



Arbory School News



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Dates

17th October 2018

Dear Parents - Welcome Back!

The time has really flown and the half term holiday is nearly here. The children have settled well and the teachers have told me that it was good to meet the parents of children in their new class. It was also great to see a small but enthusiastic group of parents at the Friends of Arbory meeting and hopefully we will have a bigger group of people to help out this year at school events. Please consider getting involved if you can.

Friends of Arbory

Thank you to the parents who organised tea and coffee for Parents' Meetings and raised £50.66.

The next event is the Nearly New Sale and more help is needed.

The Friends have a FaceBook page so please have a look as this may be an easier way for you to keep up with school events, dates and news.

Currently we are aiming to raise around £2000 per year from events as this covers the three theatre group visits, playtime equipment, annual repairs to the adventure playground, Christmas events and leavers' treats to name but a few.

Gaming

Over the past few weeks, teachers have noticed that children are talking about, and sometimes acting events from games that they have used online. Hopefully, the link below will give further information about how appropriate these games are for different year groups.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/keep-kids-safe-playing-popular-video-games-during-holidays/>

World War One Armistice Commemoration

All the children have now placed a poppy at the memorial arch near the Parish Hall. Key Stage 2 children are also studying the war in their topic work. In addition, we will have the annual act of remembrance led by Y5 on Friday 9th November at 10.45am.

The government is also giving every child a commemorative 50p which will be presented by our local MHKs.

48 Hour Rule

Please can I remind you all that if children have been sick or have had diarrhoea, they must not return to school until 48 hours have passed from the last bout of sickness.

Medication

Please let Mrs Bell know if your child is in possession of any medication, including cough sweets and cold remedies. Children should not bring prescribed medication into school and this should be administered by parents unless it is a longer term condition.

Philip Ardagh

We were fortunate to receive a visit from children's author Philip Ardagh during Manx LitFest. We would like to thank the committee for organising this. The children in Key Stage 2 had a great time learning about writing with him.

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19th October
Trafalgar Service 10am

19th October
Nearly New Sale
3pm to 4.30pm

26th October
Harvest / Mhelliagh KS1
2pm

9th November
Act of Remembrance
Arbory Parish Church
10.45am

17th November
Choir Singing at
Castletown

19th November
West Midland Theatre
Arabian Adventure

26th November
Scholastic Book Fair

3rd December
Christmas Lights
Switch On at Arbory
Parish Hall 6pm

Southern Food Bank

Please pass on the message to friends and relatives that the school is one of the collection centres for the south of the island and anyone can leave items in the foyer.

Jahrel Murphy

Thanks to everyone who supported the Team GB appeal after the visit of Jahrel Murphy. Jahrel is a medal winner from the Commonwealth Youth Games and the children really enjoyed meeting him and taking part in some athletic activities. Altogether we raised an incredible £881.10

Shoebox Appeal

As usual, we are acting as a collection point for the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal. Shoeboxes need to be delivered to school by the end of the first week back. If you would like to support this appeal, more information is available at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Rugby Competition

Mrs Collister took the Y2 and Y3 teams to the NSC where they competed with a large number of other schools. They all played well and had a great time. Well done to all those taking part.

Advance Notice - Christmas Plays

11th December Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - 6.30pm

12th December Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - 10am

Y5/6 - 6.30pm

13th December Y5/6 - 6.30pm

Friday 21st December - Y3 Nativity and School Carol Service - 2pm (Arbory Church)

Yours sincerely

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