

# 22nd November 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very cold week!! (a) I'd like to thank all the staff, parents and children for making the extra effort to get into school under very difficult weather conditions. Also, a big thank

you to Mr Poullet for clearing the site on Tuesday morning so that we could open. We were one of very few schools in the local area to manage it.

The snow has highlighted that some children still don't have wellies in school. Could you please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies to keep here, otherwise they won't be able to fully enjoy playing outside with all our new OPAL equipment.

Have a great weekend!

Kind regards,

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

### Calendar



#### November

Mon 25th - Nicholas Emm (Poet) - Assembly and workshop for years 3&4 (Link to flyer)

Thurs 28th - 2A Assembly to parents (Link to letter)

Tues 26th - Flu immunisation team in school (Link to consent form)

Fri 29th - Deadline for Talent Assembly nominations (see letter)

Fri 29th - Christmas Fair (Link to poster)

Fri 29th - Arnold Mill Bakeoff Competition (Link to poster)

#### December

Tues 3rd - Guitar Assembly to parents (invites will be sent out by the guitar company)

Thurs 5th - Computing celebration assembly to parents (invitation only)

Tues 10th - Foundation 2 (F2a & F2b) Nativity (Link to letter)

Tues 10th - Book Bus in school (Details to follow)

Weds 11th - Talent Assembly (Link to letter)

Weds 11th - Christmas Dinner Day (Details to follow)

Thurs 12th - F1 Christmas Performance (Link to letter).

Tues 17th - KS1 (Years 1-2) Nativity (Link to letter)

Weds 18th KS2 (Years 3-6) Carol Concert (Link to letter).

Thu 19th - Foundation Stage (Nursery & F2) Christmas Party (Link to letter)

Thu 19th - KS1 (Years 1-2) Christmas Party (Link to letter)

Fri 20th - KS2 (Years 3-6) Christmas Party (Link to letter)

Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January - Christmas Holidays

### **January**

Mon 6th - Pupils return to school for Spring Term

### **February**

# **Monday 17th - Friday 21st February - Half Term Holidays**

#### March

Thurs 6th - World Book Day

Fri 21st - Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

Tues 25th - Weds 26th - Year 4 Residential Lea Green Activity Centre (see letter)

**April** 

Monday 7th - Monday 21st April - Easter Holidays

May

Mon 5th - May Day Bank holiday (school closed)

**Monday 26th - Friday 30th May - Half Term Holidays** 

June

Weds 11th - Class Photos

Fri 20th - Non-uniform Day - donations for the Summer Fair

Fri 27th - Summer Fair

July

Fri 4th - Inset Day (School closed)

Thurs 10-Fri 11th - Year 2 Robin Hood Camp (Details to follow)

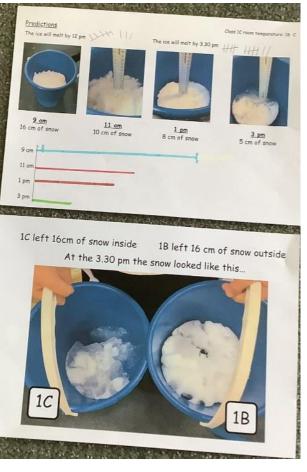
Fri 25th - Last day of term for children

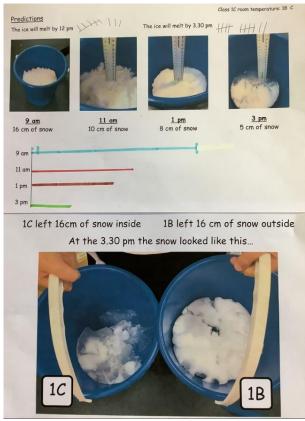
Mon 28th & Tues 29th - Inset Days (School closed)

