

26th July 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've made it! It's been such a busy term, but we've managed to fit everything in.

I think it's safe to say we have mixed feelings about the last day of term. We are all going to miss our lovely Year 6s, but know they will love their secondary schools in September. We also have to say goodbye to a few of our treasured staff, but we know they will be fabulous in their new roles. Thank you for everything you have done for our school Mrs Monaghan, Mrs Lowth and Miss Rose. We wish all the staff and pupils who are leaving us good luck in their next adventures.

At this point in the year I always feel its best to reflect on all the positives, and some of the highlights for me have been when parents have come into school to be part of their children's educational journey. We love working with you. Parental engagement has been amazing this year and the children have achieved great things because of your help and support. I can't wait to work with you all again next year.

And finally, I just want to share a massive thank you to everyone for the part they have played in making this year awesome!

Have a great break and I'll see you on Wednesday 4th September!

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Calendar



Sept

Mon 2nd - Inset Day - Office open for enquiries and uniform collection

Tues 3rd - Inset Day - Office open for enquiries and uniform collection

Weds 4th - First day back for children in Years 1-6 (and existing nursery children staying in nursery)

Weds 4th - First visit for children in F2 (9.15-11.30am)

Thurs 5th - F2 New Parents' coffee morning 9.00am in The Den

Thurs 5th - Second visit for children in F2 (9.00am-1.00pm)

Fri 6th - F2 children start full time

Mon 16th-Fri 20th - Year 5/6 Visit to Kingswood Dearne Valley

Mon 30th - SEN Parents Coffee Morning (link to form)

Oct

9th & 10th - Parents' Evenings

Mon 21st October - Friday 1st November - School Holidays

Nov

Fri 29th - Christmas Fair

Dec

Tues 10th - Book Bus in school

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



Latest News



Digital Leaders



Thank you to everyone who applied to be a digital leader the children chosen to join the current digital leaders to form the new team are:

- Mustafa (2c)
 - Ella (2b)
- Malek (2c)
- Georgia (2c)

These children will be added to the digital leaders' team for next year and receive their badges in September!

School Attendance: Government changes effective from 19th August 2024

You may have heard that the Government is introducing new measures to tackle the lower rates of attendance which have occurred since the Covid pandemic. Please see the poster and link below for more information. We will be issuing a new attendance policy in the Autumn term in line with this guidance.

Link to Government Guidance



PE Timetable to September

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)

Fundraising purchases

We have been able to replenish our sports equipment from the recent sponsored sports day. Thank you to everyone who raised money. We raised a total of £2,675, with Carson in F1 and Lucas in 2c raising the most sponsorship money. Well done!!!



Food Bank Referrals Over the Summer Holidays



With the summer holidays fast approaching, many parents may be worried about the increased costs involved with having their children at home. With this in mind, please be aware that the school can make referrals to the Food Bank throughout the summer holidays, as well as all other times of the year.

If you are struggling at all, please email <u>office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk</u> and we will make a referral for you. Email will be checked on a regular basis and we will respond as soon as possible but please be aware that it may not be immediate.

Holiday activities and food



The Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) supports the wellbeing of children between 5-16 years by providing a variety of activities and food during school holidays.

They offer activities and food for children who receive benefits-related free school meals during the Spring (Easter), Summer, Autumn (October) and Winter (Christmas) holidays across the county.

School has a list of HAF codes and have emailed parents with this code. If you believe you are eligible and haven't received an email. Please contact the school via office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk and we will look into this for you.

SEND Newsletter & Coffee Morning

Please use the link below to see the latest SEND Newsletter

Link to newsletter

Please use the link below to register to attend the coffee morning on Monday 30th September.

Link to form



New Uniform

You may have seen that we have a new supplier for school uniform. You will need to order by Friday 16th August at the latest if you are wanting it in time for September. Standard free delivery is to school and can be collected from from the school office from Monday 2nd September onwards. We have had a few requests for a home delivery option and, after speaking to our suppliers, they can offer this for £7.95. This option will be added to their website in the next ffew days. Unfortunately it is not possible to collect the uniform from them, as they do not have a shop.

