

Arunside Announcements Week Commencing Monday 5th February 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 February 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'.

Sensory Needs

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.

Forest School – Year 2 and Chestnut Class

Year 2 will be taking part in Forest School after half-term. The children will be spending time behind the Rainbow Fence on Wednesdays and Thursdays commencing 21st February 2024. Clover will attend on Wednesdays and Dandelion on Thursdays.

Chestnut class are also taking part in Forest School after half-term. The children will be spending their half a day behind the 'Rainbow Fence' on Tuesdays for 5 weeks. Please note there will be no Forest School in the last week.

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. **As this date is fast approaching, please sign up in the school office.**
2. Friday 8th 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.

Reaching Families SEND Training Courses

Please be aware that booking is now open for the Spring term online training courses, via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/reaching-families-8261724058> Courses include topics such as: sleep, demand avoidance, anxiety and ARFID. Spaces fill quickly so please do book online if you are interested.

Road Closure Notifications

West Sussex County Council have notified us that from 19th 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 5 - Fun with Words!

How many words can you think of that have double 'll' in? Eg fall.

Key Dates for the Diary

- Monday 5th until Friday 9th February – Children’s Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 8th March – World Book Day
- Friday 9th February – Dress to Express Yourself – Donations taken on the gate
- Monday 12th until Friday 16th February - Half Term
- Monday 19th February – Inset Day
- 19th Feb – SGN Roadworks on Worthing Road for 13 Weeks, expect delays
- Monday 26th February – Eco Day
- Monday 26 – Thursday 29th February – Y6 Mock SATs Week
- Monday 26th February – Y1 Fencing and Archery
- Parents Evening – Tuesday 5th March (late session) and Thursday 7th March (early session)
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day: dress up with clues for your character
- Tuesday 19th March at 2.30pm.– Year 3 Drumming Performance to Parents in the hall

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