



## Arunside Announcements Week Commencing 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Christmas Reading Challenge** – Congratulations are given to Buttercup class who had the most returns for the Christmas Reading Challenge and we hope that they enjoy their prize of a film afternoon!

**After School Clubs** – Whilst many of our clubs run by external providers have already started, our internal teacher led clubs start this week (although, there will be no code club on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January – it starts on 30<sup>th</sup> January). Parents are asked to make the payment for clubs on the MCS app before 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

As is often the case, after the initial booking process some children have decided not to continue with the club they had chosen and we now have spaces available on the following clubs: Year 6 Sixers (Tuesday), Year 3-6 Mandarin (Tuesday), Year 1 Lego (Thursday which is also now open to Year 1-3). Please email [comms@arunside.school](mailto:comms@arunside.school) if you would like to reserve a place on one of these clubs. Similarly, do the same if you would like to book your Year 5&6 child in for the Countdown Cricket after half term.

**Family Reading for EYFS and Years 1&2** – We hope that those who were able to come along to Family Reading when it resumed on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January, enjoyed the session and remind everyone that parents or other family members of EYFS and Years 1&2 children are invited into school on a Friday morning from 8.35 - 8.50am. A bell will be rung at the end of the session indicating that it is time for the parents to leave and the rest of the school day will then begin.

### 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
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Residential Trip to Lodge Hill
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Y3 drumming performance to parents at 2.30pm.
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Rock Steady Concert – Parents invited

### PTA Messages

**PTA World Book Day - Book donations** - The PTA are reaching out to gather books for the PTA World Book Day fundraiser. We are particularly looking for books aimed at older readers (ages 8-12), but we would be grateful for any donations you are able to offer. Please ensure the books are in good condition, with no torn pages or drawings inside, as we want them to be enjoyed by others. Donations can be dropped off at the school office any time before Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for your support – it means a lot to us, and we appreciate the contributions!