

Arunside Announcements

Week Commencing Monday 30th October 2023

Pupil Safety

We are very concerned about the safety of our children as they are departing from school at 3.20pm and asked parents to ensure that once released from their teacher, the children are not permitted to play on the gym equipment or climbing apparatus on the school field and that they do not climb on the wall when walking along the path adjacent to the ball court. To help facilitate this and ease congestion, we open the gates to the ball court and kindly request that parents utilize this route when leaving the school. We were extremely saddened to hear that a parent had been kicked by a pupil who was climbing on the wall when exiting the school on Monday.

PE Days for Next Half-Term:

- EYFS - Friday
- Year 1 – Monday and Wednesday
- Year 2 – Monday and Thursday
- Year 3- Tuesday and Thursday
- Year 4 – Monday and Wednesday
- Year 5 – Monday Chestnut (Oak will go swimming) and Friday (both classes)
- Year 6 – Wednesday and Friday

Staff have asked that children in KS2 be able to independently tie their ties, remove their earrings and tie their hair back for PE. If your child struggles with these activities please spend some time during the half-term holidays helping them to learn the procedures.

Year 2 will have Forest School next half term with Dandelion taking part on a Tuesday and Clover taking part on a Wednesday.

School Photos

We hope you were pleased with the school photos that the children brought home this week. We remind parents that the deadline for returning orders to school is Tuesday 7th November 2023. Parents are also advised that orders can also be placed online and additional links and codes can be obtained from the school office for families with two homes.

Christmas Cards, Mugs, Tea Towels and more!

The Xmas4schools order links have now been sent out to all who returned their artwork forms, complete with their details. If you haven't received your order link, please email pta@arunside.school as soon as possible. The deadline for placing your orders is Tuesday 24th October, so please don't delay too much or you might miss out!

Influenza Vaccinations

The date for the Influenza vaccinations at Arunside School has been confirmed as the 1st December 2023. We will shortly be receiving information regarding parental consent and will share this with parents once it is available.

Clubs and Activities for Half-Term

We remind you that our new school website holds lots of interesting information for parents and in particular our [Clubs and Enrichment](#) page contains useful information about fun activities that are available locally for children during the half term.

Starting School – September 2024

The application process for children due to start school in September 2024 opened on 2nd October 2023. As in recent years, parents are being encouraged to apply for their child's school place using the online system at www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions. Applications must be submitted by the **national closing date of Monday 15 January 2024**. For parents who do not have access to the Internet at home, free access has been arranged at all West Sussex libraries and Children and Family Centers.

Voucher Scheme – October Half Term 2023

Utilising funding from the governments' Household Support Fund, West Sussex County Council is pleased to confirm that families with Free School Meal eligible children will once again be entitled to a voucher for each FSM child during the upcoming October half-term. **There will be a £10.00 voucher per child for the week**. For children who are not eligible for FSMs but whose families need urgent support with food, West Sussex are operating the Community Hub where help can be sought.

Science Selfie

Science Selfie is back for the October half term! Please take a photo of your child doing something science-y over the break and email it in, with the subject **#ScienceSelfie**, to: scienceselfie@arunside.school. There will be a winner selected from Early Years, Key Stage One, Upper Key Stage Two and Lower Key Stage Two, with exciting Science prizes! The deadline for the photos will **be Friday 3rd November**. We can't wait to see your #ScienceSelfies!

Parent Consultation Evenings

We have set up the two parent consultation evening events and you will find these on MCAS. The dates available are, **Wednesday 1st November (late meetings)** and **Thursday 2nd November (early meetings)**.

Year 6 EVACUATION DAY

As part of our History topic on World War 2, we have arranged for the Year 6 children to take part in an Evacuee Day to experience what other children may have felt whilst being evacuated during the war. These will take place on *Tuesday 7th November 2023 for **Lime Class*** and *Wednesday 8th November 2023 for **Rowan Class***

Volunteers needed West Sussex

West Sussex County Council are looking to recruit volunteers who would be interested in being an independent panel member, willing to hear school admission appeals. The volunteer role is key to ensuring that parents feel they have had a fair and independent hearing and been given an opportunity to explain why they would like their child to attend their preferred school. The role is also key to ensuring that all school admission appeals are transparent, independent and impartial. Full training will be given by West Sussex's Legal Services Team in early 2024 and all volunteers will be paid travel expenses. If you are interested and would like more information, please email appealsadministrator@westsussex.gov.uk with your details and we will get in touch.

Christmas Lunch Day

Our Christmas Lunch from the Easy Lunch Company will be offered on Thursday 6th December. The menu will include: Roast Turkey/Quorn Roast; Roast Potatoes; Vegetables, Sage and Onion Stuffing, Gravy; Cranberry Sauce and Christmas Brownie. If you wish your child to have the Christmas lunch, please book online www.theeasylunchcompany.co.uk. Please ensure that you place your order online by Saturday 25th November 2023.

Week 2 - Fun with Words!

Can you spot a word when you are out and about that begins with... 'sh' or 'qu'

Key Dates for the Diary

- Half Term – 23rd – 27th October
- Year 6 Transition to Year 7 – Application Deadline 31st October 2023
- Wednesday 1st November – Parents Evening
- Thursday 2nd November - Parents Evening
- Friday 10th November (9.10am) – Year 5 & 6 Remembrance assembly. (Parents welcome).
- Monday 13th – Thursday 16th November – Book Fair (different nights for different Year groups, timings TBC)
- Friday 1st December – Influenza vaccinations available at school
- Tuesday 5th December – Year 1 Christmas Performance
- Wednesday 6th December – Year 2 Christmas Performance
- Wednesday 6th December – Christmas Lunch Day
- Thursday 7th December – EYFS Christmas Performance
- Monday 11th December – Y3&4 Carol Service at St. Mary's Church
- Wednesday 13th December – Y5&6 Carol Service at St. Mary's Church