



Arunside Announcements

Week Commencing Monday 27th November 2023

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. Parents need to consent or decline 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 and Christmas Jumper Day

We remind parents that we are able to issue two sets for each child taking part in the EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas performances, but as MCAS is unable to issue more than one free ticket we have decided that we just be checking parents in to the building - this will also help with our fire records. We hope you will understand when we ask that you do not bring children under 4 to the performances

With there being no charge for tickets, we will hold a retiring collection and all money raised will help to fund new and improved resources for future drama productions.

Please also note our Christmas Jumper Day will be Friday 8th December.

Parent Governor Elections

The Governors were delighted with the number of parents nominated for the two parent governor vacancies and are pleased to announce that, following a highly competitive ballot, Ms Xin Liang and Mrs Anna Conley have been successfully elected.

The Big Battery Hunt

This 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.

Recycle to Read Toys

As mentioned in earlier editions of Arunside Announcements, we are taking part in 'Recycle to Read Toys' in order to win books for Arunside School. You can help by having a pre-Christmas clear out and hunting out any unwanted toys, then either REHOME toys in good condition to friends, family or a charity shop, or RECYCLE any broken hard plastic toys at a participating Tesco store and put them in a 'Recycle to Read' collection bin. Please register your rehoming or recycling at <https://recycletoread.org/registration/> where you can fill in a short form and select our school to collect the Planet Care Point you have earned.

After School Clubs

Parents are reminded that the teacher-led after school clubs end on Friday 1st December. If your child has enrolled on a club offered by an external provider, please check their schedule for end of term dates.

Week 6 - Fun with Words!

Can you find these words in a song and sing it to a family member or a friend?
garden elephant spaceman heart winner

Key Dates for the Diary

- 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
- Friday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- 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 News

Christmas Raffle 2023

The PTA's Online Christmas Raffle goes live on **Friday 24th November!** In order to participate, you'd need to register on the PTA Events website (or if you've already registered, just log in) and buy as many tickets as you'd like (just please gamble responsibly). Attached to this email you should be able to see **a list of our generous sponsors**. You can find out more about them and the prizes on the [PTA Facebook page](#). Follow us for regular updates!

[BUY YOUR FESTIVE RAFFLE TICKETS HERE](#)

The raffle tickets can only be purchased with a **debit card**, **the PTA cannot accept credit card payments**. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Entries close Thursday 7th December, and **the draw will take place on Friday 8th December**. The winners will be announced on the [PTA Facebook page](#) and contacted by email, so **please use an email address that you regularly check**.

If a prize that has a short use by date (eg tickets for a certain event) is not claimed by Wednesday 13th December, the prize going to be redrawn and passed on to a new winner, so it's crucial for all who participate to check the announcements.

Christmas Tree Seller and Disposal Service

Following on last year's success, the PTA has once again partnered with Kerves Lane Christmas Tree Man. Darren is making a donation to the PTA after every tree sold (**Just quote 'Arunside School' when you are buying your tree.**) and also after every booked disposal collection (it doesn't have to come from his shop!).

Darren is also donating a beautiful Christmas tree to the school, just like last year.

Address : Kerves lane, RH13 6 Horsham
Coordinates : [51.04732, -0.31781](#)

The PTA's aim with this partnership is to offer you the option of a hassle free and responsible Christmas Tree Disposal Service, straight from your doorstep while also raising funds for the school.

Sensory Room

As you might recall from our end of year newsletter, at the end of the last academic year (2022/23) the **PTA has donated £10,578 for the creation of a new Sensory Room within the school**. This calm space will help those overwhelmed in the busy school environment, allowing them to step out and regulate their emotions with a dedicated teacher, while also reducing any disruption for the rest of the class. **We are very excited to share the news that the room is very nearly finished**, and we are hoping to share some pictures with you about the opening in due course. Without your support, big projects like these could never happen and the PTA is incredibly grateful for your contributions! Volunteering your time, donating prizes, sharing social media posts, or purchasing tickets to our events - every bit is truly appreciated!

Online Donations - Fundraising at No Extra Cost To You

All of our fundraising affiliate links can be found [HERE](#).