

## Arunside Announcements Week Commencing Monday 29th January 2024

### Children's Mental Health Week - 5th February 2024

We will have lots of activities going on, in school, to raise awareness and encourage children to express themselves during Children's Mental Health week. Friday 9th will be a non-uniform day. The theme is 'Express Yourself'. Please encourage your child to wear something that reflects their personality! Donations will be taken on the gate, for mental health charity 'Place 2 Be'.

### Request for items

As the school looks to extend its provision for meeting the various sensory needs of our children, we seek any unwanted trampettes. Please get in touch via the office if you have any you are able to donate.

### Happy Announcement

We are delighted to be able to share the lovely news that Mrs Goldsmith is expecting a baby shortly. We therefore wanted to let you know that Mrs Watson and Mrs Livanos will cover Buttercup Class from Easter with Mrs Watson covering Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Livanos covering on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

### Football Sessions with Steve Martin - Cancelled

Parents may recall that back in December we provided details of Steve Martin's football sessions that had been offered to our children as extra PE sessions. Sadly, this arrangement has been cancelled due to Steve's illness and so you may wish to remove from your calendars the following dates as the children will **not** now need to wear their PE kits to school on these days:

- 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

### After School Clubs – Outstanding Payments

We thank parents for signing their children up to the after-school clubs and really hope that they are enjoying taking part in the sessions. Please can we ask all parents to ensure that the club fees are paid on the MCAS app by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.

### End of Day Collections

We remind parents that not all office staff work every afternoon and therefore request that any going home notifications are communicated before 12.00 on the relevant day – otherwise, some messages are missed and this can be upsetting for the children. We appreciate your help in this matter.

### Weekly Family Reading for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 on Fridays.

You are reminded that Family Reading for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 starts on a Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 8:35am until 8:50am. Please join us by coming along to the classroom with your child, choose a book and enjoy sharing a story with them. Any family member can attend and whilst this is a weekly event, please come as and when you can. If you have children in different classes, please take weekly turns so you can read with them all. At 8.50am the class teacher will ring a bell to indicate the end of the reading session and completion of the register will begin. Please leave via the outside classroom doors.

### Online Safety Events for Parents

Parents and carers are reminded of the forthcoming online safety events for parents as follows:

1. Arunside Parents Workshop - Friday 9th February, 9.00 - 9.45 am in the School Computing Suite. Introducing National Online Safety Resources for Parents and some activities about screen time and social media safety. Led by Mr Heath. **Please sign up in the school office.**
2. Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024, 09:30 - 11:00 - Online Safety Webinar led by Hannah Dow from the WSCC Online Safety Team - Teams Link - [Click here to join the meeting.](#) No need to sign up, just turn up.

### Road Closure Notifications

West Sussex County Council have notified us that from 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024, for several weeks there will be 24-hour a day rolling road closures for gas mains replacement works on Blackbridge Lane between the junction with Worthing Road and the junction with Hills Farm Lane. Please expect delays and leave plenty of time for your journeys to and from school.

### Week 4 - Fun with Words!

How many pairs of rhyming words can you think of - Can you make up some funny pairs?

### Key Dates for the Diary

- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Young Voices Concert
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Children’s Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Dress to Express Yourself – Donations taken on the gate
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Inset Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – SGN Roadworks on Worthing Road for 13 Weeks, expect delays
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day: dress up with clues for your character
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm.– Year 3 Drumming Performance to Parents in the hall **\*Please note DATE CHANGE**

### PTA Announcements

#### Cake Donations

Please help our fundraising efforts by either baking or buying items for our bake sale being held after school on **Wednesday 7th February**. Please bring in your bakes/buys on the morning of the cake sale in a named container if you would like it returned to you.

## World Book Day

The PTA would like every Arunside pupil to choose an exciting book that they have not read from their book stall which will be held on **Friday 8th March** in the ICT Suite during the school day.

Each class has been given a dedicated time slot and will be accompanied by their teacher. Members of the PTA will be running the stall.

Optional donations to support the PTA's work can be made on the day during the event.

### PTA Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 7th February - PTA Bake Sale
- Friday 8th March - PTA World Book Day Event