

# Arundel Court Primary NEWSLETTER



Make a Difference! Be Outstanding!

Dear Parents & Carers

Autumn 1 2018

## **Facebook**

The format for our school's newsletter is changing as we have a popular Facebook account that now has over 500 followers which is great! Please follow us on Facebook as this will now replace the booklet style newsletter that we used to send out half termly.

[Click here for our Facebook page.](#)



## **Marvellous Me**

We also have a fantastic Marvellous Me app that celebrates your child's learning. Please see you class teacher if you still require a login in.

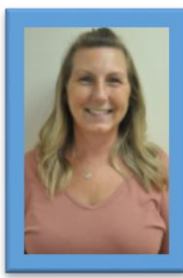
[Click here for our 'Marvellous Me' page.](#)



## **New staff**

It has been a busy end to the half term and our new staff have settled in very nicely into the Arundel Court family.

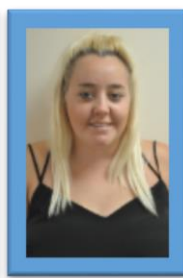
In case you have not met them, here they are!



Mrs Nightingale  
Nursery nurse



Mrs Islam  
Year 1 teacher



Miss Massey  
Year 2 teacher



Miss Maddison  
Year 2 teacher



Miss Grant  
Year 3 teacher



Mrs Walters  
Year 5 teacher



Mr Sutch  
Year 5 teacher



Miss Sousa  
TA 1:1 support

## **New Build**

We have added a new page to our website that we will keep you updated with the new build. We are still on track for a January 2019 start which will mean that we will not have access to the field as that is where they will be building the new school.

This will mean that we will be going down to one entrance and exit to the school by the library in Northam street. We are in talks with the building company, Elliot, to widen that gate before the January so that it will not cause a bottle neck. [Click here for the web page](#)

## **Inset Days**

Just to remind you that we will be having three inset days for staff training on:

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October & Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (2 days after half term)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

## **School uniform**

Thank you for sending your children to school looking so smart! We have never had so many children wearing full school uniform, making them part of our team.

**We have finally had our delivery so we are fully stocked for uniforms and book bags.**

### ***Price list:***

*School Jumper from £9*

*School Cardigan from £11*

*Book Bag £5*

*Year 6 Blazer from £23*

Please remember that black or grey jumpers and black cardigans are not part of our school uniform.

## **Our exciting curriculum**

Each year group has been really busy this term making sure that learning at Arundel Court is GREAT! Each year has been out on a visit or had a visitor.

**Early Years** went to the Forest of Bere to look for signs of autumn and have fun.

**Year 1** had Mucky Bucket farm in and Pets at Home trip as part of their topic. Mucky Bucket Farm also do something called GoGa, or goat yoga! Year 1 did not do that though. 😊

**Year 2** went to St Faiths to find out about 'belonging' and re-create a baptism as part of their RE topic. They had a topic day on The Great Fire of London when 'Samuel Pepys' came to visit. The role play area has been really popular as children can act out the events of The Great Fire of London with dressing up and props.

**Year 3** have been to Buster Ancient Farm learning about life in Roman & Anglo Saxon times.

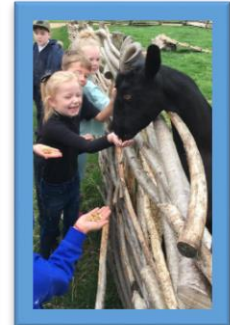
**Year 4** have been to the Central Library, Fratton Community Centre for the ISS workshop and to the Guildhall for the BBC Music Day with Yolanda Brown, a British saxophonist and composer.

**Year 5** have had visits from a Viking Man (Hrothgar) and from Portsmouth Grammar School's drama department who taught them some songs and choreography from '9 to 5' (Dolly Parton Musical) Great fun!

**Year 6** were evacuated to Stansted House on Friday 7th September as part of their WW2 topic. On Tuesday 25th September 3 girls were sent for a tech day at Portsmouth High School and on Thursday 4th October, 3 girls were sent to Copnor for an able maths day.

Each year 6 class has spent the morning at the Ben Ainsley Centre taking part in a workshop and the same afternoon sailing at the Portsmouth Outdoor Centre. 6B have been swimming at the Mountbatten centre every Friday afternoon for the past 5 weeks. The rest of the year group will also attend throughout the year.

*Here a few snapshots of some of the year group activities.*



### **100% Attendance Prize draw**

Our attendance officer will be offering some fantastic prizes for children who have 100% attendance by having the chance to be entered into a termly GOLD prize draw to win a bicycle! Yes, a brand new bicycle, termly!

One for upper school and one for lower school.

There will also be half termly SILVER prize of a scooter on offer. Wow!

Therefore, if you have 100% attendance for the first half term, you go into a draw for a scooter and if you have 100% attendance for the whole term, you go into a draw for a bicycle.

One for upper school and one for lower school.

**You have to be in to try & win!**

### **Miss School, Miss Out!**

Did you know that last year, one in five children in Portsmouth each missed a total of one week of school through unauthorised absence? That means they not only missed out on lessons but also school clubs, friendships and school trips, leaving gaps in their learning which could limit their future options in life.

If children understand the importance of regular attendance from an early age, it helps them to maintain that attitude throughout their school life and into their work life.



## **Letters home**

Please remember to check in your children's bags daily for letters and complete the permission slips in order to give the staff plenty of time to prepare for the trip e.g. free packed lunches, medications etc.

## **End of the day**

Due to safeguarding reasons parents must pick up children from the class room doors at 3.05 pm and not from the school office unless we have a pre- arrangement. Many thanks.

## **Payments**



Payments for trips and school dinners can now be paid online. Please see the office staff for a code to log on to the Scopay system if you haven't already. [Click here to login.](#)

## **School dinner Menu**

A new school dinner menu will start after half term and upper school only will now have four choices. A leaflet will go out as soon as we get them from the caterers.

## **Lost property**

As usual, we have a huge amount of unnamed school uniform in lost property. Please check it and remember to name your children's clothing.

## **Benefits & Income Support**

Please remember to let the school know, if you have not already done so at parents evening or in the past, if you are receiving benefits & income support. The school does receive additional funding which helps us afford things like mini buses which brings down the cost of school trips as well as extra adults in classrooms e.g. 1 teaching assistant per classroom. Thankyou.



# 100% Attendance means prizes!



Want to win a bike or a scooter?  
Come to school 100% of the time!



A Silver ticket puts you in a draw for a scooter for a half term of 100% attendance. Wow!



A Golden ticket puts you in a draw for a bike for a whole term of 100% attendance. Even bigger wow!

Two of each available for upper and lower school prize draws!



## Got to be in for a chance to win!