



ARNOLD VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

December 2018

Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to those pupils and parents who once again donated shoeboxes for our annual Shoe Box appeal. This year we had 24 boxes donated.

Thank you to Jenny Scott for organising this. The shoebox appeal works each year to provide a little bit of joy to children, of all ages, in poverty stricken areas of the world.



Attendance

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
TARGET: 96%**

Congratulations to Class 5 for not only achieving the best overall attendance last term with an amazing 99%, but for also receiving the most weekly class attendance rewards.

Well
Done
Class 5!!



Welcome to our final newsletter of 2018.

As usual we have had a very busy half term with lots of things happening. Staff and children worked hard preparing for the Key Stage 1 and Foundation nativities, Key Stage 2 carol services, whole school party day and Christmas dinner day! All of these things happened alongside their English, Math's and topic work.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy, healthy 2019 and to thank you all for your support over the past year.

Parent Information Meetings

This half term, staff have been busy planning and delivering information meetings for parents and carers about our approach to English. They have focused on how we teach phonics, spelling, reading, grammar and writing and how you can best support your child at home.

Year Group	No. of parents that attended	Year Group	No. of parents that attended
F1	12 out of 21	Y3	6 out of 44
F2	30 out of 45	Y4	9 out of 43
Y1	18 out of 43	Y5	6 out of 40
Y2	8 out of 43	Y6	7 out of 45

These meetings were well received given by the parent comments on the feedback forms:

“Really useful and good to have an insight into how the sessions work.” (F1 parent)

“Amazed at how much things have changed from when much older children were at school.” (F2 parent)

“The meeting was very succinct and contained key information. It was great to be given handouts to support my child at home and also useful websites. Thankyou.” (KS1 parent)

“Very useful, learning how, as a school, you approach the teaching of reading, spelling and grammar. Interesting and engaging. Thanks ladies.” (LKS2 parent)

“Very informative. I now have a better understanding on what to focus on with my child.” (UKS2 parent)

Anti-Bullying

We had a successful anti-bullying day on Friday 16th November. The theme was 'Choose Respect'. The children took part in an assembly and demonstrated excellent examples of how they can choose respect on a regular basis, such as being kind to others and showing them respect. We have had some lovely art work which links to the theme and will be on display in the corridor.



Gold—Green Tree Award

We are extremely proud to announce that we have just been accredited with Gold for the 'Green Tree Award.' A very special thank you to Miss Spencer for all the hard work that she has put into achieving this award. Congratulations!!

Cross Country

Our Year 5/6 Cross Country team braved the weather ☀ and took part in the Gedling Cross Country Competition. With 57 boys and 57 girls taking part from across the area, the top 12 of each would go on to represent Gedling at the County Finals in February.

The boys finished: 11th, 16th, 21st and 35th.

The girls finished: 7th, 8th, 19th and 33rd. - 3rd OVERALL

Fantastic effort and results by all 8 of our athletes...we are proud of them all.

Well done and good luck to Noah, Crystal and Libby in the County Finals as they represent Arnold View and Gedling in February.

Remembrance

Andy McKinnon from the Arnold History Group led an assembly for KS2 children on WW1 and how the great war affected the lives of 2 families in Arnold. The children were enthralled and captivated by Andy's assembly and were eager to ask some very interesting and insightful questions. Andy then had a tour around school to look at the poppy displays commemorating 100 years since the end of WW1. Each class commemorated 100 years since the end of WW1 by creating artwork and displays around school to remember those who fought in the war. Our Poppy appeal this year raised £42.18—thank you!

Egyptian Day



The children in classes 9, 10 and 11 had a blast on their recent Egyptians Day. They enjoyed dressing up in their best Egyptian clothing (or best linen bandages in the cases of the Mummies!) and took part in a range of activities such as constructing pyramids, making lucky amulets, learning about Hieroglyphics and even Egyptian dancing! One of their favourite parts of the day was making their friends into toilet roll mummies, where they worked as a team to show off their mummification skills. What a great way to start a topic!

