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Arbory School News



Dates

21st October

Trafalgar Service led
by Y4
10am Arbory Church

22nd October

Key Stage One
Harvest /Mhelliah
2pm School Hall

11th November

Act of Remembrance
Led by Y5
10.40am
Arbory Church

**Please be aware that
space is limited for
these events and the
parents of the year
group/s involved are
keen to attend.**

**The venues will be
ventilated but please
wear face masks,
use sanitiser and
stay away if you are
unwell.**

Many thanks !

20th October 2021

Dear Parents

The term has got off to a good start and despite the ongoing Covid situation, coupled with the seasonal colds and viruses that we are usually dealing with at this time of year, things have been really settled in school and the children have been able to work normally.

Thank you to everyone who came for the parent meetings but please get in touch if you were unable to come to meet your child's teacher.

Updates

The bridge in the adventure playground has finally been fixed and the cone climber is also being repaired. The new fencing has really enhanced the area and please feel free to let your children use the facility out of school hours although they should be supervised by an adult at all times. Funds raised by the Friends of Arbory have been used to pay for the ongoing works. Money is also being used to pay for the upcoming visits from theatre groups and musicians. Trips out of school and events for individual classes can also be subsidised due to their efforts.

Covid Mitigations

Along with other schools, we are continuing in our efforts to mitigate the spread of the virus. There is increased ventilation with doors and windows being open and children are still washing hands in the morning and after playtimes. This is in addition to the usual handwashing after using the toilet and before eating.

Thank you to all the parents who are staying out of the school grounds in the morning as this has really helped. Please could I also ask that parents don't come into school by the back door so that we can monitor who is in school.

Norovirus

It's that time of year again where the usual winter viruses are spreading. Please keep children away from school for 48 hours after they have had vomiting or diarrhoea.

Trafalgar Service

The whole of Key Stage 2 will be attending the commemoration of Captain Quilliam so there will be no swimming on Thursday 21st October.

Mhelliah

Thank you to everyone who has donated produce for the Mhelliah and to the Friends of the School who are organising the event. As in previous years, many items will be put into hampers for auction on the afternoon.

Advance Notice - Christmas Concerts

Tickets will be available on Eventbrite after half term and the concerts will take place during the school day. Unfortunately, the usual company who video the plays are unable to come any more so if anyone has contacts, please let us know.

Monday 6th December - KS1 Dress rehearsal 9.30am - Y5/6 1.45pm

Tuesday 7th KS1 Concert 2pm

Wednesday 8th KS1 Concert 10am

Thursday 9th Y5/6 Concert 1.45pm

Friday 10th Y5/6 Concert 9.30am

Hot Chocolate Treat

As in previous years, we hope to have a film and hot chocolate on Friday 10th December in the afternoon. The Friends of Arbory have organised this and a donation of 50p per drink will be collected. Drinks for children with allergies and intolerances are also provided.

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Swimming / PE / Games

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

Please ensure that children have the correct kit each week (one piece costumes and no baggy shorts) 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. If children with pierced ears cannot take their earrings out they should have an ear band. Children with long hair, including long fringes must wear a hat. Children will not be allowed in the pool unless they have the correct kit.

Uniform

We have a large collection of pre-owned uniform in the entrance. Please have a look and give a donation (usually 50p per item) if you are able.

Nearly New Sale

Thanks to everyone who supported the sale last Friday. Overall £346.30 was raised for school funds.

Southern Food Bank

Thanks to everyone who supported the Food Bank. Please continue to support this initiative. There is a container by the front entrance and items are collected on Tuesdays.

Non-perishable items are needed and a full list is displayed by the collection point.

Poppies

Poppies, bookmarks, slap band, brooches etc will be on sale in the foyer straight after half term.

Yours sincerely



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