

Arunside Announcements

Week Commencing Monday 22nd May 2023

Arunside Sports Day – Thursday 25th May

This week Sports Day for KS2 children will be held from 9.15am – 11.45am and from 1.15pm – 3.15pm for our EYFS/KS1 children. The children should arrive in school dressed in their PE Kit (including our Year 6 children). All children will also need sun cream, a sun-hat and a refillable water bottle as water will be available on the field so they can top these up. The gates will open for spectators at 9.10am and 1.10pm and we encourage everyone joining us to arrive as near to this time as possible so that the events can start promptly. Please ensure that you remain in the spectator areas at all times, leaving the children to participate under the guided supervision of their class teacher.

The reserve dates, should we have bad weather on Sports Day will be Friday 9th June.

Year 3 International Morning - Wednesday 14th June 2023

On Wednesday 14th June we have planned for our Year 3 children to join Year 3 from St John's Primary School for an International Morning. If any parents would like to help, please contact the office or the Year 3 teachers.

We will walk the children over to St John's School, where we will stay until morning break and then everyone will come to Arunside until lunchtime. The programme includes learning songs and traditional dance from other countries as well as games, group activities and learning a few words in another language.

Our aim is to widen children's knowledge of the world so that they can compare traditions with those of their own. We want to celebrate the wealth of languages and cultures that we already have in both schools. It would be lovely if your child wore clothes from different countries, either traditional clothes, or any other, e.g. a T shirt from a holiday abroad, or a football shirt, or Hawaiian style summer clothes! They can stay in their international clothes all day. Normal arrangements for coming to school stay the same and the children will have their normal break time when they can have their usual snack.

Science Selfies are back for the May half-term!

Why not let your child take a photo of themselves doing something science-y over the break and email it in to office@arunside.school with the subject #ScienceSelfie.

Your photos could include the whole family doing anything from:

- Exploring balancing on equipment at the park
- Exploring mixing and dissolving while baking
- Identifying plants or animals in your garden
- Exploring materials in your home, in your garden or at your local park
- Practising using equipment like scales and measuring jugs
- Making unusual materials like slime
- Reading some science news
- Growing a plant from a seed or a bulb
- Exploring how fast you can make a toy car travel
- Whatever you like!

There will be a winner selected from Early Years, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two, with exciting Science prizes! The deadline for the photos will be Friday 9th June and we can't wait to see the #ScienceSelfies!

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Free School Meal (FSM) vouchers - available to eligible families, during the May half-term holiday

Utilising funding from the governments' Household Support Fund to help support those most in need and to help with global inflationary challenges and the significantly rising cost of living, West Sussex County Council have confirmed that families with children eligible for FSM, will once again be entitled to a £15 voucher for each FSM child during the upcoming May half-term holiday week.

For children who are not FSM eligible, but whose families need urgent support with food in West Sussex the Community Hub will be operating. As per the scheme during the Easter break, Evouchers (Wonde) will be facilitating the scheme for Arunside school and staff will be issuing vouchers between 17th - 26th May 2023.

Youth Produced Sexual Imagery (YPSI) Presentation for parents – Tuesday 13th June.

Parents of children in Years 5&6 are invited to a presentation by Mark Coward on 13th June about Youth Produced Sexual Imagery (YPSI). The presentation will take place in the school hall and will start at 6.30pm.

We hope parents will find this presentation informative. Mark works in the specialist child abuse investigations unit for the Met Police, where they seize and analyse devices from online predatory offenders. A large percentage of the material that the Met see is YPSI, where young children have been groomed into sending media of an explicit nature to someone online, to be then shared around the world. As you will appreciate, this presentation is aimed solely for adults and so children will not be expected to attend. The aim of the talks is to make parents aware of the dangers, and hopefully go some way towards preventing children from sharing explicit media. Our hope is that we reduce the number of pictures children are taking and sharing, so that we help reduce the amount being shared by online paedophile groups.

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](#).

Parent Workshops – Supporting Parents and Carers with Managing Children's Behaviour

We invite Arunside parents to come along to our workshop to meet other parents and to share experiences whilst having a chat over tea and biscuits. During the session, parents will find more ways to communicate positively with their children, share experiences and talk about different ways to enjoy family life. The workshop aims to offer support in strengthening family relationships and discusses easy ways to do this

Join Sara Lee (Family Welfare Officer) and Elaine Catterall (School counsellor) for five 'Supporting Parents and Carers' sessions at Arunside Primary School, Blackbridge Lane, Horsham RH12 1RR.

Session 1: Tuesday 20th June 9.15-11.15am

Session 2: Tuesday 27th June 9.15-11.15am

Session 3: Tuesday 4th July 9.15-11.15am

Session 4: Tuesday 11th July 9.15-11.15am

Session 5: Wednesday 18th July - Drop in only 9.15-10.15 am

To book your space or find out more, please contact Sara Lee fwo@arunside.school.

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Key Dates for the Diary

- Half Term – 29th May – 2nd June
- Inset Day – Monday 5th June
- Youth Produced Sexual Imagery (YPSI) Presentation for Parents – Tuesday 13th June.
- Year 3 International Morning - Wednesday 14th June 2023

PTA News

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

- Summer Fete – 7th July and Year 6 Leaver's Disco – 18th July

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