

# Arunside Announcements Week Commencing 14th October 2024

## Year 4 – Parent's Meeting re the Residential Trip to Lodge Hill

To provide parents with more information about the residential trip to Lodge Hill in March 2025, the Year 4 team will be holding a meeting for parents on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 9am in the ICT suite. We hope you will be able to join them. However, if you are unable to attend, the slides will be published on the Year 4 page on the Arunside School website. The Harvest Assembly will follow and will take place at 9.30am in the school hall.

#### **Capturing Pupil Voice**

Governors regularly visit the school and on a termly basis they meet with our lead teachers to understand how teaching and learning is delivered in school. These meetings are known as governor monitoring visits and on occasions the governors will speak with a small group of children to discover which parts of their learning they have enjoyed and if there were any parts that they found more challenging. We thought that parents may be interested to know that 'pupil voice' is captured in this way and that the children may like to share their feedback with their families at home when discussing their school day.

### Help your child to Build their Cognitive Skills



The office is having to call home more and more frequently to ask parents to drop off, amongst other things, forgotten PE kits and lunchboxes. We are sure that those parents concerned would rather that this was not the case but perhaps the earlier releases of the PE timetable have been missed. So, with this in mind we have include it in this edition of the Arunside Announcements and ask parents to encourage their child to work towards remembering which is their PE day and checking before they leave the house and again if

they are getting out of a car that they have all that they need for the day ahead. Cognitive skills encompass various mental abilities, which includes memory, and these skills are the foundation of human intelligence and play an essential role in our everyday lives.

# **Allergy Aware**

In our efforts to ensure the safety, well-being, and inclusive learning experience of all our pupils at Arunside school, we are moving from simply being a nut aware school to an *Allergy Aware* school. We want Arunside parents and children to know that we take their allergies seriously and we ask that the rest of our community lend their support to help us achieve equality for all. We are seeing an increase in the number of snack bars that contain peanuts or coconut products (including lip balm) brought into school, and in addition to asking parents not to send these in, we ask that families make themselves aware of the dangers that these products have for allergy sufferers. We thank you for your help in this matter.

#### **Morning Drop off**

St. John's, our neighbouring school have kindly asked that parents of Arunside School do not use their drive-way into their car park for dropping children off at school in the morning. Please be considerate of St. John's staff who will be arriving for work at that time of the morning.



## **Harvest Collection – Donations to Horsham Food Bank**

The Horsham District Foodbank continues to face unprecedented demand for support. So far this year, they have provided almost 6,500 food parcels to individuals experiencing food poverty and continue to see first time users who have needed to turn to a food bank as their money does not stretch far enough to cover all the essentials.

Arunside therefore plans to collect donations for the Horsham Food Bank during the Harvest celebrations, and in particular the following items are requested:

- Any surplus home grown produce
- Toilet rolls
- Long life custard
- Long life fruit juices
- Hot chocolate
- Jars of cooking sauces
- Instant coffee
- Savoury snacks

Alternatively, if parents would prefer, they can make a financial donation on the 'Horsham Matters' Just Giving Page - Fill a plate and stop hunger - JustGiving . Your donation will make a huge difference and will help support the most vulnerable in our community.

# **Key Dates for the Diary**

- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October School Photos (individual)
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October Deadline for the return of the children's Xmas4Schools Artwork
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October Open Day Tours for EYFS in-take September 2025 9.30 11.00am
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October Open Day Tours for EYFS in-take September 2025 1.00 2.30pm
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October Harvest Festival (Y3&4 at 9.30 and Y1&2 at 2.30pm)
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November HALF TERM
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November Inset Day
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November Parents Evening Early Sessions (booking details will be released shortly)
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November -Parents Evening Lat Sessions (booking details will be released shortly)
- Monday Thursday 11 14<sup>th</sup> November Book Fair
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November Influenza Nasal Spray Vaccination Programme
- Tuesday 26th November Y4 Ukulele Performance to Parents 2.30pm on in the hall
- Rocksteady Concert Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am
- Christmas lunch menu Wednesday 11th December