



Arunside Announcements Week Commencing 10th February 2025

Easy Lunch Reminders – If you have not already booked your Easy Lunch meals for the next half term you might like to know that the deadline for booking meals that will be eaten on Monday 24th February is midnight on **Saturday 15th February**. You will need to do this via the www.theeasycompany.co.uk website.

Easy Lunch will be proving Pancakes for pudding on Tuesday 4th March in celebration of Shrove Tuesday, (Pancake Day!) These will be served with golden syrup (registered Special diets will be catered for accordingly).

Parents evenings – Bookings are now open on the MCAS app for the spring term Parents Evenings which will take place on Monday 10th March (late session) and Tuesday 11th March (early session). Please note that as our teachers will be meeting with parents, there will be no teacher-led after school clubs on Tuesday 11th March 2025.

Child Safety – For the safety of all our children, parents are asked to note the following:

- **School arrival – Children arriving at school for 08.10hrs is too early** – We are concerned about the number of children waiting outside the school gate unsupervised at this time of the morning. The traffic that goes up and down the Blackbridge Lane poses a danger to these children – please ensure your child is arriving no earlier than 8.30am
- **Children arriving at school on scooters or bikes must wear cycle helmets** – We have received phone calls from caring members of the community expressing their concern for Arunside school children who are not wearing safety headwear when cycling to and from school. It is a condition of the school rules that children who choose to cycle/scoot to school, must wear a cycle helmet!
- **Parking/stopping cars immediately outside the school gate in order for children to get out, is not ok** – We ask that parents park their cars where it is safe to do so and away from the school gates at all times.

After School Clubs - Just a reminder that our Y5&6 Countdown Cricket Club with Fred Bridges starts after half term (25th February – 1st April). We are looking for more children to join and ask that you email comms@arunside.school if you would like to register your child. The club cost £6 for the half term.

Payments for all other clubs were due on Friday 7th February and if you have yet to make this payment, please do so via the MCAS app. Thank you.



West Sussex Disability Register - The library service runs the Disability Register for young people under 25 who have special educational needs and disabilities. West Sussex County Council collects information about children and young people age 0 - 25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to help plan and deliver their services.

Benefits include:

- Help influence services and plan events.
- Receive regular e-Newsletters with local events, activities and information.
- Access discounts on local and national attractions – via the [Max Card](#).

Please visit <https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/-/disability-register> for further information and details on registering.

Free School Meal (FSM) Vouchers - Utilising funding from the governments' Household Support Fund to help support those most in need, and to help with global inflationary challenges and the significantly rising cost of living, West Sussex County Council is pleased to confirm that families with Free School Meals (FSM) eligible children, will once again be entitled to a voucher for each FSM child during the upcoming February half term school holiday. These will be available from 10th February and recipients will be emailed in the usual way. For children who are not FSM eligible but who's families need urgent support with food in West Sussex, the Community Hub is operating.

Christs Hospital, 2025 Open Mornings - We have been asked to let you know about the Open Mornings that Christs Hospital will be hosting on the following dates: Saturday 8th March; 26th March and 6th September. To book a place, please visit their [website](#).

Key Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day
- Monday 17th to Friday 21st February – **Half Term**
- Monday 24th February – **Inset Day**
- Monday 3rd to Thursday 6th March – Y6 Mock SATs Week
- Tuesday 4th March - Shrove Tuesday – Pancakes for lunch when booked through Easy Lunch
- Thursday 6th March – World Book Day
- Monday 10th March - Parents Evenings (late session) – book via MCAS
- Tuesday 11th March - Parents Evenings (early session) – book via MCAS
- Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th March – Year 4 Residential Trip to Lodge Hill
- Tuesday 25th March - Y3 drumming performance to parents at 2.30pm.
- Friday 28th March – Rock Steady Concert – Parents invited

PTA Messages

Valentine's Day Bake Sale – We Need Your Help!

We need your help to make our Valentine's Day Bake Sale a success! Please consider donating homemade or shop-bought Valentine's treats (no nuts, please) by dropping them off at school in the morning on Friday, 14th February. The sale will start at school pickup, with all money raised going towards supporting our school. Payment accepted via cash, card, or QR code.



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 5th March. Thank you for your support – it means a lot to us, and we appreciate the contributions!