

Arunside Announcements Week Commencing Monday 13th November 2023

Parent Governor Elections

We are very pleased to let you know that we have received three applications for the role of parent Governor and therefore need to proceed to a secret ballot. All parents will receive a numbered ballot paper early next week and are asked to place an X in one of the three candidate boxes on the form to indicate their choice of governor. Each parent is entitled to one vote but they must vote on separate ballot papers. We will be unable to accept any ballot paper that has more than one X on it. Please return the completed ballot form to the school, by hand or by post, in a sealed envelope marked 'Ballot Paper', to arrive not later than 9.00am on Friday 24th November. If you do not receive your ballot paper by Wednesday of next week, please contact the school office.

Anti-Bullying Week – Raising Awareness

Children are being encouraged to wear odd socks next week, on Monday 13th November, to raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week.

Children in Need

During week commencing 13th 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 that target!

Then, on **Friday the 17th 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).

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.

Ukulele Presentation

We welcome Y4 parents to join us in the hall at 2.30pm on Tuesday 28th November for the children's end of unit ukulele presentation. Mr Gilmore, from West Sussex Music, has been teaching the children this term in their weekly music lessons and they would like an opportunity to show off their new skills!

Influenza Vaccinations

The date for the Influenza vaccinations at Arunside School has been confirmed as the 1st December 2023. An email was sent to parents last 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 27th 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.

Christmas Performances

Tickets for our EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performances will shortly be available on the MCAS app. Each child will have two tickets available. There will be no charge for tickets, instead we will hold a retiring collection and all money raised will help to fund new and improved resources for future drama productions. We hope you will understand when we ask that you do not bring children under 4 to the performances as so much work has gone into the rehearsal of the production it is a shame when the performers voices cannot be heard due to small children who would rather be doing something different, somewhere else.

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.

Christmas Lunch Day

Our Christmas Lunch from the Easy Lunch Company will be offered on Wednesday 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.theeasycompany.co.uk. Please ensure that you place your order online by **Saturday 25th November 2023**.

Week 4 - Fun with Words!

Choose a word and find a synonym for it (another word meaning the same.) You could use 'happy,' 'sad,' 'agile,' 'independent.'

Key Dates for the Diary

- Monday 13th November – Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
- Monday 13th – Thursday 16th November – Book Fair (different nights for different Year groups, timings TBC)
- Tuesday 28th November at 2.30pm – Year 4 Ukulele Presentation
- Friday 1st December – Influenza vaccinations available at school
- Monday 4th – 8th December – Year 6 Bikeability
- Tuesday 5th December – Year 1 Christmas Performance: 14.30 – 15.00
- Wednesday 6th December – Year 2 Christmas Performance: 14.30 – 15.00
- Wednesday 6th December – Christmas Lunch Day
- Thursday 7th December – EYFS Christmas Performance: 14.30 – 15.00
- Monday 11th December – Deadline for Secondary Education requests.
- Monday 11th December – Y3&4 Carol Service at St. Mary's Church - Doors open to parents at 1.50pm for a 2.00pm start (There will be a collection for the Salvation Army)
- Tuesday 12th December – Y2 Walk to Holy Trinity Church
- Wednesday 13th December – Y5&6 Carol Service at St. Mary's Church - Doors open to parents at 1.50pm for a 2.00pm start. (There will be a collection for the Salvation Army)

- Friday 15th December – Last Day of Autumn 2023 Term
- Tuesday 2nd January 2024 – Inset-day
- Wednesday 3rd January 2023 – First Day of Spring Term 2024

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

PTA News

Xmas4Schools

The Xmas4Schools orders have now been delivered to school. If you haven't yet collected your order, please visit the school office before pickup. **Thanks to 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 going to 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, Hobbledown Adventure Park** and **Playmobil** just to mention a few, but we are always on the lookout for more exciting prizes!

Sponsors and Prizes Wanted:

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**

The winners going to be announced on the PTA's [Facebook page](#) and also contacted via their email address.