

## Arunside Announcements Week Commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Forest School Newsletter

Mrs Yuille would like to share the [Spring Term 2024 Forest School Newsletter](#) with you – we hope you enjoy the photos that show the children having so much fun during their learning.

### Overdue Library Books

Currently we have 321 books that are 7 days or more overdue, which in monetary terms equates to approximately £2000! We are sure that you will appreciate our need to have these books returned and that you will support your child in finding and returning their book(s). Children with overdue books will have come home with a sticker detailing the name of the book(s). If it is not possible to return the book(s), please either replace them by ordering a replacement copy and dropping this into the school office or by clearing the £5 fee that will shortly appear as outstanding amount on the MCAS app. Mrs Watson would like to say a big thank you to those who have already found and returned books and asks that the hunt continues for those not yet found!

### Message of Thanks from Place2Be

Everyone at Place2Be would like to say a huge thank you for joining the Children's Mental Health Week 2024, and raising an amazing £309.08! To put this amount into context, every £16 raised could allow a child to book their own appointment to speak to a mental health professional about issues like anxiety, low mood, and self-harm, so the fundraising Arunside did will make a big difference. Thank you for empowering children and young people to use their voices, share what matters to them and encourage those around them to do the same. We are so grateful for your involvement.

### Recorder Donations

Y6 will be learning the recorder as part of their music curriculum in the summer term. While we have a number in school, ideally we'd like to make two class sets and would welcome any donations of recorders that may be surplus to requirements at home. If these could be delivered to the office, Mrs Hadden will collate for the music room. Thank you in advance for any help.

### 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' Campaign Parent Survey

The following survey aims to understand a bit more about children and vegetable eating and get your view on a TV advertising campaign and supporting programme that is running in many schools in your area. The survey is being carried out on the behalf of Veg Power by an independent market research agency. This means that what you say is completely anonymous and will not be linked back to you. The survey should take 10-15 minutes to complete and as a thank you for your time you will have the option to enter a prize draw to win one of 5 £50 shopping vouchers. The closing day for entry is 5pm, 12th of April  
<https://eatthemtodefearthem.com/west-sussex-survey/>

### Jake's Holiday Football Session

Jake, (Mr Lindsey) will be offering group football sessions, tailored to the different age groups, in Horsham during the Easter holidays. Sessions will be working on technical, physical and skills to improve football ability and of course.... to have fun! For more information please email Jake on: [JL7Sport@outlook.com](mailto:JL7Sport@outlook.com)  
Or telephone: 07749342474.

### **Easter Holiday Clubs and FSM Vouchers**

The Free School Meals (FSM) have now been awarded for the Easter holidays. Please let us know if these do not arrive in your inbox before the end of the spring term.

Parents of children receiving benefits related FSM are advised that the [Easter HAF Programme](#) is open for bookings and places are available at a range of different holiday clubs across the county. 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 lollypop 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 words can you think of to describe today's weather?*

### **Key Dates for the Diary**

- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Inset Day
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays

### **PTA Dates for your diary:**

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