purchase tokens and raffle tickets will be available for collection from the school office from after school on Monday 21st November.

Arnold Mill Bake Off - do you have an up-and-coming baker in the family? Why not encourage them to enter our baking competition. There are three categories they can enter in; they just need to remember that we are a nut-free school, so no nuts are allowed.



- o Children (under 11)
- o Children (11 - 16)
- o Adults

Please give your entry a title; and provide a full ingredients list. Bring your bakes along to the school office by 10am on 2nd December. Judging will take place at noon. Bakes will then be sliced and sold at the refreshment stand (all proceeds to go to the school fair).



We are delighted to announce that Mrs Knight and Mrs Martin are our judges. So, dust off the apron, and get baking!



We will be holding our traditional **Christmas Raffle** and hope that the children will help us fill four colour themed hampers (please see attached posters for more information). We also have a bicycle, beauty vouchers, flowers, board games and other prizes up for grabs (donations of additional Raffle prizes would also be greatly appreciated). Raffle tickets are £1 and can be purchased via ParentPay in advance or at the Christmas Fair.

The "big draw" will take place at the end of the Christmas Fair (we will contact anyone that wins a prize but is unable to attend the Christmas Fair).

In the past we have received lots of invaluable help from parents. Whether it was sourcing, donating or collecting amazing raffle/tombola prizes, wrapping gifts, labelling tombola items, helping to set up in the afternoon or helping on a stall during the fair.

If you, or someone you know, is able to help this year, either:

- in the afternoon of Friday 2nd December from 1.30pm
- help on a stall during the fair between 3.30pm -5.00pm
- have an idea for a stall and are happy to prepare it, set it up and run it on the day
- sticking tombola tickets onto tombola prizes (during school hours 29th or 30th November)
- or any other help would be appreciated
- why not pop into the PTA final planning meeting? (24th November at 3.30pm in the staffroom)

Please contact the school office (office@arnoldmill.nottts.sch.uk) to let us know how you can help.

Alternatively, we are seeking the following donations (if you are able to help with any items, they should be dropped off at the school office):

- Small items suitable for tombola/lucky dip prizes
- A raffle prize or two
- Bottles for the water to wine stall
- Chocolate for the chocolate tombola (no nuts please)
- Coloured items for our hampers

Please Help with us Fundraising this Christmas



This year we will be holding our annual Christmas Fair the traditional Christmas Raffle to raise some much-needed funds for the school.

We hope that the children in **Foundation** will help us fill a **"Red & White Hamper"** by collecting and donating items that are either **Red/White** or wrapped in **Red/White** paper.

Red & White Hamper donation request



- Items/donations to class by 1st Dec please
- The Hamper Raffle will be drawn on 2nd Dec
- FOUR Christmas Hamper and other prizes up for grabs



Red & White
(courtesy of Y1 & Y2)



Green & Blue
(courtesy of Year 1 & 2)



Pink & Purple
(courtesy of Year 3 & 4)



Gold & Silver
(courtesy of Year 5 & 6)

Raffle Tickets are £1 and Can be purchased Via your Child's ParentPay account up to midnight on 1st Dec or at the Christmas Fair

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We hope that the children in **Year 1 & 2** will help us fill a **"Green & Blue Hamper"** by collecting and donating items that are either **Green/Blue** or wrapped in **Green/Blue** paper.

Green & Blue Hamper donation request



- Items/donations to class by 1st Dec please
- The Hamper Raffle will be drawn on 2nd Dec
- FOUR Christmas Hampers and other prizes are for grabs



Red & White
(courtesy of Y1 & Y2)



Green & Blue
(courtesy of Year 1 & 2)



Pink & Purple
(courtesy of Year 3 & 4)



Gold & Silver
(courtesy of Year 5 & 6)

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This year we will be holding our traditional Christmas Raffle to raise some much-needed funds for the school.

We hope that the children in **Year 3 and 4** will help us fill a **"Pink & Purple Hamper"** by collecting and donating items that are either **Pink/Purple** or wrapped in **Pink/Purple** paper.

Pink & Purple Hamper donation request



- Items/donations to class by 1st Dec please
- The Hamper Raffle will be drawn on 2nd Dec
- FOUR Christmas Hampers and other prizes up for grabs



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We hope that the children in **Year 5 & 6** will help us fill a **"Gold & Silver Hamper"** by collecting and donating items that are either **Gold/Silver** or wrapped in **Gold/Silver** paper.

Gold & Silver Hamper donation request



- Items/donations to class by 1st Dec please
- The Raffle will be drawn on 2nd Dec
- FOUR Christmas Hampers and other prizes are up for grabs



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BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school between 29th November and 5th December (and at the Christmas Fair). More information to follow.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

There will be a non-school uniform day on Friday 25th November 2022. If your child would like to come to school in their own clothes, please donate a bottle or some chocolate for our upcoming Christmas Fair.

