

Arunside Announcements Week Commencing Monday 18th March 2024

Neurodiversity Celebration Week: 18th – 24th March 2024

'Neurodiversity Celebration Week' is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences.' We would like to signpost you to the following website where you are able to sign up to free online interactive events: <https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/events>

Acceptable Use Agreement - for Parents and Pupils

As a follow-up to an email sent home, in which we advised of the school's recently updated [Data Protection Policy](#) and [Online Safety Policy](#), parents are kindly asked to sign an agreement regarding the acceptable use of the school's IT systems on behalf of themselves and their children. The online form can be completed [here](#).

Online Safety Webinar – Link for Parents

Further to our Online Safety Webinar that Hannah Dow from the WSCC Online Safety Team presented last Friday, the recorded parent session can be viewed here: https://youtu.be/WdS_M8XsFIQ. The link will be available until May 27th.

Easter Holiday and Food

Families eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) will be entitled to a £15.00 voucher per FSM child, per week during the Easter holidays. These will shortly be dispatched in the usual way.

We also remind parents that bookings for the [Easter HAF Programme](#) are open. Places are available at a range of different holiday clubs across the county for children receiving benefits related FSM. Each session includes a free nutritious meal, and every eligible child can attend up to 4 sessions. For children who are not eligible for FSMs, but whose families need urgent support with food in West Sussex, the Community Hubs will be operating.

Good Friday Activity Morning

We have been asked to let you know that St Mary's Church are holding a family activity on Friday 29th March (Good Friday), starting at 10am. Click [here](#) for the online link for booking. There is no charge but St. Mary's would like an idea of how many people are coming so that sufficient eggs can be bought.

Community Heroes in Horsham District.

This project is part of Horsham District Council's 50th Anniversary celebrations. Their Chairman will be hosting a special thank you tea party at Warnham Local Nature Reserve in June for Community Heroes who have been nominated by local residents. The Council are asking creative primary-aged children in the District to design a thank you card for these fantastic people. Full details of the competition can be found on the [Council website](#). Also included on the website are details on how to nominate a community hero, which might include hardworking caretakers, fabulous volunteers, members of the PTA or the wonderful lollipop people who help children cross the roads on their way to school; all of whom go the extra mile, making our lives more enjoyable.

Week 10 - Fun with Words!

How many different ways can you find to say "hello" - try using different languages too!

Key Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 19th March at 2.30pm – Year 3 Drumming Performance to Parents in the hall
- Friday 22nd March – Rocksteady Concert (9.30am)
- Thursday 28th March – Inset Day
- Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April – Easter Holidays

PTA Dates for your diary:

- Friday 19th April – Spring Disco for all year groups (more information to follow)
- Friday 10th May – Bag2School Clothing Recycling Collection