

Arunside Announcements

Week Commencing Monday 20th March 2023

Coronation Tea Towels

Please return by **Thursday 23rd March 2023**, your child's artwork for the Tea-Towels orders that the PTA have co-ordinated in celebration of the King's Coronation.

Arriving Late at School

May we remind parents that school starts at 08.45 hours and that our school gates shut at 08.50 hours. We had 15 families signing their children into school late on Monday and this affects our safeguarding abilities as it has a knock-on effect as to when we complete the registers and consequently the fire report. If you are a family that is regularly signing into our late book, we would be so grateful if you could set your alarm for 10-minutes earlier on a school day so we can work together to rectify the above.

Rocksteady Concert – Friday 24th March

We are looking forward to welcoming parents of children who will be performing at the Rocksteady concert on **Friday 24th March**. Please arrive through the main reception, in time for the 9.00am start.

Exchanging Library Books

In order to support our children from EYFS, it has been agreed that they will change their library books on a Wednesday with their class teachers. Our Year 1-6 children will continue to visit the library at the times previously stated.

Easter Holiday Playschemes and Events

ZigZag Childcare have asked that we share the details of their [Easter Playscheme](#) which will take on an Egyptian theme and run from Monday 3rd - Thursday 6th April (8.30am - 3.00pm, with additional timings being available up until 4.00pm or 5.00pm if needed).

Details of the various Chelsea Football Foundation's Soccer School courses that are being offered across the Easter Half Term can be found [here](#) – these are open to all players between the ages of 5-12 years.

And finally, we have been asked to share the details of an Easter Holiday Craft Day that will take place on Tuesday, 11th April, at Broadbridge Health Village Centre. The event is open to children aged 5 and above and will feature a range of fun activities, such as arts and crafts, biscuit decorating, and more. An exclusive 10% discount is being offered to Arunside students who register their children for the event on this [form](#) and who enter the code "Arunside" at checkout. The activities have been designed to encourage creativity, social interaction, and learning in a fun and safe environment. Parents can drop off their children at the venue, knowing that they will be in the hands of experienced and qualified staff. The Easter holiday craft day promises to be a great opportunity for children to have fun, learn new skills, and make new friends during their break.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Families who are entitled to benefits related Free School Meals (FSM) will be pleased to learn that they are able to find all the necessary booking information for the Easter Holiday activities on the [Family Information Service](#) website. Parents have been sent their individual HAF codes to enable the booking of places with local providers. Please check your emails for this information. In addition to this, West Sussex are utilising funding from the Governments' Household Support Fund to help support those families most in need due to global inflationary challenges and the significantly rising cost of living. They are pleased to confirm that

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families with children eligible to Free School Meal will once again be entitled to a voucher for each FSM child during the upcoming Easter break. Voucher amounting to £15.00 per child, per week will be issued shortly.

Key Dates for the Diary

- EYFS Health Screening – 20th March
- Year 6 SATs Talk to Parents – Tuesday 21st March (Presentation packs will be sent to those not attending)
- Rock Steady Concert – Friday 24th March at 9.00am
- KS1 SATS Talk to parents - Monday 27th March at 2:45
- Year 4 Residential Trip to Lodge Hill – 30th/31st March
- Last Day of Spring Term – Friday 31st March
- Inset Day – Monday 17th April
- Children return to school for summer term – Tuesday 18th April

PTA News

The PTA discos will take place on Friday 21st April. The timings are as follows:

- 3:30-4:30 EYFS/KS1
- 5:00-6:00 Year 3/4
- 6:30-7:30 Year 5/6

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
- Year 6 Leaver's Disco – 18th July

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