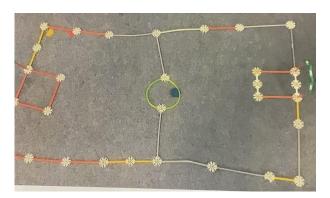
# **Children's Work**

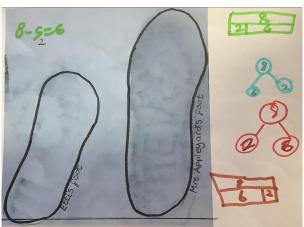


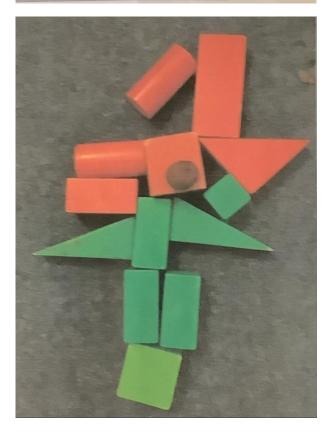


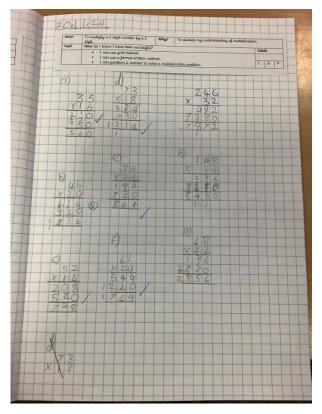


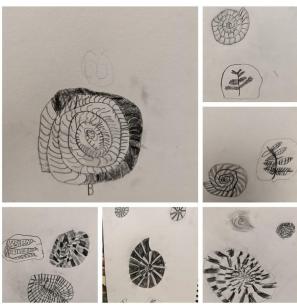












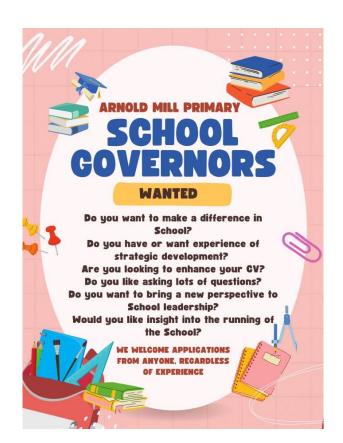
# School Dinners: w/c 25th November 2024



# **Parent Governor Election**



We are looking for an additional Parent Governor. A letter will be sent out on Monday with details of how to nominate yourself, so keep an eye out.



# **Friends of Arnold Mill PTFA Group**

Christmas Fair - Friday 29th November 3-30-5.00pm



It's only a few days to go to the Christmas Fair! Our PTFA Elves are busy preparing, wrapping, stickering and making sure that the fair will be a success. If you are able to offer any help with this, we would be very grateful. We also have a lot of competitions and requests for donations – we know it is an expensive time of year for everyone so please do not worry if you are unable to contribute to this.



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:

### Arnold Mill Christmas Raffle

Buy tickets for a chance to win a rainbow hamper, a family night at Light Post Farm or 'The Wizard of Oz at the Bonington Theatre, vouchers for The Pudding Pantry or Clip n Climb Nottingham and many other fabulous prizes. This will be drawn at the end of the fair!











Arnold Mill Christmas Cash Pot

Enter via ParentPay. £1 per entry. There will also be the opportunity to enter at the fair.

Winner takes half the pot!!!



#### Arnold Mill Bake Off

Bring donations to the office on the morning of Friday 29th November.



### **Goodie Bag Competition**

Your child should have brought home a white paper bag to enter. If you haven't received one, there are more available from office.



- Tombola Take your chance and win a prize on the alcohol bottle, chocolate or bottle and beauty tombola!
  - Santa's Grotto Experience the Magic of Christmas!
- Elfridges Parents Keep Out! This is an opportunity for children to buy gifts for adults in the family!
- Games Spin to Win, Open the Chest and other games ran by our fabulous Year 5s and 6s!
- Refreshment Stalls Get into the Christmas Spirit with some Baileys Hot Chocolate, Mulled wine and mince pies. We also have our tea, coffee and cake stall!
- Will you be lucky at the 'Water to Wine' stall pick a wrapped bottle is it water or a winning bottle of wine?!

# Talent Assembly: Wednesday 11th December (nominations close on 29th November)



As a school, we value nurturing the whole child, not just those who excel in school-based activities and therefore, we would like to know about your children's achievements outside of school.

We are holding an Arnold Mill Talent Assembly on Wednesday 11th December at 9.10am, as we want to celebrate some of the amazing talents, achievements or contributions to society that your children have accomplished away from school.

If you feel that your child does something outside of school that is worth celebrating, we would like you to nominate them for a mention during this assembly.

In the past we have celebrated musical talents, dancers, community volunteers and children who take part in dramatic productions. We don't mind what their talent is, we just like to celebrate what they have been doing.

If you would like to nominate your child, please send a brief description, with a photo if possible, by Friday 29th November to joldfield@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk We won't be able to include any nominations received after this date. There will be more opportunities to nominate over the following two terms.

Looking forward to celebrating with you.

# **Internet and Digital Safety**





# **Previously Published Articles**

**Volunteers needed - Garden** 



We are looking for adult volunteers who can spare some of their time to help maintain our garden/allotment. If you are willing to spare an hour or 2 please contact the school office.

### **Parking Safely and Considerately**

If dropping off or collecting your child by car, please drive and park safely:

- Be considerate of our neighbours and leave their driveways clear
- Do not park or stop where parking is prohibited during school drop off or pick up - yellow zigzags, double yellow lines
   & some single yellow lines
- Follow the highway code

Thank you for your support #roadsafety #community #drivesafely



We would ask again that you please park safely and considerately on roads around school when dropping off and collecting children from school. We have had a number of complaints recently from local residents regarding inconsiderate parking, with some people even being aggressive when challenged. Please use the links below to see what the guidance is. Please also note that the school car park is for staff and visitors only and should not be used by parents.

### Link to Nottinghamshire County Council Parking Enforcement advice

### <u>Link to Nottinghamshire Police - Parking Outside Schools Advice</u>

# **Applying for Reception Place for September 2025**



If your child lives in Nottinghamshire and requires a Reception school place for September 2025, you must apply through Nottinghamshire County Council (applies to children who are five years old between 1 September 2024 and 31 August 2025).

