

Arnold Mill Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hopefully you will have seen last week's letter with all the dates for the upcoming events planned for the last two weeks and 2 days of term. There is a lot going on so please keep an eye on your emails.

As mentioned in last week's letter, after 29 years of working at Arnold Mill (and previously Church Drive) Mrs Knight, the School Chef, is retiring. Her last day will be next Thursday. We wish her a very happy retirement and hope she'll still pop in to see us from time to time.

We are currently in need of a new Midday Supervisor. If this is something you or a relative would be interested in, please contact the office for an application pack.

The Parents' 'Equality for all' coffee morning was a huge success. We were able to talk about what is going well and how we can make school more inclusive in the future. Positives from the meeting were that parents felt their children are happy in school and have lots of opportunities to explore who they are and find out more about each other. There are always things we can improve and one focus which came out of the meeting was getting back on track with parental engagement. Obviously Covid had an impact of things we could do, but from September there will be many more events for parents to attend, so please keep an eye on your emails for more information. Going forward we are going to meet every half term to try and get more ideas on how we can make school more inclusive, promote equality for all and ensure our children are aware of the world around us. If you feel you can offer any advice or have any questions about this, please come along to the meetings or email me. It was so nice to just meet and have a chat - everyone is always welcome.

In the last full week of term we will be holding one of our famous school raffles. This term, it will be done virtually. If you have any prizes to offer, they will be gratefully received and if you would like to buy tickets they will be available on ParentPay very soon. The raffle will be drawn on 22^{nd} July £1 per ticket - I hope you are feeling lucky!

The School Council have been busy planning a fun event for the children on the last day of term. Flyers have gone out about Make the Rules Day. Children will be able to pay 50p to make new school rules for the day. They can wear trainers, have funky hair, come in none uniform or even eat their puddings before their main lunch. All money raised will go towards educational resources for your children.

On Thursday 14th July all after school clubs will be cancelled due to staff availability. Thank you for your understanding around the changes we have had to make.

As we approach the end of term, please can you ensure you pay off any tuck, trip or dinner money payments that are owed. It would be good for everyone to start next year without these payments being overdue.

As next week looks like it will be a scorcher, please send children to school with sun cream, water bottles and sunhats.

Have a super weekend!

Kind regards,

Jackie Oldfield

Head Teacher







