

Arunside Announcements Week Commencing Monday 15th May 2023

Help - Our lost property boxes are over flowing!

We will be asking all the children to visit the lost property boxes this week to reclaim their belongings that happen to have headed this way. Not only do we have some very good quality clothing waiting to be claimed but there are plenty of other personal items such as water bottles and lunch boxes. Please do help on Monday to Thursday next week by visiting the area at the start or end of the day and encourage your child to help you! All non-claimed items of clothing will be donated to the Bags2School collection on Friday morning. (Further details appear in the PTA section). Going forward, please ensure that all clothing coming into school is clearly named. Thank you!

Sports Day

We look forward to families joining us once again for the Arunside Sports Day, which will be held on Thursday 25th May with KS2 participating in the morning and EYFS & KS1 participating in the afternoon.

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

Our first Arunside Walking Bus starts on Monday as it is Walk to School Week. Parents are asked 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 old 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. We hope parents will support this initiative which aims to encourage children to be more active and offers the chance to achieve the minimum of 60 minutes of exercise required by children each day, as well as reducing the morning traffic that is contributing to congestion, carbon emissions and pollutions.

Holiday Play Scheme

We have been notified that the ZigZag 'Planet' Playscheme will be held during the May half term from Tuesday 30th May to Thursday 1st June. It will start at 8.30am and run until 3.00pm (with additional hours available until 5.00pm). Discounts will be available for siblings and full week bookings (Tuesday to Thursday). For more information check out our [website](#).

Key Dates for the Diary

- Walk to School Week - 15th – 19th May
- KS1 SATs – 15th – 19th May
- Second-Hand Uniform Sale – Tuesday 16th May (after school)
- Bags2School Collection – 19th May
- Class Photos - 19th May
- Half Term – 29th May – 2nd June
- Inset Day – Monday 5th June

PTA News

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

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

The PTA Clothing Collection with Bags2School will take place on Friday 19th May. The amount paid to the PTA will depend on the total weight of clothing. So, the heavier the donations, the better! But sadly, we are unable to take any donations until the day before as we simply do not have any storage space but we do invite you to drop off your donations under the canopy outside the foyer anytime on Thursday 18th May. Please make sure your donations are double covered in case of wet weather. Bags2School has the right to refuse wet textiles.

The items that Bags2School can accept are good quality, REUSABLE items, such as:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and Ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen, curtains, towels, bedding (bed sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers)

The items that Bags2School cannot accept are:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

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