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Arbory School News



Dates

14th September

Venture Centre Trip for
Year 6

25th September

Y6 Council Leader
Election

28th September

School Photos

2nd October

School Council
Elections

13th/15th October

Parents' Meetings

21st October

Trafalgar Service 10am
Y4

23rd October

Harvest /Mhelliagh KS1
Half Term Holiday

Request

Y6 would like any rolls /
ends of wallpaper please

9th September 2020

Dear Parents - Welcome Back!

Once again I would like to give you all a warm welcome to the start of the new school year and hope that all our new children and parents will enjoy being part of the Arbory school community.

Updates

Since the lockdown we have restricted access to school and this will continue for the time being. Please bring your children to the side gate and teachers will meet them on the playground. Pick up will be as normal at the front of the school. Reception children should be brought in via the side corridor and collected on the KS1 playground.

Please also follow the government guidelines relating to isolation after a trip off island and do not send children into school if they are showing any symptoms relating to Covid. As you may have heard the 14 day period of isolation has not been relaxed for school staff so none of the staff are able to travel off-island unless it is for compassionate grounds.

Year One

Mrs. Molnar and Livia are doing well and we have had the chance to catch up with them recently. Mrs Carr will continue to teach Y1 Monday to Thursday and Mrs Harrison will teach them on a Friday. The whole of Year 1 has been refurbished and so I am sure that the children will love their new classroom. Many thanks to all the staff who cleared and then cleaned and set up both Key Stage One classrooms in time for school.

Uniform

Many of you have recently bought uniform but if you would like to purchase any items, please contact Mrs Bell, uniform order forms can be found in the school foyer. There is an Office Post Box in the school foyer.

Polo Shirts	£10.50
Sweat Shirts	£13.00
Cardigans	£13.00
PE Shirts	£6.00
Book Bags	£8.00

Arbor Parent Portal

This is now live and a guide is attached. You will receive an e-mail from school to invite you. Children's can be accessed and updated by the primary parent/guardian. Bookings for parents meetings can be made between 21st Sept and 5th October.

School Photographs

These will take place on Monday 28th September. Pre-school / High School siblings from 8.30am in the hall. Siblings in school will be photographed together during the class photo shoot. (You will also receive a separate letter from Robyn Ackron)

Parents Meetings

This year staff will offer one day where parents can come to meet the new teacher. Many children will have the same teacher as before and so unless there is a specific need to see the teacher, an appointment will not be necessary. Appointments can be booked for one or more teachers via the Parent Portal on Arbor.

Reception and Year 1, 2, 3 and 6 - Tuesday 13th October - 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 3.15pm
Years 4 and 5 - Thursday 15th October - 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 3.15pm

Children with Additional Needs. Mrs Collister will meet with parents on Thursday 24th September - 9am-12pm and 12.30pm - 3.15pm - Please book on Arbor Parent Portal.

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Christmas Concerts - Advanced Notice

Reception and Key Stage 1 - Tuesday 8th December 2pm
Wednesday 9th December 10am
Years 5 and 6 Thursday 10th December 2pm
Friday 11th December 10am
Year 3 Nativity Friday 18th December 2pm

School Uniform

It is great to see all the children looking so smart in their new uniforms but every year we have items of new uniform appearing in lost property during the first couple of weeks; usually with no name visible. Please make sure that your child's name is written clearly on the label or that a name label is attached to each item of clothing - including coats and PE kit. KS2 children should also have their name on swimming kit. If you have items of pre-loved uniform, please make sure that the correct name is visible so that it is not returned to the previous owner.

Children must wear black shoes **NOT** trainers for school. Some older pupils like to bring trainers to wear at break times for playing football outside and they can change into these at playtimes - but trainers are only for outside wear.

Please make sure all items of uniform have **your** child's name clearly visible. Items of pre-owned clothing, washed and in good condition are gratefully received and can be sold for a donation to school funds.

Swimming / PE / Games

Children in Years 3, 4, and 5 will all have their weekly swimming sessions at the Southern Swimming Pool on a **Thursday** morning. (Starting 17th September)

Please ensure that children have their kit each week and if there is any reason why your child cannot swim, the class teacher must be informed by letter. Children who are not able to swim for a medical reason will still travel to the pool with their class.

PE Kits

Please can you ensure that your child has a PE kit in school every week. Children need shorts and a t-shirt. Correct footwear is pumps not trainers for indoor PE lessons but children should bring trainers for lessons and clubs outside. Children with long hair must have it tied back for PE sessions and children with pierced ears must take out their earrings or have them covered with micro-pore tape.

Fruit and Milk

Because of the low uptake of fruit and milk, we will no longer be offering these. Children are allowed to bring fruit or vegetables (eg carrot sticks) for morning break but no other snacks should be brought into school. Please do not send in granola or breakfast bars, sweets and biscuits.

End of the day

All the children except the Reception class who are not on the bus will leave from the car park end of the hall. Please can I ask that parents don't congregate around the main entrance and path as we need clear access for the children going home by bus.

Southern Food Bank

Thanks to everyone who supported the Food Bank. Collections will now resume and items can be placed in the container by the front entrance. Non-perishable items are needed and a full list is displayed by the collection point. Many thanks.

Resilience

Please find the the 'Resilience Rocket' attached to the newsletter. This is the area we will be focusing on during September.

Yours sincerely



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