

Arunside Announcements Week Commencing 25th November 2024



PSHE Newsletter – we are delighted to share the Autumn term PSHE newsletter with our families. Please click on the following link to read all the news:

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/zp9YOe6gTLtP6VV0?ref=Link&loc=play>



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.



Author Visits and Book Fair - We are looking forward to our visit from Hannah Peckham, the author who will be working with Early Years and Years 1 - 4 on the afternoon of Thursday 28th November. Hannah 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.

There was £1439.56 worth of books sold at the Book Fair last week which has provided Arunside School with £791.76 in commission and we will spend this on new books for the children to enjoy. We very much want to thank everyone who visited the book fair and who bought books which helped us raise such a significant amount.



Year 6 Bikeability – Our Year 6 children are reminded that Bikeability will be held in school from Monday 2nd – Thursday 5th December. Those taking part will need to ensure that they have a roadworthy bike, a helmet and clothing that is going to be suitable for the weather and we urge parents to check as soon as possible that everyone has all that they will need.



SEND and Pastoral Team Parent Workshops – We are delighted to inform parents of our upcoming parent workshop sessions held in the ICT suite across this academic year. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers on Monday 2nd December at 2pm to share information on ‘The Zones of Regulation’ and how we use this across the school to support emotional regulation. Details of further sessions can be found on the attached flyer. Please call the office to book your place on the workshops you feel could benefit your child and family.



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.

We remind parents of our protocol that means no dogs are allowed in the school grounds and we thank you for your support in this matter.

Key Dates for the Diary

- 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 – **9.30am** (Please note a time change to previously advertised)
- 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

PTA News

 Support Arunside PTA’s Christmas Raffle! 

We’re raising funds for school trips, new equipment and more—and we need your help! Can you or your business donate a prize? Gift vouchers, festive treats, toys—anything helps!



Prize donation deadline: 24th November

✉ Email: pta@arunside.school

📦 Drop off: School office

Donors will be featured on our Facebook page. Thank you for your support!

🎄 **Arunside PTA Christmas Raffle is Coming Soon!** 📦

The online Christmas raffle opens **Monday, 25th November**, with the prize draw on **Monday, 9th December**. Winners will be announced and contacted via email later that day.

Thank you for supporting our school—good luck!

Xmas4Schools - Orders Ready for Collection

If you have yet to collect your Xmas4Schools order please note that these are in the school office and can be collected at drop-off or pick-up times from a member of the School Office Team.