

Arunside Announcements Week Commencing 18th November 2024



Book Fair – A reminder that the last opportunity to visit the book fair will be on Thursday 14th November, straight after school in the ICT suite. In order to ensure that your child receives the books paid for online, please drop the order forms into the school office by Friday Morning!



Author Visits - We are looking forward to our visits from two authors! David Fuller will be working with Key Stage 2 on Thursday 21st November. He will spend some time talking about his books and about what inspired him to become an author. You may pre-order copies of his book as per our recent email. Hannah Peckham will be working with Early Years and Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the afternoon of Thursday 28th November. She will talk about her job as an author and read some of her books. You may pre-order copies of her book or buy one after school on the day of her visit. The details about this were in a recent email too.



Christmas Cards – As a forewarning, this year we will once again be adopting our eco-Christmas card giving celebrations and ask that children just bring in one Christmas card for the whole class rather than one each for all their friends. More details will follow, but we wanted to let parents know before they shopped for greater quantities of Christmas cards!



Christmas Jumper Day – Our Christmas Jumper Day this year will be held on Friday 13th December and we look forward to seeing the children and staff looking Festive! We will be collecting donations for Save the Children and your support is much appreciated.

Parent Workshop – Zones for Regulations - On Monday 2nd Dec, there will be a parent workshop looking at Zones of Regulation from 2pm – 3pm in the ICT Suite. Please sign up in the office.



Winter 2024 HAF bookings are now open - Families who are accessing benefits related Free School Meals (FSM) can now make their bookings for the winter Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) Programme, using the West Sussex [online booking system](#). Children and young people who are in receipt of benefits related FSM can access up to 4 sessions this winter free of charge, and each session includes a nutritious meal.

Starting School – September 2025 - The application process for starting school in September 2025 opened with West Sussex on 7th October and parents are encouraged to apply for their child's school place using the [online system](#). Applications must be submitted by the national closing date of Wednesday 15th January 2025 to be considered on time.



Key Dates for the Diary

- Thursday 21st November – KS2 Author Day
- Tuesday 26th November - Y4 Ukulele Performance to Parents - 2.30pm on in the hall
- Thursday 28th November – EYFS, KS1 and Y3&4 Author Day
- Monday 2nd – Thursday 5th December – Year 6 Bikeability
- Monday 2nd December - Zones of Regulation, Parent Workshop, 2pm – 3pm - ICT Suite
- Friday 6th December - Rocksteady Concert – 10.30am
- Tuesday 10th December – Y1 Christmas Show – 2.30-3.00pm (Parents Invited)
- Wednesday 11th December - School Christmas Lunch Day
- Wednesday 11th December – Y2 Christmas Show – 2.30-3.00pm (Parents Invited)
- Thursday 12th December – EYFS Nativity - 2.30-3.00pm (Parents Invited)
- Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Tuesday 17th December (PM) - Y3-4 Carol Service at St. Mary's Church (Parents Invited) – times TBC
- Wednesday 18th December (PM) - Y5-6 Carol Service at St. Mary's Church (Parents Invited) – times TBC
- Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January – Christmas Holidays
- Monday 6th January 2025 – Inset Day