

Arunside Announcements Week Commencing Monday 11th September 2023

It was lovely to welcome the children back into school last week and to hear about the exciting things they got up to in the holidays. We hope they are looking forward to the autumn term and that as parents you will find our weekly Arunside Announcements a useful planning tool and that the information contained enables you to support the school.

Procedures for the Start of the School Day

To ease congestion on the main road at the start of the day, we will continue to allow those Year 5 and 6 pupils who walk or cycle independently to school and arrive at 8.30am to wait on the ball court from 8.30am - 8.35am. They will be called down from the main gates to do this by the member of staff on duty at the start of the day.

The gates will then open from 8.35am, at the start of the school day, for all children in Years 1-4 and the member of staff on gate duty will welcome the children down at this time. Please come down through the double gates in the centre of the car park and on to the ball court, to allow a one-way system back out through the smaller playground side gate for any parents and carers leaving after drop off. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

After School Clubs

The schedule for our after school clubs for the Autumn term was sent out at the end of last term. We hope you have had an opportunity to discuss with your child which clubs they would be interested in attending.

The link to sign up to clubs is: <https://forms.office.com/e/3dinuGjLP1>.

Teacher-led clubs start week commencing 18th September and will run until week ending 1st December. Clubs run by external providers may have different start and end dates, please check your booking details for the exact dates.

Y6 Residential at PGL's Marchant Hill - Presentation to Parents

The presentation to parents regarding the Y6 residential to Marchants Hill will start at 6.00pm on Monday 11th September. Further information about the trip will be available, but it is anticipated that the cost will be in the region of £530 for the week 8th - 12th July. The school is asking for an initial deposit of approximately £75 by 1st October and a monthly payment plan will then be set up for regular amounts. As always, the school will be happy to discuss individual situations where the above causes financial difficulties for families.

Year 6 Transition to Year 7 – Application Deadline 31st October 2023

The window is now open for parents to make an application to the secondary schools for admission in September 2024. Parents are responsible for making an application, and we encourage you to select up to three preferences online at: [Secondary school places - West Sussex County Council](#). The closing date for applications is 31 October 2023.

All details, including an explanation about how places are allocated can also be found on the West Sussex County Council website. The admissions team will be happy to answer any queries about the process, (admissions.north@westsussex.gov.uk, 03330 142903)

Tesco Grant Application

We are delighted to let you know that Arunside have been chosen by Tesco Stronger Starts and our school project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will commence in store from the first week of October 2023 until mid-January 2024. Please do think of us when shopping at Tesco!

The whole school project will aim to develop children's environmental awareness, their understanding of growing food and the joy of making food with something they have grown.

We're very grateful to Tesco Stronger Starts for their support of this exciting project! You will be able to vote for Arunside school using the blue tokens at the following stores:

Lambs Farm Road Tesco Express
Horsham West Street Tesco Express
Horsham Tesco Extra
Horsham Tesco Express
Horsham Silver Wok Tesco Express

A reminder of the PE dates for autumn 1 term.

- EYFS - Friday
- Year 1 - Monday and Wednesday
- Year 2 - Tuesday and Wednesday
- Year 3 - Tuesday and Thursday
- Year 4 - Monday and Thursday
- Year 5 - Monday and Friday
- Year 6 - Monday and Friday

Children in EYFS - Year 4 classes will need to wear their PE kit on the above days.

In addition to the usual PE days, Steve Martin will be back at Arunside next term to offer Thursday football sessions on the following dates:

- Thursday 14th September - Year 5 [Chestnut Class](#)
- Thursday 21st September - Year 5 [Oak Class](#)
- Thursday 28th September - Year 4 [Hazel Class](#)
- Thursday 5th October - Year 4 [Sycamore Class](#)
- Thursday 12th October - Year 2 [Clover Class](#)
- Thursday 19th October - Year 2 [Dandelion Class](#)
- Thursday 9th November - Year 6 [Rowan Class](#)
- Thursday 16th November - Year 6 [Lime Class](#)

School Census Day – Thursday 5th October

The School Census Day is a really important date on which parents can help with our school funding as the budget for the following year is calculated according to the number of children who take a school dinner on this day. Please do think of ordering a meal for your child on 5th October and book ahead in plenty of time (orders must be placed by Monday 25th September). This will help to ensure that we can provide the best resources possible to all Arunside Children. Also on this same day, your child can celebrate the 15th birthday of Easy Lunch with a special brownie pudding that is being prepared! Don't forget to sign up 😊

Christ Hospital Open Day

Christ Hospital warmly invite current Year 5 pupils and their families who are considering secondary education in September 2024 to their Open Morning on Saturday 9 September.

Parking in neighbouring streets

It was sad that we had only been back two days before we received complaints from our neighbours about parking. In particular the small road leading to Blackbridge Court from

Blackbridge Lane was reported to be lined with cars, making access very difficult for residents. Once again, we do ask parents to consider parking on roads less close to the school and walking in to drop off and pick up children.

PTA Dates

- **Friday 15th September, 4.30-6pm – Back to school picnic**
- **Monday 25th September, 7pm – AGM**
- **Friday 13th October - Arunside Fireworks** - please note, there will be no after-school clubs on this day

Key Dates for the Diary

- Monday 11th September – Y² Visit from Rainbow Theatre
- Monday 11th September (6.00pm) – Y6 Parents – Presentation about the PGL's Marchant Hill Trip
- Friday 29th September – Non School Uniform Day in exchange for PTA Tombola donations