We have a small sample of uniform in the office if you want to check sizes. We will also be keeping a small stock of book bags to purchase from the office for £7.95 (card payments only).

Link to online shop

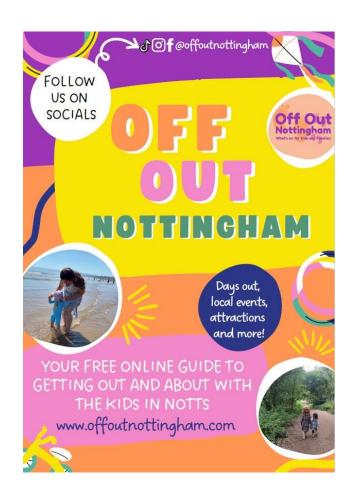


Community Notices



Summer Holiday Activities













Previously Published Articles

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 <u>carlarosecounselling@gmail.com</u> should you require any advice, further information or details of the costs.

Kind Regards

Carla Rose - School counsellor

Places are still available on the Kingswood residential in September.



Please use this link to see the letter Link to letter

School Payments



Dear Parent/Carer

Just a polite reminder that School dinners, tuck, Arnie's Breakfast Club and Millie's After School Club should be paid in advance via your child's ParentPay Account.

TUCK - should be paid in advance. Please note that from now on children will not be able to order tuck unless their account is in credit (ie, topped up with sufficient funds to pay for the item of tuck item they wish to order.

SCHOOL DINNER - should be paid in advance or on the day.

ARNIE'S BREAKFAST CLUB – should be paid for in advance or on the day (if you pay via childcare vouchers we understand that there can be a delay in the funding coming through once you have completed the necessary paperwork and notified the school office)

MILLIE'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUB - should be booked and paid for in advance or on the day (if you pay via childcare vouchers we understand that there can be a delay in the funding coming through once you have completed the necessary paperwork)

I wanted to say a big thank you as the majority of our parents are supportive of our no debt stance and pay their bills promptly/in advance. This approach means we can effectively spend our budget on the children's education rather than paying for unnecessary debts incurred (the school has to pay for every meal/breakfast prepared by the kitchen, for staffing/oncosts for breakfast club and after school club along with admin time spent chasing payments).

It also means that we continue to have a positive working relationships our families; of course in extreme circumstances where a debt remains unpaid the school reserves the right to escalate to a debt collection service (and/or where the debt relates to school meals a parent/carer may be required to provide a packed lunch until the debt is cleared).

Free school meals (FSM) are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the qualifying benefits below:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earning from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
 - Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- <u>Child Tax Credit</u> (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

We want to make sure as many eligible pupils as possible are claiming their free school meals. For more information please visit https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk or telephone Nottinghamshire County Council on 0300 500 80 80 (you will need your personal details parent/carer national insurance number and date of birth along with the child's details in full, including their date of birth and the school they attend).

All pupils in reception, year 1, and year 2 are entitled to Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM), this is different to FSM so if you met the above criteria to claim for Free School Meals we would be grateful if you still apply for the funding as (a) it helps the school access additional funding streams (b) you will not automatically receive Free School Meals when your child moves to Year 3.

Kind Regards

Mrs Oldfield

Recommendation of a Children's Science Magazine



Dear Parent,

As you know, here at Arnold Mill Primary School we love helping our pupils to discover the wonders of science from an early age. I'm therefore excited to announce that we've arranged a special offer from award-wining children's science magazine, Whizz Pop Bang.

Whizz Pop Bang is renowned for its commitment to nurturing young minds through its engaging content.

The magazines are perfect for girls and boys aged around 6 to 12. Please allow me to share some of the key reasons why Whizz Pop Bang might be beneficial for your child:

Science is for everyone: Lots of people believe that science is just for brainboxes, when in fact, science is for everyone. Children make excellent scientists because they're naturally curious and eager to make discoveries. Now is the perfect time to show children that they can do science, so that they progress to secondary school with confidence.

