



## Arunside Announcements Week Commencing 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Drop-off arrangements for children in Years 1&2** - Now that we have started our Spring term, parents of children in Years 1&2 are asked to say goodbye to their child at the main school gate. This will be in support of the school's vision and values where our children are helped to build resilience and develop independence. During the autumn term, our Year 1 children have done a great job of familiarising themselves with their route down to the classroom! Miss Carlberg and Mrs Manager will continue to await their safe arrival outside the classrooms as the children walk themselves round the back of the school along with the other year groups.

**After School Clubs** – Parents will have noticed that children have been allocated, *where possible* to either their first or second choice of club requested. Please check your MCAS account for confirmation. Payments should also be made via the MCAS system and these are due by 7<sup>th</sup> February. We are mindful that some clubs were heavily oversubscribed and therefore adjustments may be necessary after half term in an effort to be more inclusive. Meanwhile, we would like to let you know that there are several places available on the Y6 Sixers Club run by Mrs Paine on a Tuesday and the Y1 Lego club on a Thursday. We are also compiling a list of names for those interested in the Y5&6 Cricket club that Fred Bridges will run after half term on a Tuesday. Please email [comms@arunside.school](mailto:comms@arunside.school) to reserve a place on this club. With the exception of code club, all teacher-led clubs start week commencing 20th January.

**Family Reading EYFS and Years 1&2** – these sessions resume on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Parents or other family members are invited into school on a Friday at 8.35am when the children come in for the start of the day. A bell will be rung at 8.50am indicating the end of the session and parents are asked to leave the school at this time.

**Starting School – September 2025** – This is a final reminder that applications for children starting school in September 2025 must be submitted by the national closing date of Wednesday 15th January 2025.

**Parenting Workshop for Families of SEND Children**– We are very disappointed to announce that the parenting workshop for families of SEND Children has been **cancelled** due to lack of interest.

### Key Dates for the Diary

- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Census Day Lunch
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Reception Class Screening
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Half Term
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Inset Day
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Y6 Mock SATs Week
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day