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Arbory School News



Dates

13th September

Venture Centre Trip for
Year 6

24th September

Y6 Council Leader
Election

28th September

School Photos

1st October

School Council
Elections

4th 7th 14th October

Parents' Meetings

11th October

Flu Immunisations

15th October

Nearly New Sale
2.30pm-4pm

21st October

Trafalgar Service 10am

22nd October

Harvest /Mhelliagh KS1
Half Term Holiday

10th September 2021

Dear Parents - Welcome Back!

I would like to give you all a warm welcome to the start of the new school year and hopefully this year may be more normal than the past few. You may have seen the media coverage of mitigations for a return to school which includes information for parents and FAQs. A copy is attached to this letter.

We are also pleased to welcome Lucy Hickey as our new Key Stage One leader and Y2 class teacher. I am sure that she will settle in quickly and being a former pupil will surely help her to make a significant contribution to the life of the school.

Updates

Despite the flood during the first week of the holiday, the caretaking staff have managed to get everything cleared up and the classrooms were all ready for the start of the new term. Year 5 has had a new carpet fitted and the Year 4 classroom has had a complete renovation. You may also have seen the new fence around the Adventure Playground.

We are however, still waiting for the bridge to be repaired as it has been delayed due to the lockdowns.

Uniform

Many of you have recently bought uniform but if you would like to purchase any items, please contact Mrs. Bell or Mrs Harrison

Polo Shirts	£10.50	(Small Adult Size £15.00)
Sweat Shirts	£13.00	(Small Adult Size £18.00)
Cardigans	£13.00	
PE Shirts	£6.00	
Book Bags	£8.00	

Dinner Money

Dinner money can be paid online using Parent Pay or by cash or cheque to the school office. New parents will need to register for Parent Pay at www.parentpay.com. Activation codes for new starters will be sent out in the next few days.

Weekly - £11.75

First Half Term (Y1-Y5)	£77.55	Reception	£70.50	Y6 at Venture Centre	£65.80
Whole Term (Y1-Y5)	£159.80	Reception	£152.75	Y6 at Venture Centre	£148.05
Second Half Term	£82.25				

School Photographs

These will take place on Tuesday 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. Meetings should be booked through the Arbor Parent Portal which will be open for bookings from **20th September**.

Years 4 and 6 - Monday 4th October 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm

Years 2 and 3 - Thursday 7th October 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm

Reception and Years 1 and 5 - Thursday 14th October - 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm

Children with Additional Needs.

Teachers will be available - 3.45pm-5.30pm on Tuesday 12th October - please book via the Parental Portal on Arbor. These replace the new teacher meetings.

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Accessing the Arbor App

First, download the Arbor App. Enter your email address and confirm the school (Arbory). Click “forgotten password” which sends you a link to change the password. Go back into the App and log on with your new password. Scroll down to “Guardian Consultations” and you will be able to book your slot when they become available on 20th September.

Christmas Concerts - Advanced Notice

**Reception and Key Stage 1 - Tuesday 7th December 2pm
Wednesday 8th December 10am**

**Years 5 and 6 Thursday 9th December 2pm
Friday 10th December 10am**

Year 3 Nativity Friday 17th 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.

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 are sold for a donation to school funds. These are on display in the front entrance.

Swimming / PE / Games

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have weekly swimming sessions at the Southern Swimming Pool on a **Thursday** morning. (Starting 16th 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.

End of the day

All children in years 1-6 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 school 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.

Collection day is Tuesday.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely



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