

Arunside Announcements Week Commencing Monday 1st May 2023

After School Clubs

As industrial strike action is taking place on Tuesday 2nd May, the following internal, staff-led clubs will not be running on that day; Yoga, STEM, Forest School and TT Rockstars. Please check with your external provider for details about their clubs. As a heads-up, Rory, who leads the Table Tennis club has informed us that he is running his club, so members of this club not attending school on this date due to the strike action could still come along after school.

We remind parents that all internal, staff-led clubs run from 3.20-pm – 4.15pm and parents are asked to collect their child at this time.

Since allocating clubs, we have had a number of changes and can advise that places exist on the Big Sing Choir on a Monday (Years 4,5&6), Mindfulness and Yoga on a Tuesday (Years 5&6) and Drama on a Wednesday (Years 4,6&6). There is also 1 place available on the Year 1 Forest School Club which starts after half term and 1 place available on the Friday Years 5&6 Dodgeball club. If you would like to book any of these places, please email comms@arunside.school and we will allocate on a first come first served.

Easter Holiday Reading Challenge

We offer our congratulations to Buttercup class, who were the winners of the Easter Holiday Reading Challenge. The scores for returns were as follows and we hope Buttercup class enjoy their treats:

- Buttercup - 23
- Bluebell - 20
- Daisy - 19
- Celandine - 14
- Willow - 14
- Hawthorn - 13
- Clover - 12
- Holly - 3

Library Scheme

If your child has borrowed a library book recently and has finished reading it, please can they return it as soon as possible so that another child can have the opportunity of loaning it out. For information, the library is now open to Years 1-6 for independent book exchanges every Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtime. Children in EYFS are escorted to the library by their class teachers so that they can enjoy their book swaps.

Sports Day

We warmly invite families to our 2023 Sports Day which will be held on Thursday 25th May with KS2 participating in the morning and EYFS & KS1 participating in the afternoon.

Y6 SATs Breakfast

In order to help with the preparation for SATS, our Year 6 Children are invited in to school for a SATS breakfast from 8.00am (Tuesday – Friday) during week commencing 9th May. If you are able to provide something for your child if they have specific dietary needs, it would really be appreciated.

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We look forward to all of our Year 6 children joining us.

Coronation Celebration

The school are looking forward to Friday 5th May when we will be holding celebrations in advance of the Coronation and the children are invited to wear non-school uniform that is red, white and/or blue on this day; alternatively, they could consider dressing as a king or a queen, or wearing something that signifies one of the Commonwealth countries.

Walk to School Week – Tuesday 15 - 19th May (Mornings Only)

During national Walk to School Week, we are thrilled to be setting ourselves a week-long challenge and will be offering our first Arunside Walking Bus. We are asking parents not to park on Blackbridge Lane between the junctions of Middleton Road and Hills Farm Lane at school drop-off time during this week. Instead, we are asking parents to park on Hills Farm Lane, (there is a small car park next to the Scout Hut) as well as other adjacent roads that have no parking restrictions. Members of staff from Arunside will be available to walk the children up from the corner of Shandys Close, through the housing estate and complete the final part of the journey along Blackbridge Lane and into Arunside School. There will be two walking Bus times, the first will leave at 08.25am so that that children will arrive in school for 08.35am and the second will leave at 08.40am to enable the children to be in school for 08.50am. The week will run from Monday 15th to Friday 19th May and we hope parents will support this initiative which aims to encourage children to be more active and offer a chance to achieve the minimum of 60 minutes of exercise required per day, by children, for health and wellbeing as well as reducing the morning traffic that is contributing to congestion, carbon emissions and pollutions.

Key Dates for the Diary

- Bank Holiday – 1st May
- Bank Holiday – 8th May
- Y6 SATs – 9th – 12th May
- No Rocksteady 12th May
- Walk to School Week - 15th – 19th May
- KS1 SATs – 15th – 19th May
- Class Photos - 19th May
- Half Term – 29th May – 2nd June
- Inset Day – Monday 5th June

Inset Dates

The Inset dates for the following academic year are:

- Friday 1st September 2023
- Tuesday 2nd January 2024
- Monday 19th February 2024
- Thursday 28th March 2024
- Monday 3rd June 2024

PTA News

To discover ways in which families can get involved in supporting the PTA, please click [here](#). Dates of future events include:

- Coronation Celebrations – 5th May
- Bags2School Collection – 19th May
- Summer Fete – 7th July and Year 6 Leaver's Disco – 18th July

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