

Arunside Announcements Week Commencing Monday 11th December 2023

Carol Service - St Mary's Church – Y3&4 and Y5&6

We look forward to welcoming our families at St Mary's Church (Causeway, Horsham) for our Y3 & 4 Carol service on Monday 11th December and our Y5 & 6 service on Wednesday 13th December at 2pm. Children will be departing school at 12.30pm to walk to the church for a 1pm rehearsal on the days of their service, so please ensure they come prepared with a warm coat.

At the end of the service, children may be collected from the church. In order for us to do this swiftly, we ask that families exit the church promptly to wait outside and children will then be dismissed by their class teachers via the front exit. Please do not take your child until they have been signed over by their teacher. Please note, all belongings will remain at school. Any remaining children will be accompanied back to school by the teachers for the usual 3.20pm pick up at Arunside.

We will be collecting for the Salvation Army on both days if anyone would like to contribute to this worthy cause.

Video's showing how our curriculum is taught

Please click on this [link](#) to locate on our school website the videos that show how we teach the parts of the curriculum you told us you would like more information about. To access the videos, you will need the password, which was emailed to parents on Tuesday 5th December but we hope you will find the information useful and we welcome your feedback so we can develop our suite of videos further.

Christmas Reading Challenge

Children in our Early Years, Year 1, 2 and 3 will be bringing a Christmas reading challenge home next week. Please encourage your child to complete the fun reading activities over the Christmas break. The completed challenge sheets should be returned to school by Friday 5th January and given to your child's teacher. The class that returns the most will be rewarded with a film, drinks and snacks.

Christmas Jumper Day

It was lovely to see so many children in their Christmas Jumpers on Friday and whilst we wanted to use the opportunity simply as a fun day of celebration, we appreciate that the initiative is a fundraising campaign for Save the Children and as such, feel we should promote the charity's [Just Giving Page](#) for those who may wish to donate independently of the school.

Forest School Sessions for Parents – Tuesday 12th December

A few places remain available on the Forest School session for parents on Tuesday 12th December from 9am- 11am. The session can be booked through the My Child at School app.

Chestnut Class – Swimming

Chestnut class will be taking part in swimming lessons for 5 weeks starting on Monday 8th January. In order to meet our adults to children ratios, we would really appreciate some parental help with walking to and from swimming pool. Please let Miss Skelley or the office know if you are available and happy to offer support.

Steve Martin's Football Sessions

The football sessions offered by Steve Martin to our children will continue for the rest of the academic year. Please do add the following dates to your diaries and remember that the children will need to wear their PE kit on their days shown below:

- Thursday 22nd February - Year 3 Willow Class
- Thursday 29th February - Year 3 Holly Class
- Thursday 21st March - EXTRA SESSION - Year 2 Clover Class (due to missing their session in year 1)
- Thursday 2nd May - Year 1 Poppy Class
- Thursday 9th May - Year 1 Bluebell Class
- Thursday 13th June - EYFS Daisy Class
- Thursday 20th June - EYFS Buttercup Class
- Thursday 4th July - EXTRA SESSION - Year 2 Dandelion Class (due to missing their session in year 1)
- Thursday 11th July - Year 5 Oak Class

Week 8 - Fun with Words!

Can you think of a verb (doing word,) to go with each letter of the alphabet? You could even act your words out.

e.g. act, bend, call, drink, elevate...

Key Dates for the Diary

- 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

Second-hand Uniform Sale

Thank you for those who visited the second-hand uniform sales this week. If you didn't have any cash on you at the time but would still like to make a donation, please find our payment link [HERE](#). We always welcome uniform as well as Christmas jumper donations, but we would like to kindly ask everyone to respect our volunteers and only leave suitable, clean, and good quality items in the collection bin.

Christmas Raffle 2023

Thank you all for supporting, sharing and taking part in our BIG PTA Christmas Raffle 2023. Please look for the winners' announcement on the [PTA Facebook page](#). The winners will also be contacted by email, explaining how to claim their prizes.

Christmas Tree Seller and Disposal Service

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!). Just like last year, he has also very kindly donated the beautiful Christmas tree you can see just outside the ICT room.



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

· Book your Christmas tree recycling service [HERE](#).

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