Arts Week

As part of arts week and Diwali the children enjoyed a fabulous assembly, learning all about Bhangra dancing and the history behind the dance moves. Thank you so much to the Singh family for their colourful and rhythmical demonstration. The teachers joined in and they weren't that bad either !





CHILDREN IN NEED – 18/11/16

For Children in Need this year, with the help of your support, the school raised a huge £502.41! Thank you to everyone who donating cakes, and for buying them. The school council did an amazing job organising the cake sale and all of the cakes sold within half an hour! Non-school uniform day was also a great success. Again, thank you for your support.

T'is the season to be jolly.....

It is always a busy period in school during December with lots of fun, festive things to be doing. We still have the party day to enjoy before we break up.



Arnold light switch on: Mrs Scott and the school choir (including a guest appearance from Mrs Bryant and Mrs Usher) performed several songs to a packed crowd, while family and friends proudly watched them, at the Arnold Light Switch On event, on 23rd November. As usual it was a fantastic performance. A big thank you to everyone who supported, including all the staff who turned up, for this event.

FAV Christmas Gift Shop: Thank you to our FAV team for organising this event. The response from the children was overwhelming and they had great fun selecting their “Secret” presents for their family.

Foundation Stage Nativity: Wow! What an fantastic cast in the foundation nativity “Away in a Manger”. All the children were amazing. Their singing, dancing and lines were perfect and they all looked fabulous in their costumes. We were so proud of all their hard work.



KS2 Carol Service:

It was lovely to see so many parents at Arnold Methodist church to watch this years KS1 performance of ‘The Magical Christmas Jigsaw.’ The children who participated were fantastic, singing and performing their hearts out of the nativity story to a packed church. We would like to thank Rev Richard Byass and the Methodist church for their support. Thank you also for your donations which will be sent to “The Stroke” charity. In total £142.80 was raised on the night.

KS1 Nativity:-

The children in KS1 worked very hard to prepare for their Nativity “The Inn-Spectors” which was performed in front of family and friend last week. What an amazing performance and story, we were extremely proud of all of them.

Christmas Dinner: What a marvellous meal we all had on Friday 14th December. A big thank you to our school chef **Mrs Oiytch** and her team for all their hard work—cooking over 300 meals was no mean feat! The behaviour of the children was excellent and staff once again enjoyed sitting and sharing a Christmas meal with them and hearing all the stories they had to share.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2019

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

Mon 7th January Return to school
Tue 15th January Class 6/7/8 parents maths workshop
Thurs 17th January Class 9/10/11 parents maths workshop
Mon 21st January Class 3/4/5 parents maths workshop
Tue 29th January F/S parents maths workshop

Mon 11th February Parents Evening
Tue 12th February F2/Year 6 weight & height
Wed 13th Feb Parents Evening
Fri 15th February Last Day of School
Mon 25th February INSET DAY
Tue 26th February Return to school

Thurs 7th March World Book Day
Thurs 28th March FAV Disco

Tues 2nd April KS2 Decorate an Egg
Weds 3rd -5th April Year 6 PGL Visit
Fri 5th April FS/KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
Last Day of School
Tues 23rd April Return to school



ADVICE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

DURING ANY INCLEMENT WEATHER OVER THE COMING MONTHS COULD WE PLEASE ADVISE YOU TO LISTEN TO:

RADIO NOTTINGHAM

95.5, 103.8 FM

ANY SCHOOL CLOSURES WILL BE ANNOUNCED VIA THIS STATION.

A MESSAGE WILL ALSO BE UPLOADED ONTO THE PARENTMAIL SYSTEM (EMAIL/TEXT) , CLASS DOJO/ WHOLE SCHOOL DOJO AND WEBSITE (WWW.ARNOLDVIEW.NOTTS.SCH.UK)

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

If you have not already registered for the Parentmail or Class Dojo system we would advise you to do so to enable us to contact you via text and email in the event of a closure.

