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29th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done again to getting to the end of another busy and stressful week of home learning with your children. It is still relatively new for everyone and we're all trying the very best we can to do the best for the children. Thank you for all your supportive messages and good wishes for the staff, we very much appreciate everything you're doing. We have had two wonderful cakes baked for staff this week. Cake always makes people happy 😊

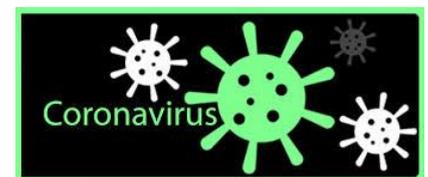
Parent Survey

Thank you for taking part in the survey about remote learning and for all your honest feedback. We had loads of forms returned and we will get back to you next week with how we can begin to act upon some of your comments and ideas.



Staff Home Testing Kits Covid -19

Staff have been brave and started the home testing for Covid 19 this week and so far no one has tested positive. They say 1 in 3 people are said to be asymptomatic and have no symptoms of Covid so it's good to be part of this NHS community programme in the fight to squash the virus. Unfortunately, one positive case was reported to school this week and a class bubble had to be closed which has resulted in 5 staff and 10 pupils having to self isolate. It is just so important that we all continue to follow the government guidelines and not mix households, unless you are part of a support bubble. Wearing face coverings in busy places and hand washing has also become second nature for us all.



Wonderful Wednesday afternoon

Next Wednesday's 'unplug' theme is all about our wonderful world. Please have a look at the poster at the end of this newsletter as there are loads of ideas you can do in the garden (if you have one) or when you go on your daily walk. Don't forget to email photos or upload videos to Mr Preston on lpreston@arundelcourt.com Please note by sending media you are giving permission for this to go online.



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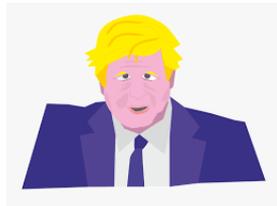


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Shout out for Year 2

Year 2 have decided to carry on with the cooking theme from this week and will be sending home instructions to make fairy cakes. Watch this space mums and dads!



Boris Johnson announced this week that all schools may be able to return back to normal from 8th March. He also said that this will depend on the data and reduction in infection rates etc. This time school's should get 2 weeks' notice rather than 12 hours! Again, watch this space and we'll get back to you with more information as soon as we know.

Old building

The old school building is coming down quickly and we have asked the foreman to save us some bricks and our site assistant, Mr Phipps is going to make a brick seating area so we can hold onto all the wonderful memories from the old Arundel Court School. The long term plan is to create a special memorial garden, including a brick bench and a new pond area.



It has been lovely to see so many hand painted pebbles left outside the school office entrance this week. This makes me smile every time I come into work so please keep bringing them in. It would be lovely if these pebbles could also be displayed in the memorial area.

Finally, if you need help with anything, even a bit of extra food, please contact us. Staff have been donating food and have created a little Arundel Court food bank. We're always here to help, no matter how big or small. Please just call the school and we'll see what we can do to support you. Staff will be confidential, ask no questions or make no judgements about anybody and their circumstances.

Take care and try and have a lovely, safe Lockdown weekend

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ACP AFTERNOON UNPLUGGED



The current way of accessing learning means that we are all spending a lot of time on screens however, there are so many other ways to learn. So we would like to take this opportunity to switch off the devices and get creative!

Every WEDNESDAY afternoon, we will be setting a new theme for you to be creative with in your own unique way! If you have siblings then work together (remember Team Work is one of our school values).

'Wonderful World' is the theme for
Wednesday 3rd February



For this theme we would like you to embrace our 'Wonderful World'
You can do any activity connected to nature or the world.

- ◆ Create a tally chart of different birds you can see out your window.
- ◆ Draw your favourite animal or create your own ideal pet.
- ◆ Look at a world map—how many countries do you know? What do you know about these places?
- ◆ Draw a map of your local area—can you add in any features?
- ◆ Create a shoebox habitat.
- ◆ Collect natural objects on your daily walk and make a picture with them.
- ◆ Collect objects outside and match them to the nature colour wheel.
- ◆ Create a leaflet using all of your known facts about different animals.
- ◆ Make a riddle about an animal.
- ◆ Draw a world map and add animals to it—do you know where they live?



The following day, please share your afternoon activities by sending a photo to preston@arundelcourt.com so that we can share your creativity on the school website and social media pages.

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