

## Arunside Announcements Week Commencing 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025



**Sports Day** – We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Sports Day on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Timings are as follows:

**KS2 - Morning (9.15-11.45)** - Parents/carers to arrive at 9.10am

**EYFS and KS1 - Afternoon (1.15-3.15)** - Parents to arrive at 1.10pm

The PTA will have refreshments on sale for visitors on the day.

Please also ensure your child has a named water bottle and sun hat with them, alongside their PE kit.

**SATs** – Well done to all of Year 6 for their hard work this week, and thanks to the PTA for providing a lovely breakfast each morning, ensuring the children got off to a great start.

**Arunside Sponsored Spell** – As per the letter you received earlier this week, we are thrilled to be raising funds towards building a brilliant outdoor reading area. Please encourage your children to get involved and help them with their spellings.



**Concerned about your child's online safety?** - Join us for an informative session led by Alan O'Donohoe from Exa Networks on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 9am in the school hall. This 30-minute workshop will provide valuable advice and practical strategies to help you keep your child safe online. There will also be opportunities to ask questions. Please sign up via the school office.

Want more information? <https://youtu.be/wewNLspbud8>

**Spoons** – A plea from the canteen staff. Many children are loaned spoons if they don't have one in their packed lunch, but not many are returning them. There is now a shortage of spoons to go around. Please can parents check their cutlery drawers at home, and return any belonging to school.

**Big Sing Choir** - Spaces are still available for Years 4-6. Children attending this lunchtime club will be preparing for the 'KS2 Horsham Big Sing' which takes place with other local schools on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 9.30 - 11.30am at Greenway Academy, Horsham. The children will be walked to and from the event in school time for this event, more details to follow. The final session for this club will be Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June.



**Year 2 Trip to Preston Manor** – A friendly reminder to make a payment via MCAS if it has slipped your mind. If we do not manage to cover the cost we will sadly have to cancel the booking and reimburse those who have contributed already.

**Lost Property** - We have acquired three pairs of reading glasses and a door key. Please check with reception if you believe they belong to you or your child.



**National Walk to School Week 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Please encourage children to get involved.

**Early Help Drop-In Session 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025** – See flyer below for details – open to all parents and carers.

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**Horsham Children's Parade** – There are still some spaces left for Year 5 Children who wish to take part.



We still need of a large number of Tetrapak cartons which are clean, dried and opened out by cutting down a seam to flattened out, like a rectangle, in preparation for making resources for the Horsham Parade. If you can, please could you support with this by collecting any Tetrapak cartons over the next half term and returning to school like the image to the left. We need at least 40-50 by early June and the orange/UHT milk sized ones would be the best size, although any would be useful! The children can bring these to class or return via the office for our collection box. Thank you in advance.

**Free School Meal (FSM) Vouchers** - 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 per week of the upcoming May Half Term. These will be available next week 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.



**Science Selfie is back for the May half term!** - Take a photo of yourselves doing something science-y over the break and email it in, with the subject **#ScienceSelfie**, to this email address: [scienceselfie@arunside.school](mailto:scienceselfie@arunside.school)

Your photos could be of you and your family doing anything from:

- Exploring balancing on equipment at the park
- Exploring mixing and dissolving while baking
- Identifying plants or animals in your garden
- Exploring materials in your home, in your garden or at your local park
- Practicing using equipment like scales and measuring jugs
- Making unusual materials like slime
- Reading some science news
- Exploring how fast you can make a toy car travel
- Whatever you like!

If you would like some inspiration for outdoor STEM activities, take a look here:

<https://www.weareteachers.com/outdoor-science/>

There will be a winner selected from Early Years, Key Stage One, Upper Key Stage Two and Lower Key Stage Two, with exciting Science prizes!

Deadline for the photos will be **Friday 6th June**.

Winners will be announced in the Wonderwall Assemblies on Friday 13th June.

We can't wait to see your #ScienceSelfies!

**Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies** – Reminder to order these **before 11pm on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May**.

**Summer Fete** – This has been booked for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025. Please see attached flyer from the PTA for details.

### Key Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Sports Day
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May Half Term
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Non-Uniform Day
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fete
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Inset Day



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### Early Help Drop-In Session for Parents & Carers



#### Need a bit of extra support?

Want to know what help is available for you and your family?

Come along to our **Early Help Drop-In Session!**



**Date:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May



**Time:** 2-3pm – Come and go as you please!



**Location:** Arunside School ICT Suite

- ✓ Find out what *Early Help* is all about
- ✓ Talk to the friendly team
- ✓ Get advice, support, and answers to your questions
- ✓ No pressure – just pop in and say hello!

Whether you're looking for parenting support, advice about school, health, finances, or emotional wellbeing—**we're here to help.**

**All parents and carers welcome!**

Light refreshments provided ☕🍰

Please sign up in the school office as soon as possible 😊