Learning from mistakes: Science isn't about learning facts or getting perfect results from experiments; it offers a whole lab-load of benefits that enhance a child's cognitive development, as well as their reasoning abilities and their curiosity. It also teaches resilience through learning from unexpected experiment results. Whizz Pop Bang embraces a holistic approach to science, nurturing creativity, curiosity, and discovery through hands-on experiments and crafts.

Expert-led inspiration: The magazines boast a talented team of expert science writers who aim to ignite the scientific spark within children, helping them develop their skills, explore new topics, and discover their unique scientific talents.

Aligning with the curriculum: Whizz Pop Bang's content integrates with the National Curriculum, whilst also going above and beyond by introducing children to intriguing new topics that ensure science feels relevant and exciting.

FREE science for Arnold Mill Primary School If eight or more pupils at Arnold Mill Primary School subscribe to Whizz Pop Bang using the special offer code XX2448 the School will benefit from FREE whole-school access to an amazing online library of over 1,600 teaching resources. Our teachers will be able to download top-quality science lesson plans full of classroom-friendly experiments, reading comprehensions and many other teaching resources – for free! By taking out a subscription, you'll be helping Arnold Mill Primary School to enhance their whole-school teaching.

Arnold Mill Primary School exclusive offer

If you'd like to subscribe to Whizz Pop Bang magazine for your child, we've arranged a special discount code for the exclusive use of Arnold Mill Primary School families...

Get the first THREE issues for only £5 when you take out a new three-monthly subscription using the code XX2448 See www.whizzpopbang.com/schooloffer for more details.

Thank you for your time, and I eagerly await the scientific discoveries that lie ahead for our school and our students.

PS: Please hurry – our school's exclusive offer ends on 31.08.2024

Sun Safety



Sun Protection Guidelines - Sun Hats and Sun Cream

Now that the warm weather has arrived I would like to remind parents/carers of our sun protection guidance.

On hot days we will encourage children to wear a hat, drink plenty of water and sit in the shade as required.

- Please make sure your child brings a sun hat/cap and water bottle (marked with their name and class) to school
- Please ensure that your child is wearing suitable school shoes (no trainers, flip flops or open toed shoes)
- Please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school on hot days. The long lasting protection types are recommended. If your child is prone to burning and you feel they may need an additional application you may send in a bottle of sun cream (marked with their name), which your child should give to their teacher. Your child will be able to apply the cream themselves when needed (usually just before lunchtime) under the supervision of a classroom staff member.

If your child requires a staff member to assist with applying additional sun cream please email the class teacher to confirm that you give consent for a member of staff to assist your child to apply an additional application of the sun cream you have/will provide.

Many Thanks

Mrs Oldfield

Parking



As a private road, any repairs needed to the road surface are the cost of the residents themselves. Whilst writing, I would ask that you always park considerately around school and would remind you that the school car park is for staff only and should not be used by parents unless collecting a child from Millie's After School Club **after 5pm**.

We would like to remind parents that the car park is for the use of <u>staff only</u> and should not be used for dropping off and picking up. This includes at breakfast club and after school clubs.

Thank you



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.



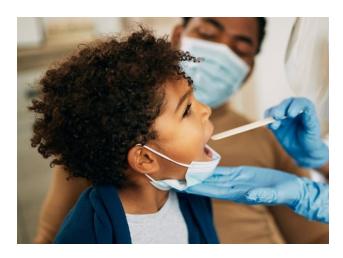




Greet your child with a smile and not a mobile!



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



2 - Click for important information about Strep A

Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2023-24 August 2023 to July 2024







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3 - Click here to see school policies



4 - <u>Click link to visit ParentPay</u>



5 - Click link to sign up to Easyfundraising



6 - <u>Link to Cost of Living Factsheet</u>





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.
- 6. 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/
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We've signed up for



HM Government

Find out more at childcarechoices.gov.uk

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



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0115 9667930 (option 1 to record a child's absence or option 4 to speak to a member of the admin team)

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