

Arunside Announcements Week Commencing Monday 27th March 2023

Holiday Dates

We remind parents that school finishes on Friday 31st March for the Easter holidays and that Arunside School will hold an Inset day on Monday 17th April. We therefore look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 18th April.

The Inset dates for the following academic year are:

- Friday 1st September 2023
- Tuesday 2nd January 2024
- Monday 19th February 2024
- Thursday 28th March 2024
- Monday 3rd June 2024

Parent Governor Elections

We wish to advise all parents and guardians of the Parent Governor vacancy that we will be looking to fill at Arunside school shortly. If you are interested in standing for election as one of our parent governors, please complete the nomination form that was emailed out to parents on Monday 20th March. Paper copies of the form are also available from the school office and returns should be handed-in by Thursday 20th April, marked for the attention of Mrs Jagger. If you would like to talk with our Chair of Governors, Mrs Victoria Coward to find out what being a governor entails, she will be available after school in the ICT suite on Wednesday 29th March. Please do pop along to see her.

Easter Reading Competition

Next week we will be sending home the Easter Reading Competition details for our EYFS, Year 1, 2 and 3 classes and look forward to the completed sheets being returned to the class teacher on Friday 21st April. The class with the most returns will receive a reward of a film afternoon with treats – Good Luck everyone!

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

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Families who are entitled to benefits related Free School Meals (FSM) have previously been advised where they can find all the necessary booking information for the Easter Holiday activities ([Family Information Service](#)). West Sussex County Council (WSSC) have announced that places are filling up fast, so they encourage families to book sooner rather than later. However, please do be aware that WSSC are always available to support families if they cannot find something suitable.

Key Dates for the Diary

- 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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