

19th July 2024



Most people think schools are winding down for summer around about now, but not at Arnold Mill!

We have had the busiest weeks of the year with trips for foundation and key stage 1, Learning

Journey Assemblies for F1 & F2, celebration assemblies for those sporty types and, of course, the year 6 production of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' which, I'm sure everyone who came to watch it will agree, was absolutely amazing!!! Well done to all the children in year 6 and thank you to all the staff for their hard work and dedication in putting on the performances.

Next week is our last week of this academic year. We've got lots to celebrate with our Bronze, Silver and Gold Star assemblies and our year 6 leavers' assembly. We're really looking forward to ending the year on a high.

We're planning to send children home with their books on Wednesday 24th July, so please can you send a carrier bag in with your child.

Have a good weekend!

Jackie Oldfield, Head Teacher

Calendar



July

Mon 22nd - Friends of Arnold Mill PTA Meeting 9.00-3.30pm (see poster)

Tues 23rd - Year 1 & 2 Reading for Pleasure Session 3.00-3.30pm (see letter)

Weds 24th - Year 6 Treat Day (see letter)

Weds 24th - Foundation 1 & 2 Treat Day and ice cream (see letter)

Weds 24th - Ice Cream Wednesday (see letter)

Thur 25th - KS1 Summer Party Day (see letter)

Fri 26th - Gold Star and Handy Helpers Assembly (9.10am)

Fri 26th - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2.45pm (see letter)

Fri 26th - Last day of term (finish at 3.30pm as usual)

Sept

Mon 2nd - Inset Day

Tues 3rd - Inset Day

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 4/5 Visit to Kingswood Dearne Valley

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

Oct

9th & 10th - Parents' Evenings

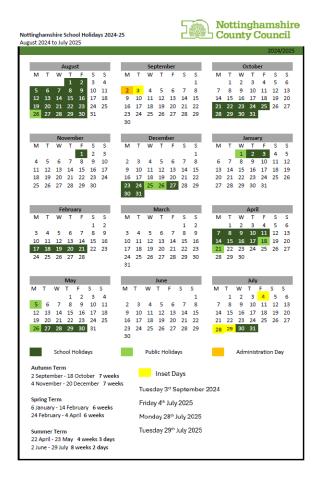
Mon 21st October - Friday 1st November - School Holidays

Nov

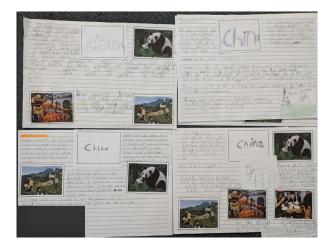
Fri 29th - *Christmas Fair*

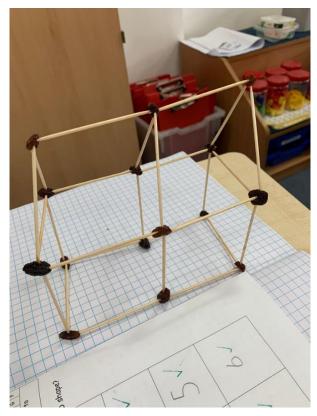
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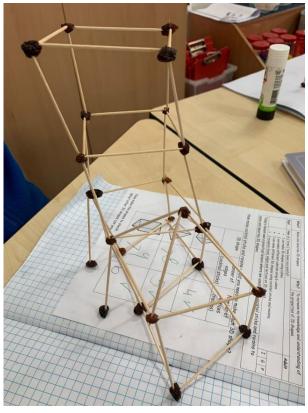
Tues 10th - Book Bus in school

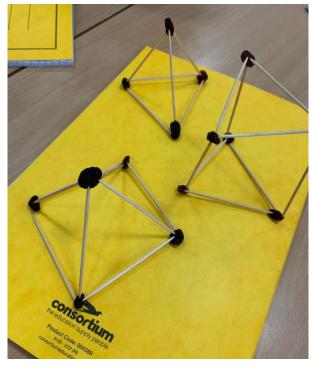


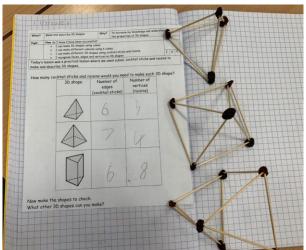
Children's Work











Latest News



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



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.

Link to Nottinghamshire County Council's HAF information

PTA Meeting: Monday 22nd July 2024



F1 & F2 end of year celebration and ice cream: Wednesday 24th July 2024

We have arranged for an ice cream van to visit Foundation (F1 & F2) in the afternoon of 24th July as part of our end of year celebrations. If you would like your child to have an ice cream, please pop £2 into an envelope (with their name on it) and give this to your child's teacher on the day. Please ensure that your child has sun cream applied and has a hat. Keep everything crossed for nice weather!

Kind regards,

Ice Cream Wednesday: 24th July 2024



KS1 Summer Party Day: Thursday 25th July 2024

This year we are celebrating the end of the academic year and all our learning achievements by organising a summer party day for all KS1 children. This will be held at school on Thursday 25th July 2024.

We hope the day will be an enjoyable time for the children and that they will create some lasting memories to take with them into their next class.

On the day, your child is invited to come to school in party wear (school appropriate!). We will have some party games to play, a session with the bouncy castle (weather permitting) and an ice-lolly treat provided by the teachers.

We will ensure that children with dietary requirements are catered for, and the children will eat school dinner/packed lunch as normal.

If you have any questions about the day, please speak to your child's class teacher.





We would like to invite parents along to join us for the year 6 leavers' assembly on Friday 26th July at 2.45pm.

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. To ensure that we set out the correct number of guest chairs on the day please complete/submit a booking form by midnight on Thursday 25th July via this link Link to book form

We will not be issuing physical tickets as the booking form enables us to produce the guest list.

We would like to clarify the arrangements for the day as follows:

- On the day of the assembly we will set out the number of seats as requested via the electronic booking form.
- Doors open for guests at approx. 2.40pm and the assembly is due to start at 2.45pm.
- Please note that the pedestrian gate on Bestwood Avenue is locked at 9.15am and will remained locked until 3.15pm.

 The main vehicular access gates leading to the staff car park remain closed during the day, if the vehicle gate happens to be open please do not park in the car park as you risk being locked in.

REMINDER - in line with our Safeguarding Policy and Social Media Parental Agreement, there should be no phones out during the assembly.

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





Arnold Mill Branded Uniform

We have recently started working with a new uniform provider, Sportstar, who have provided our leavers' hoodies for many years. Our uniform will still also be available from Just Schoolwear in Arnold. However, the new uniform features a colour logo for the same price and the school receives a small commission for each item sold.

Please note that orders will be delivered to school and can be picked up on the inset days (2nd & 3rd September)



Dinner Menu: w/c 22nd July 2024

WEEK COMMENCING 22 July







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 carlarosecounselling@gmail.com 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.qov.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



We have had a request from a resident on Mill Crescent to inform our parents that it is a private road and therefore parents should not park on it.

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



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 and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)
- 2B: Tuesday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)
- 2C: Monday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)
- 2D: Tuesday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)
 - 2E: Tuesday and Friday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)
- 2F: Tuesday and Thursday (please ensure you have PE kit in school)

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





Nottinghamshire School Holidays 2024-25 August 2024 to July 2025







3 - Click here to see school policies



4 - Click link to visit ParentPay



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?

- 1. 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.
 - 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).

 7. 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



office@arnoldmill.notts.sch.uk

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

https://www.arnoldmillprimary.co.uk

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