

Arunside Announcements Week Commencing 16th December 2024



Christmas Reading Challenge - The children in Early Years, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will have brought home a Christmas Reading Challenge this week. Please complete the activities at home to help promote reading for pleasure. Please return the sheets, with the activities ticked off, to your child's class teacher by Friday 10th January. The class who returns the most will be rewarded with a film and snacks one afternoon. The sheets are also available on the school website in the Reading section.



After School Clubs – We remind parents that the teacher-led clubs for the Autumn term have now finished. Please check all other dates with external-providers. The Spring Term 2025 schedule for after-school clubs has been released so that you can talk through the options with your child in order to confirm which clubs they would be interested in attending. Details of how to book will be sent out very shortly.

Starting School – September 2025 - Parents are reminded that they will need to apply for a school place using the West Sussex online system for those children due to start school in September 2025. Applications must be submitted by the national closing date of Wednesday 15th January 2025.



Carol Service – St Mary's Church - We look forward to welcoming our families to join us at St Mary's Church (Causeway, Horsham, RH12 1HE) for our **Y3 & 4 Carol service on Tuesday 17th December** and our **Y5 & 6 on Wednesday 18th December**. Both services will start at **2pm**. At the end of the service, children may be collected from the church. In order for us to do this swiftly, we ask that families exit the church promptly to wait outside and children will then be dismissed by their class teachers via the front exit. If your child is to be collected by someone else other than a parent/carer, please can this be notified to the school office by 9am on the day of the service to ensure class that teachers have this information with them on departure. We will be collecting for the Salvation Army on both days if anyone would like to contribute to this worthy cause.



Spare a Thought for Others – Whilst the complaints that we receive about irresponsible parking do not usually extend as far out as Three Acres, this week we have heard from a very reasonable complainant who lives there. Everyone appreciates how busy the morning routine can be, but we kindly ask that you spare a thought for others and the fact that they may have to exit their driveways in the morning rush and irresponsible parking can makes this impossible for them. Thank you!

Family Reading – The last session for the Autumn term was Friday 13th December. We thank parents for their support and look forward to seeing everyone again next term.



Key Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 17th December 2.00pm - Y3&4 Carol Service at St. Mary's Church (Parents invited)
- Wednesday 18th December 2.00pm - Y5&6 Carol Service at St. Mary's Church (Parents invited)
- Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January – Christmas Holidays
- Monday 6th January 2025 – Inset Day
- Monday 27th – Friday 31st January Reception Class Screening