



Arunside Announcements - Week Commencing 21st October 2024

Parents Evenings – Bookings Now Open

Parents will find that the booking system is now open on the MCAS app for appointments with the teachers. Tuesday 5th November is our early evening sessions with 10-minute appointments being available from 15.40 – 18.00hrs and the late session is on Thursday 7th November with appointments from 17.00 – 19.40hrs.

School Book Fair

We are running another book fair in November and as per usual, the children will be given an opportunity to get their wishlists ready for the opening of the fair on Monday 11th November from 3.30 - 4.00pm in the ICT suite. Parents will be able to visit at these times every day until Thursday 14th November.

FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME - Important information for parents/guardians

The Immunisation Service are visiting Arunside to administer the Flu vaccinations on Tuesday 12th November. During the week parents were sent a letter which contained information about the forthcoming session along with instructions on how to complete the online consent form.

Year 6 – Evacuee Day

As part of their History topic on World War 2, Year 6 children will take part in an Evacuee Day to experience how children may have felt when being evacuated during the war. The Evacuee Days will take place on *Wednesday 13th November* for Rowan Class and on *Friday 15th November* for Lime Class. Departure from school will be at 9.00am. and after a walk to Horsham station the children will catch the train to Billingshurst Station. Please pack a bottle of water and a traditional ‘War Time’ snack for your child, such as Jam or Spam sandwiches, digestive biscuits, bread and butter pudding etc. which they will eat before returning on the train from Billingshurst. Lunch will take place once the children have returned to school. To make the trip as authentic as possible we would like the children to **dress up as WWII evacuees** and bring with them either a small suitcase or a pillowcase to carry - should you need inspiration for the event, you can find some great ideas on the internet! However, please ensure that the children also bring a warm coat as the weather may be cold and they will need to wear comfortable shoes for walking.

Science Selfies

Science Selfie is back for the October half term! Take a photo of your child (or the whole family) doing something science-y over the break and email it in, with the subject **#ScienceSelfie**, to: scienceselfie@arunside.school. Ideas for photos include:

Exploring balancing on equipment at the park	Making unusual materials like slime	Identifying plants or animals in your garden
Exploring mixing and dissolving while baking	Reading some science news	Exploring materials in your home, in your garden or at your local park
Exploring how fast you can make a toy car travel	Practicing using equipment like scales and measuring jugs or whatever else you like!	

If you would like some inspiration for outdoor STEM activities, take a look here:

<https://www.weareteachers.com/outdoor-science/>. There will be a winner selected from Early



Years, Key Stage One, Upper Key Stage Two and Lower Key Stage Two, with exciting Science prizes! The deadline for the photos will be **Friday 8th November** and winners will be announced in the Wonderwall Assemblies on Friday 15th November. We can't wait to see your #ScienceSelfies!

Year 5&6 Remembrance Assembly – Friday 8th November

On Friday 8th November the Year 5&6 children will be holding their Remembrance Assembly and warmly invite parents and carers to join them on this date in the Hall from 9.00 – 9.30am

Healthy Eating Snacks

The school provides a variety of fresh fruit/veg every day for children in EYFS and KS1. All children can however bring their own piece of fruit, vegetable or plain biscuit for their snacks if they would prefer but this should only be one small snack – more than this would be considered excessive and is likely to deter the children from eating a healthy lunch. For inspiring healthy snack ideas, please do take a look at our [website](#) and as always, be considerate of potential allergies, ensuring that there are no nuts or nut products sent into school.

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 22nd 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.

Harvest Collection – Donations to Horsham Food Bank

Arunside will be collecting donations for the Horsham Food Bank during the Harvest celebrations, and in particular, the following items are needed:

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

Key Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 22nd October – Harvest Festival (Y3&4 at 9.30 and Y1&2 at 2.30pm)
- Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November – **HALF TERM**
- Monday 4th November – Inset Day
- Tuesday 5th November – Parents Evening – Early Sessions
- Thursday 7th November – Parents Evening – Late Sessions
- Friday 8th November - Y5+6 Remembrance assembly (9.00-9.30am) – Parents welcome.
- Monday 11th – Thursday 14th November – Book Fair after school in ICT Suite
- Tuesday 12th November – Influenza Nasal Spray Vaccination Programme (all Years)
- Tuesday 26th November - Y4 Ukulele Performance to Parents - 2.30pm on in the hall
- Rocksteady Concert – Friday 6th December – 10.30am
- School Christmas Lunch Day - Wednesday 11th December
- Y3-4 Carol Service at St. Mary's Church – Tuesday 17th December (PM)
- Y5-6 Carol Service at St. Mary's Church – Wednesday 18th December (PM)