The best way to apply is online at: <a href="https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/applying-for-a-school-place-september">https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/applying-for-a-school-place-september</a>

Parents sometimes think that making only one preference will ensure that a place is allocated at that school, that is not the case, and it is very important that you apply on time and identify four preferences.

If your child attends Nursery at Arnold Mill Primary you will need to apply for a school place as you do NOT automatically get offered a school place.

Below you will find information about important dates and fact sheets.

For September 2025:

• Apply from: 4 November 2024

• Closing date: 15 January 2025

• Admission to reception factsheet



### Helping your child with maths



Hello all,

After Parents Evening it has become apparent that there are a number of adults that would like to support their children further at home. For this reason we are exploring how we can best equip you with the resources and skills and would like to gather the thoughts of the

school community. We would really appreciate if you could take a couple of minutes to complete this quick questionnaire (it will take no longer than 2 minutes).

#### Link to form

Thank you,

Mr Robinson and Miss Dibley - Team Maths

### **OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning)**



We would like to express a big thank you for your ongoing support with the introduction of OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) lunchtime at our school. We are delighted with the positive impact it is having so far and your support has been instrumental with this.

As we continue to expand OPAL, we are in need of more equipment to further enrich the play experience. Please see our new OPAL Bingo Card with examples of equipment that would support us going forward. As well as the below equipment we are always looking for scooters, helmets, material and skipping ropes.

The first class to complete their bingo card will receive an extra playtime. Please give any equipment to your child's class teacher or, if unsure, speak to the office.

Many Thanks,

Mr Hewlett, Mr Phillips-Alexander, Mrs Bullen, Mrs Tomlinson (The OPAL Play Team).



### **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. Be aware that if you

Many thanks

### A message from Carla Rose

# CARLA ROSE COUNSELLING



Carlarosecounselling@gmail.com

I have worked as a Teaching Assistant at Arnold Mill for 12 years and in more recent years I have gained my level 4 Diploma in Counselling and have worked as School Counsellor alongside my TA role. I have now decided to make counselling my sole career, but I will still be working very closely with Arnold Mill.

I will be available to carry out 1-1 private counselling, should you feel your child may need support and encouragement for any concerns that you, or they, may have. This could be for bereavement/loss, stress and anxiety or trauma; or you may just feel that talking to an independent Counsellor, other than a family member or friend, would benefit your child.

The sessions will be carried out in the Den where I have a dedicated counselling room which is a comfortable, safe environment, so your child can express their thoughts and feelings confidentially through creativity and talking, with no judgement.

I am very passionate about how important therapy is for children at a young age as this helps to set them up for a positive response to therapy later in life.

At present I'm available on Wednesday afternoons. Please don't hesitate to contact me at <a href="mailto:carlarosecounselling@qmail.com">carlarosecounselling@qmail.com</a> should you require any advice, further information or details of the costs.

Kind Regards

Carla Rose - School counsellor

### **Useful information**



Click through the sheets below for information about:

- Wraparound Care
- PE Timetable
- Free school meals and milk
- Information Leaflet about Strep A
- Academic Calendar 2022-23 (including inset days)
- Link to school policies
- ParentPay
- Easyfundraising
- Cost of Living Helpsheet
- Minor Ailment Scheme help with cost towards medication
- Headlice how to detect and treat
- Inspiring Reading Advice for Parents
- Tax Free Childcare (help towards the cost of Breakfast Club and 30 hour lunchtime supervision fees)

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

#### 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: Tuesday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

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

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

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

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

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



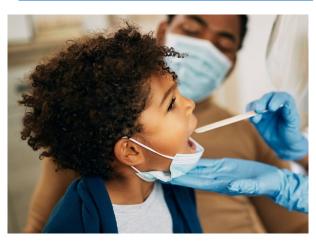




Greet your child with a smile and not a mobile!



1 - Click here for information about free school meals and milk



2 - Click for important information about Strep A

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2024-25 August 2024 to July 2025

# Nottinghamshire County Council





3 - Click here to see school policies



4 - Click link to visit ParentPay



5 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



6 - Link to Cost of Living Factsheet





# Inspiring Reading



Children need support to develop the habit and love of reading. How can you be their inspiration?

- l. Talk about the reader's interests and inclinations find connected texts that tempt to explore and discuss together.
- Think about why reading is good for them focus on intrinsic motivation rather than external rewards.
  - 3. Capitalise on opportunities to share reading thoughts and interests with others - encourage them to notice preference and choice.

    4. Find regular opportunities to visit your local/school library.

  - Make reading time relaxed and interactive chat about pictures, characters, likes, dislikes and interesting facts.
     Be a reading detective by investigating the different purposes for reading (e.g. adverts to persuade, news to inform, stories to entertain).
     Recognise and celebrate diversity in texts empower reading of

  - magazines, comics and texts that reflect different realities.

    8. Invite others into the reading space share the love of reading together in your reading community!



In collaboration with Book Week NI 2022



For more inspiration, visit https://ourfp.org/ OpenUni\_RfP





We've signed up for Tax-Free Childcare: Have you?

Find out more at childcarechoices.gov.uk

7 - <u>Link to Tax Free Childcare website</u>



- **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