



Arundel Court Primary Academy Autumn Term Newsletter 2

Here we are at the end of September with summer seeming but a distant memory now. There is definitely a nip in the air and we can certainly tell we are shifting into the autumn season.

Walking around the school the children are producing such fantastic work, which you should all be very proud of and it's lovely to see that our new Year R children are settling well into school life at Arundel Court.

Studybugs

A massive thank you to everyone who has already signed up to the Studybugs App. This is how we are now communicating moving forward. Newsletters, after school clubs, trip information, notifying us that your child is ill and any other general info that we need to get out will be done via Studybugs. It is completely free to sign up to and you are able to message us direct.



After School Clubs

We had a fantastic response to all of the after school clubs across Years 1 to 6 and all the clubs are now full. These will be running for the term up until Christmas. Any new club announcements will go out via Studybugs, so please keep an eye on the app.

Tuck Shop

Tuck Shop is a massive hit with the children and they especially enjoy treat day Friday! Please make sure you try and send them in with the correct change if possible. They only need 30p and please do not send them in with any notes!!

Special Menu

We have a change to the menu on Thursday 6th October. Every child in Year R, 1 and 2 will be put in for a school meal for the special menu. If you pay for your child's school meals and wish for them to have the special menu, please either pay online via SCOPAY or cash to the office.



Census Day
6th October 2022

- Sausage Roll Served with Potato Wedges

Or

- Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges

- Sweetcorn

- Baked Beans

- Chocolate Cookie



Year 2 Trip to Arundel Castle

Year 2 have had a wonderful week visiting Arundel Castle. They visited the keep, the guard room and even found the dungeon! The children loved learning all about the Battle of Hastings and what life was like in Medieval Times. They learnt about Sir Bevis, the giant who protected the castle. They had fun dressing up and role playing as well as walking up and down hundreds of stairs. The children were impeccably behaved and a credit to the school. Well done Year 2!







Muckey Bucket Farm Year 1

On Monday Year 1 were lucky enough to have the Mucky Bucket Farm visit us. The children enjoyed seeing a variety of different animals and learned how to care and groom them. They saw alpaca's, ducks, chickens, goats, rabbits, guinea pigs, a donkey and a pony. They had lots of fun!





Year 6 Sailing

A group of Year 6's are completing a six week sailing course where they learn to sail their own boats in small groups unaccompanied. Most children have now had the experience of falling in the water and quickly realising not to do it again!!!





Year 5 Football Team

*Year 5 boys football team went to the Grammar School to play in a tournament for Portsmouth Schools. It was the first time they had all played together and they got better with each match played.
Well done to Year 5!*



Attendance and Lateness

Every day counts.

Being late or having unauthorised absences will impact your child's future. Most employers and courses require maths and English GCSE as a minimum. Get them to school every day and see what they could become.

If you need support, please speak to your school.

Regular attendance at school is a key factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life. Good attendance helps children to make good progress in school and fulfill their potential in life.

One of the most important ways a parent can support the education of their child and the child's social, emotional and academic development is to ensure they attend every day and on time and avoid any unauthorised absence. Regular attendance was not easy or possible for many during the pandemic, however, with all schools being open to all pupils, full-time attendance is now expected again from all pupils.

Going to school regularly and being part of the school community gives children and young people a sense of belonging and means that they benefit not only from lessons and learning, but also can see friends and teachers, ask for help, join clubs, go on school trips, have a clear routine and can get mental health support.

Did you know that:

- *A child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life*

- Each day of school missed by a child will reduce their attendance by 0.5%, and at secondary school will mean they miss five lessons.
 - Ten whole days of school has been missed if a pupil has 95% attendance – that's 50 lessons.
 - Twenty whole days of school has been missed if a pupil's attendance is 90%.
 - If a pupil is persistently absent (90% attendance) they have missed 4 weeks of schooling.
 - Being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school over the year.
 - Catching up on missed lessons impacts on the pupil, the teacher and other pupils in that class.
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Parents and carers are legally responsible for making sure their children attend school regularly – unless they are home educated – and schools can offer help and support to any families who are struggling with attendance for any reason. Please speak to your school if you need help

When is a child too ill to come to school?

We know that illness is sometimes unavoidable and to be expected. However it is very important to inform the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence, letting them know the reason, by phone, email, letter or in person at the school office so that the absence is authorised.

Not all illnesses need time off school. [This is a useful NHS guide on whether or not children can come into school with different types of illnesses.](#)

MacMillan Cake morning

Staff got their aprons on for MacMillan coffee morning and baked their socks off raising an amazing amount towards this fantastic charity. Well done to Mrs Edney for coming first place and winning the 'Star Baker' apron!!!





Parents Evening

Parents evening will be held over two days on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th October. Booking slots will be made available on the SCOPAY app and will be going live shortly. More info will follow on Studybugs.

Harvest Festival

We are now taking food donations for the Harvest Festival next week. If you are able to donate we can take dried items, such as cans, pasta, cereals etc which can be brought into class or via the office. All kind donations need to be in by Monday afternoon, ready to go over to the Church on Tuesday. Please also let us know, in writing, if you do not wish your child to take part with the Harvest celebrations.



Flu Vaccine

Flu vaccine letters have gone out via Studybugs, if you wish your child to have the nasal flu immunisation on Tuesday 11th October please click on the link which was sent out and follow the instructions to complete the form by Thursday 6th which will be sent off to the school nurses. Without consent your child will **not** be able to have the vaccine. If you need help completing the form please let the school office know as we will be having a drop in session on Monday 3rd October to help anyone with filling in the form.



Appointments

If you need to make appointments in school time please let the office know or notify us via Studybugs. If your child is coming in late in the morning we need to know whether or not to book your child a school lunch by 9.30 a.m. After this time they will need to bring in a pack lunch from home. If at all possible, please try and keep dental check ups after school hours or make them for the school holidays.

School Nurse Screening

On Wednesday the 5th October the school nursing team will be coming in for the Year 6 'height and weight check' as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. If you wish to opt out your child you will need to contact the school nursing team via the link on the document going out to all of Year 6 on Studybugs.

Baby News

Congratulations to Miss Stephenson who had a baby boy last week. Mum and Baby Bowen are doing brilliantly 🎉

Miss Offin, Year R Giraffe teacher, will be leaving at the end of term to have her second baby! We are in the process of recruiting for another teacher to take her place from January 2023 and to work with the lovely Mrs McKeon. As soon as we have confirmation, we will let you know.



Change in the weather

Now that the colder weather is creeping in please make sure your child is dressed appropriately as they do go out to play in all weathers. Coats, jumpers and cardigans all need to be clearly named or we are not able to get lost property back to the owners.



Important Dates

Half term

Children break up for half term Friday 21st October and are back on Monday 31st October

Inset Days

Friday 25th November

Friday 16th December
