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# Arbory School News



## Notice

**Please be aware that we have reduced the number of tickets for Christmas concerts so please book tickets for only one concert so that all parents are able to attend one performance.**

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

**Many thanks !**

Please bring pre-school children and younger siblings to the dress rehearsals and contact the school office to let us know that you will be coming.

**16th November 2021**

### Dear Parents

The first two weeks back in school have been very busy as usual with a number of clubs restarting as well as new ones on offer for some of our older pupils. Preparations are also under way for Christmas activities as we finish quite early this year on 17th December. Please take some time to make notes of the dates and events below so that you don't miss out.

### Updates

You may have noticed that the school minibus is no longer parked at school. At the start of term, Dol informed us that they would be swapping our minibus for one of the silver Mercedes minibuses. As we bought our own minibus, this replacement will be used in exactly the same way and will stay here at school for our use. We also remain in control of letting other users borrow the bus as we did before. Although this is not a new minibus, it is newer than our old van and has a slightly larger capacity as it can accommodate 15 children rather than 14.

### Trafalgar Service

Well done to Year 4 for presenting and leading the Quilliam service on 21st October. This was made especially difficult this year because of various absences in the lead up to the event and on the day itself. The teachers and children rallied round to produce a great commemorative event where some children took on extra roles. Thanks also goes to the British Legion (Colby Branch) who came to take part in the service.

### Harvest and Mhelliagh

The Key Stage One children worked really hard on the Harvest Celebration and the results were amazing once again. Thank you to all the teachers and children for helping to round off the half term in such a memorable way.

The Mhelliagh was another great event which raised a stunning £680 for school funds. Thank you to everyone who contributed produce, bought hampers and prepared them all for sale. Our thanks goes again to Phil Corrin who did a fabulous job for us.

### Remembrance

Year 5 led a reflective and thought-provoking Act of Remembrance which helped us all to focus on the reason we stop to remember. The British Legion (Colby Branch) supported us once again and Mrs Kinley played the 'Last Post' and 'Reveille'. Well done to Mrs Sowrey, Mrs Wood and all of the children in Year 5.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the poppy appeal again this year. We will get an idea of how much has been raised in the coming weeks.

### Children in Need 2021

The School Council are organising events for this Friday and children are asked to dress up in bright clothing and bring a donation of £1.

There will be face painting from 8.40am and there will be a cake sale in the afternoon. Cakes will also be on sale for parents to purchase if there are any left.

### Christmas Concerts

Tickets are still available on Eventbrite until the 3rd December.

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

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**Uniform**

A number of children are wearing different coloured trainers in school and I would like to remind everyone that although these can be worn at playtimes, children should wear black shoes as part of the school uniform. Please can parents ensure that their child's **next** pair of shoes follow these guidelines if they are wearing coloured trainers at the moment.

Children should not be coming into school wearing jewellery, also do not bring in fiddle toys and snap bands.

Arbory School jumpers/cardigans should also be worn to school. Many thanks

**West Midland Theatre**

We are pleased to welcome back this theatre group who will be performing 'Jack and the Beanstalk' on Tuesday 23rd November. This is being paid for with money raised at recent events.

**Southern Food Bank**

Unfortunately the Christmas period is when a lot of extra people access the Food Bank, even though this may be a temporary measure. Please can I ask everyone to support this initiative if they are able to, in the run up to Christmas.

Collection day is Tuesday.

Yours sincerely



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