We would welcome donations of

new and unused bottles - bubble
bath, cordial, pop, alcohol etc Adults
please carry the alcohol (or any glass bottles) into
school as we do not want to put any child at risk.

or

some chocolate - either a
box/selection box, a grab bag
or bars of chocolate

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Kitchen staff will be serving Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 7th December (there will be some different menus this week - details to follow). To make the day feel festive the children are invited to come to school in a festive hat (it will be a normal uniform day).

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Across school, the children are working on their Christmassy productions ready to share with you. Letters inviting you to your child's performance with instructions on how to book will be sent shortly. Tickets are free of charge, but due to health and safety reasons relating to the number of people in the Hall we have to limit the number of guests for the assembly to two per child (not two per performance - if you have more than one child in a Key Stage please only book a maximum of two tickets).

It is important that you book in advance (we only set out the correct number of guest chairs on the day), so if we are not expecting you, we cannot guarantee that you will be admitted.

Key Stage 1 present to you:

..... **Hey Ewe!**

([link to Hey Ewe nativity](#) letter here)

- Tuesday 13th December 9.45 - 10.30am
- Tuesday 13th December 2.30 - 3.15pm

Foundation Stage present to you:

([link to wriggly nativity](#) letter here)

..... **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)

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Key Stage 2 will be singing Christmas Carols (open air concert) on 19th December (pm). A Letter confirming the details will be sent next week- keep the date free!

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Letters confirming the details of your child's party will be sent shortly, but make a note of the dates:

Foundation Stage - 16th December

Key Stage 1 - 19th December

Key Stage 2 - 21st December



During December the PTA are again organising a **Reverse Advent Calendar** in aid of Arnold Foodbank. Each day, instead of opening an advent calendar, 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

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jackie Oldfield'.

Jackie Oldfield

Other Fundraising Initiatives



Why not take a peep at our '**wish list**' on Amazon.co.uk <https://amzn.eu/dNfL78J> Our school wish list is regularly updated and can be accessed by anyone throughout the year. You can choose to get the books delivered directly to the school office, or if you wish you can add it to your personal shopping and simply bring it into the school office.



Activate AmazonSmile and shop using their website or the Amazon Shopping App using an iPhone or Android phone and every eligible purchase will automatically generate a donation for Arnold Mill Primary School. To sign up visit <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1045971-0> Go to "Settings" in your app's menu to activate AmazonSmile.



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Non School Uniform Day



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box/selection box, a grab bag
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Christmas Fair - Friday 2nd December : save the date

2 December 2022

3.30-5.00pm

Christmas Fair 2022

Our Christmas Fair is cash free - we are selling blue tokens which can be used at the various stalls.

Avoid the queue, purchase your Fair Tokens and Raffle Tickets In advance via your child's ParentPay account.



Tokens are 50p each

Raffle Tickets are £1 each



Tokens and Raffle tickets can also be purchased at the Christmas Fair

Christmas Market

The Christmas Market will be in Classroom 2E. As these stalls will be run by external providers they will not accept blue tokens. Payment can be made by cash or card (providing the stallholder has a card machine).



unused tokens can either be saved for the Summer Fair or returned to the school office by 31st January for a refund

2022 Reverse Advent Calendar in aid of Foodbank

During December our PTA are again organising a **Reverse Advent Calendar** in aid of Arnold Foodbank. Each day, instead of opening an advent calendar, the children can bring in an item from the Food Bank's shopping list if they would like to. The list contains essentials such as food, baby essentials, toiletries and home care items. 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.

Mrs Oldfield and the PTA



Important Dates to Note

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
<u>21st Nov</u> Coffee Morning/Parent Forum <u>Link to poster</u> F2a Visit to Arnold Library Y5/6 Visit to Daybrook Baptist Church <u>Link to letter</u>	<u>22nd Nov</u>	<u>23rd Nov</u>	<u>24th Nov</u> 2a Class assembly to parents <u>Link to letter</u>	<u>25th Nov</u> Non-uniform day <u>Link to poster</u> KS2 Disco <u>Link to poster</u>
<u>28th Nov</u> F2a visit to St Paul's Church	<u>29th Nov</u> Scholastic Book Fair Talent Assembly	<u>30th Nov</u> Scholastic Book Fair F2a visit to St Paul's Church	<u>1st Dec</u> Scholastic Book Fair	<u>2nd Dec</u> Scholastic Book Fair Y3/4 Visit to Arnold Methodist Church Christmas Fair
<u>5th Dec</u> Scholastic Book Fair	<u>6th Dec</u> Writing Assembly	<u>7th Dec</u> Road Safety Team in school Christmas Dinner Day	<u>8th Dec</u>	<u>9th Dec</u>
<u>12th Dec</u>	<u>13th Dec</u> KS1 Nativity <u>link to Hey Ewe nativity</u>	<u>14th Dec</u>	<u>15th Dec</u> Foundation stage nativity <u>link to wriggly nativity</u>	<u>16th Dec</u> Foundation Stage Parties (letter to follow)
<u>19th Dec</u> KS2 Christmas Carols (letter to follow) KS1 Party (letter to follow)	<u>20th Dec</u>	<u>21st Dec</u> KS2 Party (letter to follow) Last Day of Term (3.30pm finish)		