



ARNOLD VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

28th September 2018

NEWSLETTER

Welcome back..

..to a new term, we hope you all had a lovely summer. As usual we have lots planned for the upcoming term.

Our priorities for this year are to:

1. Raise attainment and increase progress in maths, reading, writing and GPS
2. Ensure that the % of pupils working at the expected standard in phonics is maintained at end of year 1
3. Ensure that the % of pupils working at a good level of development at the end of F2 is at least in line with national

Attendance

As we start the new year another big focus for school improvement is improving attendance across the school and we would like to ask for your support with this. Every time your child misses a day off school, they miss out on English, Maths, reading and spelling work that they are often unable to catch up with, which creates gaps in their learning. In order for these gaps to be minimised we need your child, where possible, to be in school every day, so that they have the best possible chance of achieving their full potential.

Did you know?

90% attendance is equivalent to missing 19.5 days per year (approx. 4 weeks)

95% attendance is equivalent to missing 9.75 days per year (approx. 2 weeks)

If a child's attendance falls below 95% every year that they attend Arnold View they would be missing approx. 68 days of school (approx. 13.5 weeks). Evidence in school has shown that this does result in gaps in learning and makes it harder for children to catch up.

Below are the attendance figures for 2017- 18

F2 – 95. 2% (25/45 children achieved the school target of 96%)

Yr 1 – 96.5% (27/45 children achieved the school target of 96%)

Yr 2- 96.8% (33/45 children achieved the school target of 96%)

Yr 3 – 96.6% (32/40 children achieved the school target of 96%)

Yr 4 – 97% (27/40 children achieved the school target of 96%)

Yr 5 -96.6% (34/44 children achieved the school target of 96%)

Yr 6 – 95.2% (23/40 children achieved the school target of 96%)

Overall school attendance: 96.1%

Microscope Kit

The school have been really lucky to have the loan of a Microscope kit for the Autumn term. The aim is that all the children will get the opportunity to use this kit over the term which will support them to work scientifically across school. We would like to thank The Royal Microscopic Society for the loan of this equipment and Mrs Mitchell for organising this.



Artsmark Award

We are proud to announce that we have achieved the Artsmark Award at the start of the year. The arts council reported:-

“Your school’s admirable attention to children's' ideas has contributed to the development of your arts provision. Your use of the Arts to support attainment in Maths, your implementation of Arts Award for some of your more vulnerable pupils and your targeting of anti bullying and health through dance and drama are among your impressive developments”.

Green Tree School Award



As a school we are delighted to be taking part in the Woodland Trust Green Tree School Award. We are very proud to have achieved the bronze and silver awards and we are well on the way to achieving the gold award, only two more points needed.

Points are awarded for completing environmental projects and outdoor learning activities. These projects and activities are designed to encourage our children to explore and learn in the natural world around them.

A big thankyou to Miss Spencer for driving this initiative forward.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is 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!



Tackling Mental Health Issues.

At Arnold View Primary School, we believe that raising self-esteem and resilience in children will help improve their mental well being in the future. We understand that there are a number of different reasons why a person may be at risk of developing poor mental health. We are committed to developing a whole school approach to help improve children's ability to deal with emotional challenges, by building resilience to help them overcome any problems that may arise. We hope to achieve this by having an 'open door' policy, where children will feel safe to talk and feel supported, with a sense of belonging. We will encourage children to talk about how they are feeling and share any worries they have. In turn we can also offer support, advice and guidance for parents as well as offering some counselling if and when necessary for identified children.



Snack Time

Healthy, well-nourished, children are better learners! Eating a healthy, balanced diet is an important part of maintaining good health, and can help you feel your best. Students who consume healthier foods are more likely get the nutrients they need to learn, play and grow. Having healthier foods contributes to the overall health and well-being of young children.

We would like to remind parents/carers that our healthy schools policy states that children eat 'healthy snacks' at break time such as fruit and vegetables **only**. Please can you remind your child to keep their crisps, biscuit bars, yoghurts or sandwiches for lunch time.

Please remember fizzy drinks are not allowed in school. We operate a water only policy in class, however sugar free fruit juice and cordial may be drunk at lunch.

7 Reasons Your Child Needs Sleep

We have noticed an increasing number of children in school who are tired and not ready to learn when they arrive at school. Getting your child to bed early at night has more benefits than just a few hours of quiet time. New research explains how vitamin zzzzz may help children fight obesity, avoid colds and succeed in school. The 7 benefits of getting enough sleep are:

1. Sleep promotes growth
2. Sleep helps the heart
3. Sleep affects weight
4. Sleep helps beat germs.
5. Sleep reduces injury risk
6. Sleep increases children's attention span
7. Sleep boosts learning



For more information on the importance of sleep go to [Parents.com](https://www.parents.com).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2018

Thu	11th Oct	Individual and Sibling Photos
Thu	18th Oct	Harvest Festival
Mon	22th Oct	Parents Evening
Wed	24th Oct	Parents Evening



Mon 29th Oct till Fri 2nd Nov = Half Term

Mon	5th Nov	INSET DAY
Fri	9th Nov	Wear Blue for Bullying
Mon	12th Nov	Reception/Year 1,2,3,4,5 Flu Vaccination
Thu	15th Nov	FAV Disco
Fri	30th Nov	Arnold View Christmas Gift Shop

Thu	6th Dec	FS Nativity (am & pm)
Mon	10th Dec	Carol Service
Thu	13th Dec	KS1 Nativity (am & pm)
Fri	14th Dec	Christmas Dinner
Mon	17th Dec	Christmas Craft Day
Tue	18th Dec	KS1 & KS2 Playhouse Panto
Wed	19th Dec	Party Day
Thu	20th Dec	Foundation Panto
Fri	21st Dec	Last Day of School



2019

Mon 7th Jan Return to School

Mon 25th Feb INSET DAY

Fri 21st Jun INSET DAY

