

Arunside Announcements Week Commencing Monday 3rd July 2023

Industrial Action – Friday 7th July

Parents will be pleased to hear that there is no strike action for teachers at Arunside on Friday 7th July but as per our previous notification we will be open to Years 5 and 6 only on Wednesday 5th July.

Performance Poetry Assembly.

We warmly invite parents to our 'Performance Poetry Assemblies' in the school hall on the following dates at the following times:

- Year 5 parents - 2 pm on Monday 10th July
- EYFS Parents – 9.00am Tuesday 11th July (Hall)
- Year 4 parents - 2 pm on Tuesday 11th July
- Year 3 parents - 2 pm on Wednesday 12th July

Y5 – Chestnut Class Football with Steve Martin

Chestnut class will have their football session with Steve Martin on Thursday 6th July and will therefore need to come in to school wearing their PE kit on this day.

Year 6 PGL Forms – Deadline for Returns

We are very worried about the number of forms that have not yet been returned for the PGL trip, especially ones that detail the children's medical needs. It is imperative that these are with us by Monday as we have to submit them to PGL on this date. Mrs Murphy will be sending home paper copies of the forms with those children whose returns are outstanding. Please ensure that they are returned to school on Monday

School Play Equipment

There has been an increase in the number of parents that are allowing their children to play on the climbing frames and gym equipment etc. within the school grounds outside of school hours. We are very clear in school that, for health and safety reasons, children can only access this equipment during break times or when authorised by a member of school staff. We would appreciate parental support in this matter to ensure a consistent message goes out to the children

School Ties

We remind parents that when children move into KS2 they are required to wear school ties as part of their school uniform. We have a large stock of these available in the school office at the price of £3.00 each. Please call in during morning drop off or afternoon pick up to purchase what you need in advance of the children moving up into their next year group.

Non- Returned Library book

As mentioned last week, the school library closed on Friday 30th June but we are still encouraging our children to return any borrowed books over the next few weeks. They can either pop the library books on the library desk or hand them in to their class teachers. As we have many books that went out on loan, please could you have a good look through your book shelves at home. If a book is from the school library it will have a small barcode inside the front cover. If you are unsure, please pop along to Bluebell classroom and ask Mrs. Watson.

Next week a list of overdue books will be produced and the school will be chasing parents for the return of these. If you are unable to locate the books, please make a £5.00 contribution towards a replacement book. Parents can do this through the products tab of the MCAS app.

ZigZag Holiday Scheme

Parents may like to hear about the ZigZag Summer Playscheme which will take place from 31st July to 10th August. The main session is from 8.30am - 3.00pm but extra hours will be available up until 5pm if

needed. Their theme is "Under and Over the Sea", aimed at ages 4 - 11yrs with discounts available for siblings and full-weeks booked. More Details are available on our [school website](#).

Key Dates for the Diary

- Monday 3rd July – Transition day to new classes
- Monday 10th July – 14th July - Y6 PGL Residential
- Wednesday 12th July – SEND and Inclusion Coffee, Cake and Chat at 2pm
- Wednesday 19th July – Reports home to Parents
- Friday 21st July 9:15 - 10:15am - Y6 Leavers Assembly - Parents invited
- Friday 21st July – Last day of Term

A Message from the PTA

Dear Families,

Just a couple of reminders ahead of the **Summer Fete on Friday, 7th July between 5pm and 7.30pm.**

The PTA team would like to **thank you for your generous donations for the Tombola and Bottle Tombola stalls** last Friday.

If you've missed the collection, **you are welcome to bring your donations into the school office by Thursday 6th July.**

Just as a reminder, we are looking for Tombola stall prize donation: sweets, toys, party bag items, soft toys, gifts, etc. (all good quality, in original packaging)

We would be also **very grateful for donations of wine, bubbles, spirits etc** for the ever-popular **Bottle Tombola** for the grownups 😊

FOOD PRE-ORDERS CLOSING ON MONDAY 3RD JULY

Entry is £1 for adults and free for children. If you'd like to **guarantee yourself a burger or hotdog** you have **until midnight on Monday 3rd July, so be quick!** 😊

You can buy your tickets and **pre-order one of our delicious burgers or hotdogs** from [HERE](#)
There will be a limited stock to reduce wastage on a first-come-first-served basis.

[Mrs K's Vegan Bakes](#) will be selling her delicious cakes and bakes as a vegetarian/vegan alternative.

SUMMER RAFFLE

You can also take part of our **Summer Raffle**, full of amazing prizes donated by **incredibly generous local businesses!**

The raffle draw going to take place during the Summer Fete, and the lucky winners can collect their prizes towards the end of the evening.

Have a look at all of our prizes (they are still coming in!) and get your tickets from [HERE!](#)

The PTA is hoping to host another fun afternoon for all, featuring:

Pony Rides / Lego Brick Bus / Fire Engine / Bungee Run / Bouncy Castle / Teacup ride / Tombolas / Games & Stalls / BBQ / Bar / Ice Cream Van / Hair braiding and hair glitter / Performances from Sophie's Studio and the school choir and lots more!

FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS – Book now to avoid disappointment!

There will be opportunities to take part in forest school activities, like medallion making, natural paint, slack line and s'mores around the fire behind the rainbow fence.

Please note, this activity is for **current Arunside pupils only**, and limited to 4 x 25 minutes sessions, with a maximum of 20 children at each timeslot.

Book your child's slot [HERE](#)

CAKE DONATIONS

Please help our fundraising efforts by **either baking or buying items for our cake stall.**

Please bring in your bakes/buys on the morning of the **Fete, Friday 7th July in a named container** if you would like it returned to you.

If your child won't be in school on the day of the Summer Fete (due to the industrial action) but you'd still like to donate, please leave your bakes/cakes at the Reception on Thursday 6th July in a sealed and named container.

HELPERS

We cannot organise these events without our amazing community! Why not become part of our helper crew by volunteering for one of the listed activities?

If you or a family member can spare an hour to run a stall, please do get in touch either by signing up [HERE](#) or emailing: pta@arunside.school

ECO Agents need your Batteries

Eco Agents at Arunside School are on a mission to earn themselves a record – competing across lots of different school,

they want to be the school that collects and recycles the greatest number of used batteries. Therefore, if you have anything that you would like to donate, **please drop these off on the evening of the Summer Fete.**

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

We are going to have so much going on, thanks to our generous sponsors:

[London Gatwick](#) and [Skytrail Bespoke Aircraft Chartering](#)

See you there on **Friday 7th July between 5.00pm and 7.30pm!**

Sincerely,

Your PTA team