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Arbory School News



Dates

20th September

Year 6 School Council
Leader Election

25th September

School photos

30th September

Bookings open on
Arbor for parents'
meetings

14th - 18th October

Year 6 Cycle Training

18th October

Hop tu Naa disco

21st October

Trafalgar Service

25th October

Harvest Festival and
Mhelliah

16th September 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

After a couple of weeks in school, everyone seems very settled and the children are adapting well to their new classes. The Year 6 children had a great week at the Venture Centre and it won't be long before we are getting ready for the Trafalgar Service and the Harvest celebrations.

As usual, a warm welcome to all the new children and families who have joined us this year in Reception and in other classes throughout the school. Arbory School has always been a great community to be part of and I am sure that you will be supported by the wider school family as you settle into the life of the school.

We are also pleased to welcome back Mrs Weeks after a break of ten years who will be teaching in Y1 and Y3 during the second half of the week.

Uniform

We now only have limited stock of school uniform as our branded wear is sold by Promenade Shirts. https://promenadeschoolwear.com/prod_cat/C_arbory-_41.shtml

Cardigans £10.00

PE Shirts £6.00

Book Bags £8.00

Replacement Water bottles £5.00

We have a large selection of second-hand uniform in the school foyer for an optional donation of 50p per item.

There is also a government 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.

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.

School Photographs

These will take place on **Wednesday 25th September**. Pre-school / High School siblings from 8.30am in the hall. Siblings in Arbory school will be photographed together during the school day along with individual and class photos.

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Dinner Money - Please pay in advance for school meals. You can set upload balance reminders on ParentPay and can check your balance at any time.

Weekly - **£12.00**

First Half Term (Y1-Y5) **£91.20**

Second Half Term **£84.00**

Whole Term (Y1-Y5) **£175.20**

Reception **£84** Y6 at Venture Centre **£79.20**

Reception **£168** Y6 at Venture Centre **£163.20**

Swimming / PE / Games

Please ensure that children have their kit each week 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/trunks 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. Please note that there will not be a woodwind teacher at school this year.

Buses

Children are able to take the No.64 Ronague / Colby bus which goes through the Ronague and Colby Glen Rds. The last stop is opposite the Methodist Chapel in Colby.

Children travelling to Friary Park and Castletown can take the No.66 which goes to Castle Rushen High School, St.Marks, Foxdale and terminates at QE2.

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 information about who is travelling on the buses each day.

End of the day

All children in years 1-6 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 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.

Year 5 - Thursday 24th October

Year 4 and Year 6 - Monday 4th November

Year 1 - Wednesday 6th November

Year 2 and Year 3 - Thursday 7th November

Meetings should be booked through the Arbor Parent Portal which will be open for bookings at **1.30pm on Monday 30th September**. To access the Arbor Parent Portal for the first time, download the Arbor app or visit <https://login.arbor.sc> Enter your email address and confirm the school (Arbory). Click "forgotten password" which sends your email account a link to change the password. Go back into the App and log on with your new password. Scroll down to "Guardian Consultations" and you will be able to book your slot when they become available from 1:30pm.

Southern Food Bank

Thanks to everyone who supported the Food Bank. 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. Collection day is Tuesday. Many thanks.

Friends of Arbory

The Friends of the school are looking for more parents and friends to join them to help support school events and raise valued funds. A meeting is due to be held one evening at the Colby Glen which you are all very welcome to come to, date to be confirmed.

Help is needed to run a number of events up to Christmas, including:

18.10.24 - Hop tu Naa Disco 5.30pm to 6.15pm Key Stage 1 and 6.30pm to 7.30pm Key Stage 2

25.10.24 - Mhelliah after Key Stage 1 Harvest 2pm (set up from 1pm)

15.11.24 - Good as New Sale 3.30pm to 4.30pm (set up from 2.30pm)

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

Please also see the attached information sheet from the Friends.

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Dates for your diary:

September

20th School Council Leader elections

25th School Photos

30th Bookings open on Arbor for October parents' meetings

October

14th Cycle Training for Year 6

15th Southern Hockey Festival for Year 3/4

18th Hop tu Naa Disco 5.30pm to 6.15pm Key Stage 1 and 6.30pm to 7.30pm Key Stage 2

21st Trafalgar Service led by Year 4, Arbory Church, 10am

22nd Flu immunisations by Manx Care

23rd Skipping workshops for Key Stage 2

24th Parent Teacher Meetings for Year 5

25th Harvest Celebration and Mhelliah - Key Stage 1, School Hall, 2pm

25th School Closes for Half Term Holidays

November

4th Parent Teacher Meetings for Year 4 and Year 6

6th Parent Teacher Meetings for Year 1

7th Parent Teacher Meetings for Year 2 and 3

11th Act of Remembrance led by Year 5, Arbory Church, 10.40am

15th Children in Need Dress Down Day and Cake Sale

15th Good as New Sale 3.30pm to 4.30pm (Friends of Arbory, set up from 2.30pm)

19th West Midland Children's Theatre visit - Snow White

December

9th Dress Rehearsals Key Stage 1 10am and Year 5/6 2pm

10th Key Stage 1 Play - 2pm

11th Key Stage 1 Play - 10am

12th Year 5/6 Play 2pm

13th Year 5/6 Play 10am

13th Film and Hot Chocolate afternoon (Friends of Arbory, set up from 1pm)

16th Key Stage 1 Party

17th Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

18th Nativity Service led by Year 3, Arbory Church, 2pm

19th Year 3/4 Party

19th Year 5/6 Christingle making, Arbory Church

20th Year 5/6 Party

20th Close for Christmas Holidays

Yours sincerely



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