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Arbory School News

Dates

15th-19th May

Scholastic Book Fair
8:30am and 3:30pm

22nd May

New Reception Parents'
Meeting 4pm

Tuesday 30th May

School Sports
1pm

Friday 19th May

Y6 Crucial Crew

Thursday 1st June

School closes for TT

Monday 12th June

School Opens

29th and 30th June

Y6 at CRHS

29th June

Moving up afternoon

30th June

Laa Columb Killey
Laa Columb Killey Ceili

5th July

Tynwald Day

12th May 2023

Dear Parents

As we approach TT, there are a number of events coming up. Please take time to make a note of this month's information.

Sports Events

The Cross Country team took part in the recent junior schools event at Noble's Park and worked really hard to gain a 4th place for the girls and a 8th place for the boys giving us an overall 6th position placing for the combined team. The really good news for the future is that unlike most other schools who send their Y5 and Y6 children, our team was made up of years 3,4, and 5 who can compete again next year.

Swimming Gala

It was great to see the return of the Dolphin Swimming Gala at the NSC this year where our team competed in the large schools category A event. The team were a credit to the school and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and determination.

Coronation Celebration

Unlike last year's Jubilee day in school, the weather stayed fair enough for us to have a street party style picnic on the school yard. Many of the children were dressed up in their garden party outfits and there were a number of activities for them to take part in on the day including a Kings and Lords of Man quiz, a crown making session, a King Charles beetle drive and a poetry competition.

Cake Sale

Many thanks to the Friends of Arbory who organised the recent cake sale which raised £329.40 for school funds. The next event will be organising refreshments for the school sports so if you are able to help, please contact the friends via their Facebook page.

Food Bank Food Swap

Thanks to everyone who took part in the pasta and soup swap. The Food Bank are in need of toiletries, sanitary products and other hygiene items as well as a wider variety of long life foods. If you are still able to support the food bank, we have weekly collections and we also have 'swaps' of pasta and soup available in school. Please come to the office if you would like to swap an item.

Dinners - Spring Term

£11.75 weekly First Half Term £63.45 Second Half Term - £65.80 / (Y5 £63.45 Y6 £61.10)
Full Term £129.25 (Year 5 £126.90 Year 6 £124.55)

Please can everyone check their Parent Pay balance and chase up any unpaid amounts and note that the kitchen staff need two weeks' notice when children are swapping from packed lunch to school dinners.

Headlice

We have been notified of a few cases around school. Please take time to check your child's hair regularly. Parents report that using conditioner and products such as a nitty gritty comb (other similar products are available) help greatly and reduce the amount of chemical treatments when dealing with an infestation.

Car Park

Please take care when using the school car park as there have been a few minor scrapes in recent weeks. The staff car park should not be used for drop off and pick up as this can create a potential danger for children especially in the morning when children are walking into school via the back gate. Many thanks.

Buses

Children can travel between their home and school, if you consider them able to travel independently, for 40p per journey with a pre-paid Go School smart travel card. Those travelling to school without a card pay the half the standard fare to their destination. Please inform your child of their after school collection or bus plans before they come to school.

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Scholastic Book Fair

From Monday 15th May Mrs Longshaw will once again run the book fair which will be open before school at 8:30am and will also be open between 3:40 and 4pm each day. The book fair will be located on the middle corridor and purchases help us to earn books for our school library. Please bring cash if you would like to buy something.

Staff changes

After 6 years at Arbory School we are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Hewins who will be leaving us at TT week. We wish her all the very best for the future. We will welcome back Mrs Hickey after TT week who will, up until the summer, be working in various classes during the week. She will be teaching in year 1 on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesday afternoons. On Thursdays she will teach year 3 and on Fridays, year 2. This means that Mrs Moss will sadly be leaving us at TT week.

We would like to thank both Mrs Hewins and Mrs Moss for all their hard work in teaching the children of Arbory School.

Yours sincerely,

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