

# 1st September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've all had a good summer and are enjoying the last couple of days before the children return to school.

I thought it would be useful to send out a newsletter as there have been quite a few changes.

See you on Wednesday 3rd September.

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

## Calendar



### **September**

Mon 1st - School admin day (school closed to children)

Tues 2nd - Inset day (school closed to children)

Weds 3rd - First day of autumn term for years F2-Y6

Mon 15th-Fri 19th - *Year 5/6 Kingswood residentail* (please ensure payment is complete via MCAS)







#### **Dinner Menus - Week 1**



# **Mobile Phone Policy - Now in force**



Use the link below to see the new mobile phone policy which will be in force from September 2025. This states that **CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BRING MOBILE PHONES INTO SCHOOL**. The reasons for this are set out within the policy.

#### Link to Mobile Phone Policy

#### **Smartphone Free Childhood**



We have been asked to share a document to encourage a Smartphone Free Childhood. This can be read by using the link below:

#### Link to document

#### What's New with MCAS

Move from ParentPay to MCAS for all school payments and bookings





Please ensure you read the document below carefully, as there have been a lot of changes with the way parents pay and order things.

<u>Link to School Payments Update (PDF document)</u>

- **NEW** Parents need to order tuck in advance using MCAS and toast is now the only option for tuck. **Children will not be given tuck unless it has been ordered on MCAS.**
- **NEW** You now need to book into Arnie's Breakfast Club (the paid club) using MCAS
  - NEW Please book into Millie's After School Clubs using MCAS
  - Please book into the 30-minute free breakfast club using MCAS
    - School meal balances should now be paid onto MCAS.
      - All trips will now be payable via MCAS.
      - ParentPay is no longer being used for anything.



# Have you booked your wraparound care for this week?



If you are wishing your child to stay for the following wraparound care, this needs to be booked and paid for via MCAS:

- 30-minute free breakfast club
- Arnie's paid breakfast club (7.45-9.00am (£3.50 per session)
- Millie's Afterschool Club until 4.30pm (£5.00 per session)
- Millie's Afterschool Club until 6.00pm (£12.00 per session - includes light tea)

#### **Parental Consent for Local Educational Visits**



As we are about to start a new school year, we need parents to give consent to their child(ren) to take part in local educational visits. These are visits where the children can walk from school, e.g. to the library, local park etc. We will request separate consent for all other trips. You can easily give consent to this via the MCAS app by selecting Parental Consent.

Whilst on the app, please check that you have given consent to all the other categories listed.

Please let us know if you require any consent to be withdrawn for anything, e.g. photo consent, as this has to be carried out by the school office.

**Coram Life Education: SCARF** 



The children's charity Coram Life Education provides Health and Wellbeing Education support to schools. Workshops are delivered by skilled educators and the SCARF resource is the framework of our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health & Economic) education curriculum.

Please use the link below to read all about SCARF.

SCARF Letter to parnts

## Are you eligible for Free School Meals?



Did you know that free school meal applications assist in so much more than just free meals? Take a look!



Free school meals guaranteed until parent's eligibility ceases



School will receive Pupil Premium funding for every child entitled to free school meals - even if parent's eligibility ceases



Children will be eligible for free milk throughout primary school (universal entitlement ends at age 5) or until parent's eligibility ceases



Access to Holiday and Food Programme, giving free activities during school holidays

## **Important Policies**



Here are a few policies which we would like to highlight:

Parental Code of Conduct

**Behaviour Policy** 

**Attendance Policy** 

#### **Mobile Phone Policy**

All other policies can be found here:

Link to Policies page on website

#### The School Car Park



Just a quick reminder that the school car park is for staff and visitors only. Parents should not use it for dropping off or collecting children. Please do not use it for breakfast club, after school clubs or boosters. The only exception to this is after 5pm from Millie's After School Club.

Many thanks

PE

Here are the PE slots for each class:

F1 (am): Tuesday (please come in PE kit)

F1 (pm): Friday (please come in PE kit)

F2a: Wednesday (please come in PE kit)

F2b: Wednesday (please come in PE kit)

1A: Monday and Wednesday (please come in PE kit)

1B: Monday and Wednesday (please come in PE kit)

1C: Monday and Wednesday (please come in PE kit)

2A: Monday (please ensure you have PE kit in school) and Tuesday (please come in PE kit)

2B: Tuesday (please come in PE kit) and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

2C: Tuesday (please come in PE kit) and Friday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

2D: Monday (please ensure you have PE kit in school) and Thursday (please come in PE kit)

2E: Thursday (please come in PE kit) and Friday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

2F: Tuesday (please ensure you have PE kit in school) and Thursday (please come in PE kit)



- **0115 9667930** (option 1 to record a child's absence or option 2 to speak to a member of the admin team)
  - <u>https://www.arnoldmillprimary.co.uk</u>
  - https://www.facebook.com/arnoldmillofficial