



Founded 1834

Arbory School News

Dates

28th March

School Closes for the
Easter Holidays

15th April

School opens for the
Summer Term

Zebra Crossing

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

Many thanks

22nd March 2024

Dear Parents

As we near the end of a very short half term and look towards the Easter holidays, please take a moment to read the information below.

Mrs Longshaw

After 33 years at Arbory School, Mrs Longshaw has decided to take early retirement at the end of the summer term. We are really sad to lose her from the staff team and it will be a great loss for the school. Mrs Longshaw started her teaching career at Arbory School and has worked with four headteachers in her time here. She has taught in different year groups and is now seeing some of her ex-pupils arrive at school with their own children. Last year she herself became a grandmother and is now looking forward to having more family time.

I am sure that you will all want to join us in wishing her all the best for the future and thanking her for the professionalism, dedication and care she has shown to generations of children, along with a great sense of humour and fun. More details about giving Mrs Longshaw a good send off will be sent out nearer the time.

Arbory 190

This year sees the school celebrate 190 years since it was founded in 1834. Although we will not be having a large scale event, we hope to organise a display of photos around the time of Laa Columb Killey so that anyone connected with the school can come and catch up with friends and former colleagues. More details will be sent out after Easter.

Reminders

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.

Car Park

Please take care when using the car park, particularly around the entrance to the school and in the car park itself. Parents should not park on the double yellow lines or use the staff car park for manoeuvring. Many thanks

School Uniform

Looking ahead to the new term, there are summer uniform items available in the school entrance. When buying new shoes, please ensure that these are black and have black soles. Socks should be white or grey and summer sandals should also be black where possible. Shorts for boys and girls should be grey.

Although Year 6 children will be coming to the end of their time with us, they should still wear the normal school uniform as it will be a long term.

Laa Columb Killey

The competition for Laa Columb Killey Princess will be held in school on Tuesday 23rd April and girls in Y6 are able to take part in the selection process which will take place during the morning assembly. As usual, the committee are keen for help during the week, and on the day. Please contact the school office if you can help in any way.

Sport

Well done to the Y3 rugby teams, the Cross Country team and the Girls' Football Team who competed recently. They were all a credit to the school.

Yours sincerely

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