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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.

29th November 2021

Dear Parents

Since the last update regarding Covid, there are a few messages that affect schools. Please follow the media for any changes as this will be the easiest way to keep up to date.

Updates

From 0400hrs on 30th November, it will be mandatory for all children to wear face coverings when travelling on public transport. This will include children travelling to and from school by bus and all KS2 children using the bus to go swimming. Any trips using the minibus will also come under the same regulations.

School staff are expected to wear face coverings and those children in Y5/6 are encouraged to do the same where appropriate although this is not compulsory. We continue to follow strict handwashing and ventilation procedures so children will be allowed to wear coats and jumpers over their uniform in class when it is cold. All visitors to school should follow the hands, face, space protocols.

Other Mitigations in place

All educational settings continue to implement measures to support hands, face, space and fresh air.

All staff plus secondary and UCM students are encouraged to continue to test for COVID-19 at least twice a week using free lateral flow test kits and to 'know before you go', to protect themselves and others

Any children suffering from any Covid symptoms must not be sent into school. If in any doubt, children suffering from symptoms should be kept off school and you should seek advice from the 111 or arrange a PCR test online. Further details about symptoms and what to do can be found on the Government Covid website at: <https://covid19.gov.im/about-coronavirus/symptoms-and-self-assessment/>

In the event of a pupil or member of staff becoming unwell whilst within an education setting, a clear protocol to isolate them and arrange for collection will be followed.

The advice from DESC is that concerts and Christmas activities should continue as normal with the new mitigations in place

Christmas Concerts

Tickets are still available on Eventbrite and will be on sale until 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

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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Fundraising

Well done to everyone who supported the recent fundraising efforts for the Poppy Appeal - £363.52 and Children in Need - £443.60

The hot chocolate afternoon will raise money for Save the Children (Isle of Man Charity 199)

Thank you to those parents who use the easyfundraising to give money to school. If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 6,100 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/arboryprimary/?invite=F6X15S%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt

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.

School Choir - 6 December 2021

The school choir were going to be singing for the Christmas Light switch on and the visit by Father Christmas next Monday, unfortunately this event has been cancelled. Hopefully Father Christmas will visit the Parish at a later date.

The school will be taking part in 3FM's Carol Cup again this year. We will let you know when it will be broadcast.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas with your families and hope that 2022 brings everyone more hope and security.

Yours sincerely



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