



# Arbory School News

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## Dates

### 27th February

Engineering Week

### 6th/7th March

Parents Evenings

### 10th March

Foodbank Food Swap  
and Toast at Break

### 20th March

Rotary Public Speaking  
(*Arbory is hosting the all-  
island junior final*)

### 24th March

Girls' Football  
Competition

### 27th March

Manx Folk Awards Week  
(*children only event*)

### 31st March

Cake Sale  
2.30pm

### 5th April

Junior Cross Country

### Zebra Crossing

Please be careful at drop  
off and pick up times as  
we have had a few near  
misses. Please don't  
block the crossing.

**Many thanks**

## 27th February 2023

### Dear Parents

Welcome back. Hopefully, everyone had a good break during half term and we look forward to seeing the children back in school. There are signs of spring all around us and as usual, there are lots of events taking place this half term. Please take some time to make a note of this month's information.

### Turkey / Syria

Thanks to everyone who donated money for the Welly Walk which raised £257.17 for the DEC appeal.

### Engineering Week

This week we will be focusing on all aspects of engineering and Mr Parry has organised visitors to come into school to talk about their jobs linked to engineering. Each class will have lessons and activities linked to Engineering in its widest sense and there will also be a special assembly and a competition.

### World Book Day

Once again because of KS2 swimming on Thursday, we will be holding World Book Day a day late on Friday 3rd March. Children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite character and there will be events and activities to take part in organised by Mrs Collister and the School Council. Children will receive a World Book Day token and do not need to bring any money.

### Fairtrade Fortnight

Due to the collapse of Traidcraft, we will not be selling Fairtrade snacks this year. We will have an assembly led by the One World Centre focusing on the work of the Fairtrade Foundation and some classes will look at aspects of Fairtrade during the fortnight. As many Fairtrade products are available in local shops, please look out for the symbol.

### Toast is back! -

School Council are selling toast at 50p per slice during morning break on Fridays from the 10th March to raise money for school funds. Thank you to the Friends of Arbory for supporting this.

### Dinners - Spring Term

£11.75 weekly Second Half Term - £68.15 Full Term £138.65

Please note that the kitchen staff need two weeks' notice when children are swapping from packed lunch to school dinners. Please check your balance on Parent Pay and top up where necessary.

### Parents' Evenings

Parents Evenings - Monday 6th March and Tuesday 7th March. (Year 1 - Mon 6th and Thurs 8th)

**Please note that booking slots close on Friday 3rd March so please book before then.**

### Climbing Mesh

The work on the new climbing mesh on the lower field has begun and the children will see that it is nearing completion. Please do not use the mesh until the ropes have been secured and as with other playground areas, children should be supervised when using the climbing nest. This will be a great asset to the school and I am sure that the children will enjoy using it.

### Food Bank Pasta and Bean Swap.

We are holding another Swap Shop event in aid of the local Foodbank on Friday 10th March. Children can bring food items to swap for beans or pasta and parents can join at 3.30pm (No fresh produce please)

### Sex and Relationships Lessons.

We have not changed our approach to these lessons and as in previous years, Y5 children will learn about how our bodies change in puberty and Y6 children will follow the established lessons. Parents are notified before the lessons and parental permission is sought before the year 6 lessons.

Yours sincerely

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