



Arunside Announcements Week Commencing 24th February 2025

Easy Lunch – If you have not already booked your Easy Lunch meals for the next half term we would like to let you know that the deadline for meals that will be eaten on Monday 24th February is midnight on **Saturday 15th February**. You will need to book 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).

Headteacher Cover – Mrs Jagger has been asked to cover the headteacher role for a struggling school that currently has no leadership. The agreement is that Mrs Jagger will not be onsite three-days a week at Arunside during the next half term. This arrangement will be in place for approximately 2-6weeks and during the cover period, Mrs Hadden will be acting headteacher for Arunside, supported by the our leadership team.

Year 5 – Oak Class – Swimming - We remind parents that the second block of swimming lessons for Oak class resumes on Monday 3rd March (with the final session being on Monday 31th March).

The children walk to and from the pool regardless of whether or not they are taking part in the arranged lessons and may be picked up straight from the Pavilions at 3:15pm. However, parents are advised that we will be unable to wait for anyone who might be running late as we need to return the other children back to school for 3.50pm. We will also be unable to release any child during our walk back.

Children will need to bring a small bag containing a swimming costume (not bikini), a towel, a water bottle and a swimming hat in order to comply with pool's regulations. Children are not permitted to wear jewelry and long hair must be tied back before entering the pool.

The request for financial contributions can be found on the My Child at School app for those who have not yet contributed. Should making this contribution causes financial difficulty for you and your family, please do not hesitate to contact the office who will be happy to arrange a confidential meeting with Mrs Jagger so that alternative arrangements can be made.

Parents evenings – Bookings are now open on the MCAS app for 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.

Safer Internet Day – This week, during Safer Internet Day, children across the school took part in additional lessons to promote the theme for this year: 'Too Good to Be True?', the focus being to protect ourselves and others from online scams.

In addition, Mr Heath, our ICT Lead, has created a new page on our website with some brilliant online safety resources from ParentZone as a quick signpost for our families on a number of areas that we often have parental queries about. Please do visit this new page:

<https://arunside.school/online-safety-with-parentzone/>. TikTok is one of the most popular social media apps among children and teenagers, but it comes with risks that parents should be aware of. [This guide](#) outlines concerns such as exposure to inappropriate content, contact with strangers, harmful trends, and in-app spending. Please take a moment to read through the poster to understand these risks and how to help keep children safe online.

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.

PE days for next half term: Please check out our amended PE Timetable on our [website](#).

Key Dates for the Diary

- Monday 17th to Friday 21st February – **Half Term**
- Monday 24th February – **Inset Day**
- Tuesday 25th February – Forest School - Group 3 Trip to Mayes Farm
- Monday 3rd March – Swimming starts again for Oak Class
- 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