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Arbory School News



Dates

18th November

Children in Need

9th December

Christmas Lights Parish Hall
Father Christmas and Choir
singing 6pm

12th December

Dress Rehearsals
10am Y5/6
and 2pm KS1

13th December

I'm Gonna Shine 2pm
KS1

14th December

I'm Gonna Shine 10am
KS1

15th December

Shakespeare Rocks 2pm
Y5/6

16th December

Shakespeare Rocks 10am
Y5/6

16th December

Hot Chocolate and Film
1.30pm

21st December

Nativity service 2pm
Y3

21st December

Christmas jumper day

15th November 2022

Dear Parents,

The Y5 children led a wonderful Act of Remembrance last week and it was exciting to see the Isle of Man represented by one of our parents as well as a former pupil at the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall.

Hopefully you will have seen the *Little Starters* photos in the local paper and our Reception children looked very smart in their uniforms.

Nearly New Sale

Thank you to everyone who brought items to sell and to the Friends of Arbory for setting out the stalls and taking the money. Overall it raised **£352.25** for school funds.

Trafalgar Service

Well done to Y4 and Mr Parry for a fantastic Trafalgar Service. The children represented the school well and were a credit to us at this annual event.

Harvest and Mhelliah

The Key Stage One children led a lovely harvest celebration which was well attended by their families. The Mhelliah was a great success and raised an amazing **£911.00** for school funds. Once again we are grateful to the Friends of Arbory and the parents for organising the event, bringing donations and bidding on the hampers. A big thank you goes again to Radcliffe's for supporting us so generously. Auctioneer on the day was Phil Cringle who did an amazing job and our thanks goes to him for his efforts. Hopefully he will be available again next year!

Hop tu Naa Disco

The children really enjoyed the disco and Ben Qualtrough was a great choice to DJ the event.

Thanks again to everyone involved as it raised another **£253.40** for school funds after costs.

Facebook - Friends of Arbory

The Friends of the school have a FaceBook page and this term, help is needed to run a number of events up to Christmas.

16.12.22 - Film and Hot Chocolate afternoon (set up from 1pm)

Dinner Money

Weekly - £11.75

Second Half Term **£91.65 - all years**

School Funds

Money raised for school funds is spent on giving children and the classes extra resources and experiences. Recently these have included some new bikes for Reception, the monthly book scheme which sees new books being added to the library, school trips and will also pay for the forthcoming production of *Sleeping Beauty* by West Midland theatre group. Money is also used for the repairs to the Adventure Trail and the Adventure Playground which continue to be enjoyed by the children. The School Council is also given an amount of money to buy playtime equipment for both playgrounds.

Scholastic Book Fair - This Week!

Mrs Longshaw will be running a Book Fair each morning from 8.30am to 9am and from 3.30pm to 4pm in the middle corridor by the back doors.

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Christmas Concerts - Booking opens via Eventbrite on Friday 25th November at 12pm

**Reception and Key Stage 1 - Tuesday 13th December 2pm - School Hall
Wednesday 14th December 10am - School Hall**

**Years 5 and 6 Thursday 15th December 2pm - School Hall
Friday 16th December 10am - School Hall**

Year 3 Nativity Wednesday 21st December 2pm Arbory Parish Hall (room for Y3 parents only)

Dress rehearsals

Please can we encourage younger siblings to attend the dress rehearsals rather than the performances if possible. The school hall will be very full during the performances and there will be little room to move if young children need to be taken out. If you would like to bring a younger sibling to a dress rehearsal you do not need to book but please let the school office know in advance.

**I'm Gonna Shine Monday 12th December 2pm
Shakespeare Rocks Monday 12th December 10am**

Healthy Snack

Please can I remind parents that children are encouraged to bring a healthy snack in for morning playtime. This should only be a fruit or vegetable snack or crackers. Children should not bring in sweets, chocolate, cereal bars, sweet biscuits or cakes. Please do not bring nuts into school. Please also make sure that grapes are cut in half.

Southern Food Bank

Thanks to everyone who supported the Food Bank as this continues to be relied on in the current climate. 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.

Do you have any free time in the afternoon and early evening?

The Department of Education, Sport and Culture is currently recruiting relief cleaners for our Primary schools.

This is a great way to earn extra money whilst not being committed to regular hours and you will be providing an essential service to our schools.

Details can be found at the following:

<https://www.jobtrain.co.uk/iomgovjobs/vacancies.aspx>

For more information you can call Angela Tongue on 254149 or email angela.tongue3@gov.im

Yours sincerely,

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