

## Arunside Announcements Week Commencing Monday 6th November 2023

### School Photos

Whilst parents may be ordering school photos online, we remind everyone that the deadline for returning orders is Tuesday 7th November 2023.

### Year 5 Swimming – Oak

Our swimming lessons start for Oak Class on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November and we still need a parent volunteer to step forward to walk to and from the pool with us. The class leave Arunside at around 1.10pm and start walking back at 3.15p;, arriving at school for 4.00pm. Please do let the staff in the school office know if you can help!

### Dandelion Class – Football Session with Steve Martin

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November, Dandelion Class will have the opportunity to enjoy a football session with Steve Martin. Please remember to send them to school wearing their PE kit on this day.

### Children in Need

During week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> of November, the Student Council will, during PE sessions be organising an active week of ‘Pudsey Bearpees Challenge’ for the Children in Need charity. Mr Lindsey will be asking each child to do 5 'bearpees' for their warm-up activities and the Student Council representatives will remind their teacher to do the same during teacher lead sessions. The aim is to reach 1000 ‘bearpees’ but we are sure that Arunside School will be way above target!

Then, on **Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> November**, in exchange for a silver coin, we are inviting the children to wear something yellow along with their school uniform or PE Kit (this could, for example be a yellow hair accessory, a yellow tie, yellow socks or whatever else you choose).

### Horsham Matters

We have been asked by Horsham Matters to offer their sincere thanks to all the staff, children and parents for the donation of 61.76 kg of food to the Horsham District Foodbank following the Harvest festival assemblies. Your kind donations will help to put food on the tables for local households who are experiencing hardship.

### Umbrellas – Parent Support Group

‘Umbrellas’ at the Needles Horsham Family Hub is a parent support group for families with a child with SEN. It is next running on 15th Nov.

### Influenza Vaccinations

The date for the Influenza vaccinations at Arunside School has been confirmed as the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023. An email was sent to parents this week advising of the procedure to be followed for consenting or declining the vaccination and we remind everyone that the deadline for doing this is 11.00am on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Should you miss the opportunity for your child to be immunized at school, the Immunisation Service will be offering catch-up clinics elsewhere locally and these will be advertised in due course.

## Clubs and Activities for Christmas Holidays

West Sussex Music are excited to announce their winter holiday activities programme. This is packed with exciting new music workshops for December. Workshops are offered in Crawley, Worthing, Littlehampton, and Bognor Regis offering Rap & Lyric Writing, Music Production & DJ-ing, as well as Rock and Pop Band to those aged 8-16. All workshops include lunch and there are a range of sign-up options available including free, paid, and places discounted by 50%. Please visit the [Holiday Activities - West Sussex Music](#) website for more information and details on how to book.

## Starting School – September 2024

Parents are reminded that the deadline for the application process for children due to start school in September 2024 closes on **Monday 15 January 2024**. 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](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions).

## Year 6 Messages:

### EVACUATION DAY

As part of their 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 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 for Lime Class* and *Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 for Rowan Class*. Please do not forget to return the permission slip for this trip if you have not already done so!

### Year 6 PE on Fridays

On Fridays in PE, Year 6 will be doing Tag Rugby with Mr Lindsay. Please can you ensure your child brings either football boots or other shoes that can get muddy as they will be on the field most weeks.

## Christmas Lunch Day

Our Christmas Lunch from the Easy Lunch Company will be offered on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.theeasycompany.co.uk](http://www.theeasycompany.co.uk). Please ensure that you place your order online by Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

## Lost Property

We ask parents to check that the clothing items that their child brings home from school does not have another child's name in it and to return any items that belong to another pupil. Many thanks.

## Week 3 - Fun with Words!

Think of 3 words with 3 syllables. Clap the syllables, stamp them, shout them, sing them!

## Key Dates for the Diary

- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Dandelion Class – Football with Steve Martin
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November (9.10am) – Year 5 & 6 Remembrance assembly. (Parents welcome).

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Book Fair (different nights for different Year groups, timings TBC)
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Influenza vaccinations available at school
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 Christmas Performance: 14.30 – 15.00
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Year 2 Christmas Performance: 14.30 – 15.00
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch Day
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Christmas Performance: 14.30 – 15.00
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Y3&4 Carol Service at St. Mary's Church
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Y5&6 Carol Service at St. Mary's Church

### PTA News

#### Xmas4Schools

The Xmas4Schools orders have now been delivered to school. Parents are welcome to collect orders after school from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November when the PTA will have a stand outside the school office. Thank you for your support, the PTA has received £343 donation.

#### Clothing Collection with Bag2School

The next clothing collection will take place on Wednesday 22nd November.

Please drop off your donations under the canopy outside the foyer anytime on Tuesday 21st November.

Please make sure your donations are double covered in case of wet weather. Bags2School has the right to refuse wet textiles.

#### Accepted good quality, REUSABLE items:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing / Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)  
Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves and Ties / Jewellery / Lingerie / Socks / Belts / Soft toys Household linen, curtains, towels, bedding (bed sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers)

#### The items that Bags2School cannot accept are:

- Duvets and blankets / Pillows and cushions / Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats) / Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing / School uniforms with and without logo / Corporate clothing and workwear / Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

#### Christmas Raffle 2023

The PTA's Online Christmas Raffle is back on Friday 24th November! Entries will be open until the 7th December and the draw will take place on the following day, Friday 8th December. We already have some amazing prizes from Urban Jump, Pandora, and Playmobil just to mention a few, but we are always on the lookout for more exciting prizes! If you, your company or someone you know would like to offer a prize in exchange for advertisement on our PTA Facebook page, please get in touch by emailing [pta@arunside.school](mailto:pta@arunside.school). The winners will be announced on our Facebook page and also contacted via their email address.

### PTA Dates

- Wednesday 22nd November: Bags2schools Clothing Collections (drop your bagged donations the day before under the foyer)
- Friday 24th November: ticket sales for online Christmas Raffle going live
- Friday 8th December: Christmas Raffle draw, winners announced