

## Arunside Announcements Week Commencing Monday 20th November 2023

### Parent Governor Elections

We remind parents that we are using the green numbered ballot papers (not the lilac coloured papers) and that each parent is entitled to indicate their preference for two candidates to fill the two parent governor vacancies. Everyone must vote on a separate ballot paper and we will be unable to accept any ballot paper that has more than two choices indicated on it. Completed ballot papers need to be returned to the school, by hand or by post, in a sealed envelope marked 'Ballot Paper', and arrive not later than 9.00am on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**. If you have parental responsibility for a child at our school and have *not* received a ballot paper, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Currently our attendance figures are well below what is expected for a good school like Arunside. The data could so easily be improved if parents focussed on getting their child to 'be on time for ten-to-nine'. Such punctuality would mean that all children are sitting at their desks for registration. Equally the number of children being collected early from school because of dental/medical appointments has increased dramatically. Please do request your appointment time to be outside of school hours and allow time for travel too. Your support is greatly appreciated and our children's learning will benefit immensely.



### Remembrance Service

Mr Boyd and Ms Phillips were very proud of our Year 6 pupils (pictured in the adjacent photo) who represented Arunside in the Remembrance Service last Saturday in the Carfax. They respectfully laid a wreath to honour members of the armed forces who died in the line of duty.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023. Parents have been advised in an email 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.

### Christmas Performances and Christmas Jumper Day

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 rehearsals of the production and it is a shame when the

performers voices cannot be heard due to small children who would rather be doing something different, somewhere else. Please also note our Christmas Jumper Day will be Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Lunch Day

Our Christmas Lunch from the Easy Lunch Company will be offered on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. 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 25th November 2023**.

### The Big Battery Hunt and Recycle to Read Toys

Arunside School's dynamic Student Council and Eco Agents are taking part in two exciting new programmes called The Big Battery Hunt (Duracell's) and the Recycle to Read Toys (where the recycling points can be found at Tesco's stores).

**The Big Battery Hunt** is a nationwide programme to help educate and inspire young people to recycle dead batteries. We are racing against other schools around the country to see who recycles the most this year. We are doing incredibly well but please do remember to send your dead batteries into school (we also have a few battery boxes available for your home if required). We look forward to revealing our score at the end of the academic year.

**The Recycle to Read Toys** programme is collecting Planet Care points by rehoming and recycling their unwanted and broken toys.

For toys in a usable condition – Rehome them!

Either find them a new home by swapping them with friends or giving them away to a charity shop or other community group that will appreciate them. Register your rehoming on [www.recycletoread.org](http://www.recycletoread.org) and fill in a short form, selecting Arunside school in order to collect the Planet Care Points you will have earned. PLUS, if you upload a photo of your toys in their new home, you will be entered into a prize draw\* and the photos will appear on the Recycle to Read gallery. Sadly, the school is unable to accept these toys through the office.

For hard plastic, broken toys – Recycle them!

If you have any broken hard plastic toys, please take them to a participating Tesco store and put them in a *Recycle to Read* collection bin. Then register your recycling by scanning the QR code on the bin and select Arunside School in order to collect one Planet Care Point. Scanning the code and registering your recycling to make you eligible for the prize draw\* and give you the chance to win some exciting book bundle prizes.

PLUS, all families that register rehoming or recycling, will get a discount code to spend on books in the Harper Collins Recycle to Read book catalogue. The code for this will be emailed to you once you've earned your Planet Care Point. You can find a participating Tesco store, details of the prizes you and the school could win, and everything else you need to know about Recycle to Read Toys at [www.recycletoread.org](http://www.recycletoread.org).

**Also**, at School, we are collecting all sizes yogurt, cream or milk foil lids (not plastic ones) to use in our 'waste' arts and crafts sessions. Please send your younger children to school with as many as you can (washed) and deliver them to Mrs Kalinka or Mrs Chaffe.

## 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.

## Week 5 - Fun with Words!

What is the longest word you can find out and about in the environment? Where did you find it? What is the most unusual place you have found a word?

## Key Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 28th November at 2.30pm – Year 4 Ukulele Presentation
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Influenza vaccinations available at school
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> December – Year 6 Bikeability
- 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
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Deadline for Secondary Education requests.
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> December – Y2 Walk to Holy Trinity Church
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of Autumn 2023 Term
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 – Inset-day
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

The PTA's **Online Christmas Raffle is back on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November!**

Entries going to be open until the 7<sup>th</sup> December and the draw will take place on the following day, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:pta@arunside.school)**

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

### **Second-hand Uniform**

Please ensure that the uniform that you kindly donate to the PTA for our second-hand uniform sales is of a good enough standard to sell on. Recently when sorting through the donations, it appears that some of the clothes should have been taken to the recycling bins and this is not a job for the PTA. Thank you for your continued support!