

Arunside Announcements Week Commencing Monday 10th July 2023

Family Reading

Next Friday (14th July) will be the last family reading session for KS1 and EYFS families

Nut Aware School

Despite a previous notification in Arunside Announcements, we have discovered that not everyone is adhering to the policy of no nuts in school. This requirement is for the safety of our whole community and extends to packed lunches that children bring in from home – please do not, for example include small packets of nuts in your child's lunch box. If you are at all unsure, please speak to a member of the school office for advice.

Library Request.

We thank everyone who has returned their library book this week and ask that parents please keep hunting for any elusive books that may be lurking at home! A list of overdue books will shortly be produced and we ask parents who are unable to locate any missing books to please make a £5.00 contribution towards a replacement book. Parents can do this through the products tab of the MCAS app or call in at the school office.

On a separate note, next term we would like to run some lunchtime clubs in the library and we are on the lookout for good quality donations of the following:

- Junior Scrabble
- Boggle
- Bananagrams
- Top Trumps
- Map jigsaws

If you are having a clear out over the summer and have any of the above, we would be very grateful to receive them. Please do ensure that there are no missing pieces though, otherwise the children will not enjoy using them.

Year 6 PGL Residential – Last Minute Reminders

Just a few last-minute reminders before we set off for our PGL adventure.

- Please can all children be in school at the usual time, dressed comfortably for travel (no school uniform).
- The coach is scheduled to leave school at **2:00pm** on Monday and you are very welcome to wave your children off, if you are available. We will update you on Friday afternoon of our expected time of arrival back at school, it is currently scheduled for 3:30pm however traffic often causes short delays.
- We will be eating lunch as usual before we travel. Please can you provide a 'disposable' packed lunch (no plastic Tupperware-style containers) for those not having school dinners.
- Please ensure that you provide suitable clothing as listed in the PGL guidelines, to avoid injury when the children access the harnesses etc.
- Please refer to the Kit List that was sent/handed to you and your child. PGL advise that children bring a minimum of 2 towels and 2 pairs of trainers, as one of the activities will be in the water.
- Please provide bedding and a pillow for your child as they are **not** provided (**a fitted sheet IS provided**). Sleeping bags are preferable as the children will have to carry their items from the coach to their cabins themselves. No oversized suitcases please!
- Please ensure that your child has at least **1 large plastic bag/bin bag** in their case, to store wet clothes and protect dry ones.
- **Electronic equipment, smart watches and mobile phones are strictly not allowed.**
- Each day an update will be posted to you by email. Please keep your eye out for these!

- The Emergency Contact Number for our trip is 07902517146. This is only to be used in the case of a serious emergency at home **after school hours**. Please contact the school during regular school hours on 01403263919 if there are minor questions or queries that you have during the week.
- Please provide plenty of sunscreen and a sun hat, as well as a waterproof coat. The weather forecast looks rather mixed for the week; however, the children will need to stay safe in the sun at all times.

Book Fair

Books to the value of £1122.82 were sold at the book fair which gives the school £613.69 in commission and we would like to thank all those who supported the event.

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 (please send children to school wearing school uniform)**
- **EYFS Parents – 9.00am Tuesday 11th July**
- **Year 4 parents - 2 pm on Tuesday 11th July**
- **Year 3 parents - 2 pm on Wednesday 12th July**

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.

Vapes

We were incredibly disappointed to have a vape handed in at the school office this week after it had been found on the school field. There is more than one reasons as to why this might have been left on the field but our plea to parents and visitors is to take extra care in ensuring that such property is not accidentally dropped on school grounds. We remind everyone that all smoking and vaping is banned on the school premises and we thank you for your support in this matter.

Road Closure

Whilst it is sometime in the future, we thought it might be useful to have forewarning that Blackbridge Lane will closed during the day on Monday 4th September between Worthing Road and Tanbridge Place from 9.30am – 3.00pm.

Miss Sophie's Dance Studios

Parents may be interested to hear about Miss Sophie's dance classes that are available at Arunside School on some evenings during the week and at weekends. Holiday clubs and ad hoc workshops are also on offer and dance styles include Street Dance, Lyrical, Jazz and Musical Theatre. More details can be found on our [school website](#) or through the link direct to [Sophie's website](#). Sophie's Studio offers free trial classes for any dancers who may be keen to join and are now enrolling for September.

Key Dates for the Diary

- 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