

Arnside National Primary School

'Aspire - Believe - Achieve'

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Dear parent / carer,

Welcome to the summer term! The year seems to have flown by and I can't quite believe it's nearly May. We have a lovely term ahead with plenty of exciting activities, trips and residentials.

Staffing

Miss Addison, Class 1, has been volunteering with an art charity and has recently gained a job with the organisation. We are very sad to be saying goodbye but it is a very exciting opportunity and I have no doubt Miss Addison will be an asset to the charity. We all wish her well and every success in the future. For the remainder of the term, Mrs Pearce and Mrs Sharp will be covering the additional days and there will be no changes to class arrangements or routines. Mrs Topping continues to be off post Covid and we hope she feels well enough to return soon.

Updated Covid-19 guidance

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting. Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend. It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower.

This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults. Please note that the statutory requirement for schools to provide work at home for pupils isolating has now been withdrawn.

We know that Covid has not gone away and it is inevitable that transmission of viruses will occur in busy and densely occupied buildings like schools. We will continue to ventilate classrooms and encourage pupils to sanitise and wash their hands regularly. In common with many other local schools, we had large numbers of staff absent last term with Covid, most of whom felt quite poorly for a number of days. Government guidance for adults who test positive is that they should isolate for 5 days and anyone who feels unwell should stay at home. We hope that the new guidance provides another step along the return to 'normality'.

















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Earth Day

Mrs Hartropp has organised a variety of activities to celebrate earth day on Friday 22nd April. All information can be found on ClassDojo. Pupils are invited to wear green and/or blue and a £1 donation would be gratefully accepted. The Eco Club have proposed that any money raised from the day will be split between Save the Children's Ukraine appeal, Team Seas, and Team Trees charities. All pupils and staff are encouraged to walk or cycle to school and we'll be attempting to have a nonenergy period during the day.

Bunny Bingo

The PTA have organised a 'Bunny Bingo' Easter event for pupils and parents / carers. The event will start at 3.30pm and is open to all pupils and families.

New starters

We are very pleased to welcome our 4 new nursery starters this term. It's an exciting time for the pupils and we wish them every success in their school journey. Our pupils do a fantastic job 'inducting' the new children and it's amazing how quickly they settle into school life.

Diary

A diary of events can be found on the school website. Further information is regularly posted over ClassDojo to remind parents / carers of forthcoming activities. Whole school updates and information are regularly sent out over email through our ScholarPack system.

Uniform

Parents / carers are encouraged to place orders for new school uniform as soon as possible as there seems to be a delay in production and delivery.

Trainee teachers

We have two trainee teachers joining us this term and they will be completing their placements in Class 4 (Y4/5) and Class 2 (Y1/2). It's a wonderful opportunity to welcome students into the school and we also regularly accept volunteers and work experience placements.

Thank you for your help and support.

Mr Sharp Headteacher













