

ARNOLD VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

16th October 2017

NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to the autumn term, what a busy start we have had to the year already. We have lots of exciting things planned for the coming term and look forward to these. I am delighted to inform you that we had a fantastic set of Key Stage 2 SATs results at the end of the year last year, with attainment above national expectations in all areas. So a big well done to everyone involved.

I would like to welcome Mr Booth (Class 8), Miss Britchford and Mrs Bowler (Class 4) and finally Miss Johnston (Class 11) to our team; they seem to have settled in really well so far and have appreciated the warm welcome they have received from parents, staff and children. For your information as well as being the teacher in Class 4, Mrs Bowler is our new Deputy Head teacher and SENco. Mrs Smeathers and Mrs Haigh will both begin their maternity leave at October half term, so we wish them all the best for becoming new mums.

Attendance: We have recently reviewed our attendance policy, following feedback from the parent questionnaire sent out in the summer term. Below is a reminder of the new and improved incentives, on offer, to celebrate great attendance across the school.

Weekly Class Reward

Classes with 99% attendance or above, each week, will receive a voucher that they can exchange for a reward from a menu of prizes on offer.

Termly Individual Reward

Children with 99% attendance or above during the term will receive a non-uniform day along with a voucher to take part in an activity on our Attendance Reward Days which will take place each term.

Annual Individual Reward

Children with 99% attendance or above each term will be entered into a prize draw to take place at the end of the year.

Children with 100% attendance for the year will receive an individual gift to congratulate them for their fantastic achievement.

Welcome to the Fireflies, Busy Bees & Ladybirds

Foundation had an **animaltastic** day to celebrate their 'Animal Antics' topic at the start of the autumn term. They dressed up as animals, followed animal footprints round the room, ate animal biscuits (yum!) and finished their day with an animal bop in the hall.

Lots of tired little animals went home that night! Sleepy roar!!



What's happening in the classes?

We have a busy term planned and all the children are working on a cross curricular approach to their learning:-

Year 1 & 2

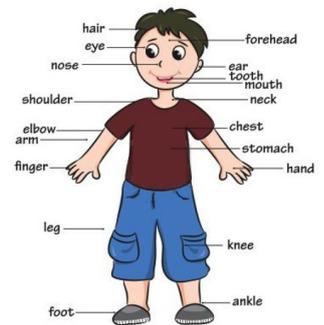
Children in KS1 will be learning about the Victorians and the World (& looking out for "Wally"). English work will follow the Talk 4 Writing scheme, while maths will be looking at calculations including addition & subtraction.



Year 3 & 4



The topic this term is "How would we survive without Water?" The children will be exploring this in a range of different subjects. They will be looking at stories like The Fantastic Mr Fox and studying Christianity, while in maths there is a big focus on number place, value and problem solving



Year 5 & 6

Our older children are asking the question "What would a journey through our body look like?" this will include looking at diet and the impact on our bodies. English will follow the "Talk 4 Writing process and in history they will be asking "Were the Vikings always vicious and victorious?"



The Selfish Giant

The school were treated to yet another fantastic performance from Image Theatre, on Monday 25th September. The retelling of a classic Oscar Wilde story was brought to life by catchy songs, passionate singing, great actors and a few budding stars of our own. A great afternoon watching and joining in; the children understood the meaning of the tale and continued to do work throughout the week in their class.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Once again we would like to thank everyone who supported Mrs Stevenson and her team at this years MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September. There was a fantastic turnout and we raised £1,132.25 with a further £95.45 from the circle of coins event.



Harvest Festival



Thank you for your generous donations to this years Harvest festival. We managed to send out an incredible 24 boxes to nominated recipients and the surplus items are being taken to the local food bank. The children all contributed to a wonderful Harvest assembly, performing to each other.

Important Reminders

Parking outside school:- Can we please ask for your assistance in helping us to keep your children safe by being considerate when you are driving and parking outside school. Please ensure that you avoid parking on the yellow zigzags lines (and the pavement next to the yellow zigzags) and do not park on the street corners. Please avoid obstructing residents driveways and be mindful to their property, as we are aware that one resident has had damage to their wall after it was hit by a car.

