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Arbory School News



September Dates

15th September

Y6 Council Leader
Election

18th September

Venture Centre Trip
for Year 6

22nd September

School Council
Elections

25th September

Bookings open for
parents' meetings

26 September

School Photos

8th September 2023

Dear Parents - Welcome Back!

Is it great to be back in school with all the children and see the school come alive again. As in recent years the weather seems to improve as soon as school starts and it feels more like summer now than it was in August. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school and a hat and suncream if they need it.

I would like to welcome all the new children and families who have joined us this year, in Reception and in other classes throughout the school. Arbory School is a great community to be part of and I am sure that you will be supported by the community to settle into the life of the school.

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs McIntosh who will be part of our classroom support team.

Holiday Dates

As you may have seen in the news, the end of the school year has now been changed to Friday 19th July 2024.

Uniform

We now only have limited stock of school uniform which we are selling at the 2022 price.

Polo Shirts	£10.50 (Small Adult Size £15.00)
Sweat Shirts	£13.00 (Small Adult Size £18.00)
Cardigans	£14.50
PE Shirts	£6.00
Book Bags	£8.00

We will continue to sell book bags and replacement water bottles but once the uniform stock is sold, it will then be available from Promenade Shirts.

We have a selection of second-hand uniform for a donation of 50p. There is also a fund available to help parents who need it:

<https://www.gov.im/about-the-government/departments/education-sport-and-culture/>

Please make sure that your child's name is written clearly on the label or that a name label is attached to each item of clothing - including coats and PE kit. KS2 children should also have their name on swimming kit.

If you have items of pre-loved uniform, please make sure that the correct name is visible so that it is not returned to the previous owner.

Children must wear black shoes **NOT** trainers for school. Some older pupils like to bring trainers to wear at break times for playing football outside and they can change into these at playtimes - but trainers are only for outside wear at school.

PE Kits

Please can you ensure that your child has a PE kit in school every week. Children need shorts and a t-shirt. Correct footwear is pumps not trainers for indoor PE lessons but children should bring trainers for lessons and clubs outside.

Children with long hair must have it tied back for PE sessions and children with pierced ears must take out their earrings or have them covered with micro-pore tape.

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School Photographs

These will take place on **Tuesday 26th September**. Pre-school / High School siblings from 8.30am in the hall. Siblings in Arbory School will be photographed together during the class photo shoot.

Dinner Money - Please pay in advance for school meals and regularly check your child's Parent Pay account.

Weekly - £12.00

First Half Term (Y1-Y5) **£79.20**

Whole Term (Y1-Y5) **£175.20**

Second Half Term **£96**

Reception **£72**

Reception **£168**

Y6 at Venture Centre **£67.20**

Y6 at Venture Centre **£163.20**

Swimming / PE / Games

Children in Years 3, 4 5, and 6 will all have weekly swimming sessions at the Southern Swimming Pool on a **Thursday** morning. (Starting 14th September)

Please ensure that children have their kit each Thursday and if there is any reason why your child cannot swim, the class teacher must be informed by letter. Children who are not able to swim for a medical reason will still travel to the pool with their class. Please note that baggy shorts and two-piece swimsuits are not allowed for lessons and that any children who have long hair must wear a swimming cap.

Music Lessons

Children in Years 5 and 6 who have lessons with the peripatetic music staff should bring their instruments on the same days as last year. Lessons will start again in the week beginning 11th September. Ms Hope's before school strings group will not restart on the 14th September but her violin lessons will be on that afternoon.

School Buses

Children are able to take the No.64 Ronague / Colby bus which goes around the Ronague and Colby Glen Rds to the Methodist Chapel in Colby. This bus now leaves a little later on the new timetables.

The children using the No.1/11 bus to Onchan will now leave first as the timetable change means that this bus leaves at just after 3.30pm.

Go Cards can be used on the buses and are cheaper than the half fare price.

Please also note that although teachers kindly take turns in carrying out a 'bus duty' this is not part of their Ts and Cs of employment and any issues regarding the buses should be directed to Bus Vannin. The school does not hold any information about who is travelling on the buses each day.

End of the day

All the children who are not on the bus will leave from the car park end of the hall. Please can I ask that parents don't congregate around the main school entrance and path as we need clear access for the children going home by bus. Care should also be taken when using the car park as at this time it is particularly busy.

Parents Meetings

This year staff will offer one slot during the school day where parents can come to meet the new teacher.

Meetings should be booked through the Arbor Parent Portal which will be open for bookings at **1.30pm on Monday 25th September**.

Southern Food Bank

Thanks to everyone who supported the Food Bank last term. Collections will now resume and 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. The Food Bank have requested tinned or packet custard as a focus item they would like this month please. Collection day is Tuesday. Many thanks.

Yours sincerely



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