Please remember you can get a parking pass from school to allow you to park in the Friar Tuck car park during 8.40am-9.10am in the morning and 3.20pm-3.50pm in the afternoon. When using the car park you must park on the left hand side and not in the disabled spaces, which are for pub customers only.

Remember the Safety of our students, your children, is paramount.

Before School: - The school gates are opened at 8.45am, children should not be unsupervised before this time. Children should not be playing near visitors cars or on the grass area around this space.

Entry on to site:- For safety reasons can we please ask that parents and children DO NOT use the car park gate, with the electric gates, to enter or leave the school site, even before or after school. The pedestrian gate at the side of the office should be used at all times.

Scooters/Bikes:- Can we please remind parents that your child needs to dismount their scooters/bikes at the school gate and walk while on the school site. If children ride scooter or bikes on the school premises then this privilege may be removed from them.

Play Equipment:- Play equipment, such as the trim trail, Foundation equipment and tyres, on the KS 2 playground, should not be played on before or after school. These should only be used during school time, when they are supervised by staff.

Post Box:- For your convenience we have a post box in the reception foyer. Please feel free to put any non-cash items into this post box to avoid you having to queue at reception. It is emptied daily.

After School Clubs:- Can we please remind parent/carers that it is important that you advise the school office if your child is unable to attend a club that takes place after school. Children will have been allocated a space and there is an expectation that they will attend; they will not be released from class at the end of the day unless we are aware of any reasons for non attendance.

School Dinners:- We now have a new school dinner system in operation and we hope the children are enjoying the option to have something new. We would ask you to support us in ensuring that your child keeps to the choices made to avoid any food shortages or waste.

Friends of Arnold View:- Our PTA are always looking for new members to help support and fund raise for the school. If you can spare them some time please leave your details at the office for someone to contact you.

Our Local Residents:- We have some lovely residents who are very supportive of the school and in return we would like to ask parents and children to respect their property. Please do not allow your children to run around their front gardens (including the step and paths around the new buildings just above our school) and not "Knock & Run" on their front doors.

Class Dojo

What a fantastic way to see how well your child is performing in relation to the 'Behaviours For Learning' across AVPS! Class Dojo is a great way to see the rewards given to your child in the last school week. Check on their allocation of Dojos for behaviours such as

'Imagination,' 'Questioning,' 'Respect,' 'Cooperation,' 'Friendship,' 'Kindness,' 'Resilience,' 'Confidence' amongst many others. Not only that, but periodically, your teacher may also be able to message you about activities and success' within their classroom, show you photographs of your child's work, and even possibly provide video clips of them learning in AVPS!! Download the app today and input the special, unique code given to you by your child's class teacher. (See your child's teacher for the special code, if you have yet to receive it, or it has been misplaced). Go Dojo!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2017

Mon 16th Oct Open Evening (3.40pm & 7.00pm)

Wed 18th Oct Open Evening (3.40pm & 5.00pm)

Mon 23rd Oct till Fri 27th Oct = Half Term



Mon 30th Oct INSET DAY

Thu 16th Nov FAV Disco

Tue 21st Nov Reception/Year 1,2,3,4 Flu Vaccination

Fri 1st Dec Arnold View Christmas Gift Shop

Thu 7th Dec FS Nativity (am & pm)

Mon 11th Dec Carol Service

Tue 12th Dec Year 6 DARE Graduation

Thu 14th Dec KS1 Nativity (am & pm)

Fri 15th Dec Christmas Dinner

Mon 18th Dec Christmas Craft Day

Wed 20th Dec Party Day

Thu 21st Dec Foundation Panto (tbc)

Last Day of School

Fri 22nd Dec INSET DAY

2018

Mon 8th Jan Return to School

Mon 16th Apr INSET DAY

Fri 29th Jun INSET DAY



Merry Christmas

