



## ***Arundel Court Autumn 2 Newsletter***

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*Well here we are in our second week back from half term and we are back into the full swing of things. When walking around the school you can see everyone working hard and there has been many trips and activities taking place. The children have also started preparing for their Christmas performances which I know will be a real treat for everyone as it will be the first time we have been able to perform to an audience in quite a few years. This is very exciting!!!!*

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### ***Head Boy, Head Girl and their Deputies***

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*Ladies and Gentleman, we would like you to meet our new Head Boy and Head Girl and their Deputies!!! Huge congratulations to Safwan (Head Boy) and Izaac (Deputy Head Boy), and Amelia O (Head Girl) and Hibba (Deputy Head Girl).*

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## Year R

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*Reception have had a wonderful start to their new topic of celebrations. The topic began with a visit from Mrs Pumpkin, who had, unfortunately, lost her pumpkins. The children were all extremely excited to hunt for them around the playground. They had a wonderful Halloween day dressing up and participating in a variety of creative halloween activities which included biscuit decorating. Reception also celebrated Fireworks and Diwali day, where they had a special dance workshop!*

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## ***Year 1 Guy Fawkes***

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*Year One have been learning all about why we celebrate Bonfire Night! They went back in time and visited Guy Fawkes who told us all about the events of the Gunpowder Plot in 1605. They then had a visit from the Fire Service who taught them all about the emergency services who work so hard to help everyone. They learnt how important it is to keep safe around fire!*

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## ***Year 2 Cinema Trip***

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*Year 2 had a wonderful trip to Vue Cinema on Wednesday. The children and staff managed to dodge most of the rain and stay fairly dry! The children enjoyed watching Sing 2 and tucking into their treats and snacks. Vue Cinema have generously given each child who attended a voucher for a free visit (with a paying adult) in December. These will be coming home next week so keep an eye out!*

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## *School Remembrance Service*

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*The whole school took part in a special Remembrance Service in the playground. The children and staff were surrounded by all the beautiful poppies the children had made. We listened to poems written by the Year 6 children which were extremely touching and poignant. Well done to the children for standing so respectfully and observing the minutes silence, we were extremely proud of them.*

*The Head boy, Head girl and their deputies also represented our school brilliantly at the Remembrance Service at the Guildhall on Sunday. We were extremely proud of them - well done!*

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## ***Superzone Project***

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*Over the next few weeks, all parents will receive two online questionnaires. It is really important that these are completed, as Portsmouth City Council needs to hear your views on up and coming matters.*

*The more people who respond, the more the Council will be required to action changes within our community.*

*One of the questionnaires will be about the park and whether or not you are happy with the recent improvements that have been made. It will also ask if there are any further improvements that you would like to see. We know that within the community it has been voiced that CCTV and lighting would make the park safer. This can be voiced again on the questionnaire for Portsmouth City Council to see.*

*The second questionnaire is about how children travel to school. It will obtain your views specifically around the traffic along Northam Street during pick-up and drop-off times.*

*At least a third of the school needs to complete the questionnaires in order for further action to be taken. Please take this chance for your voice to be heard, the questionnaires will only take a couple of minutes of your time and are completely anonymous.*

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## Year 5

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*Year 5 have been studying the Vikings, we have been looking at their Gods, their demi-gods and their mythology, it's really dark and very scary. We have also been examining how the Vikings raided Britain and stole from our monasteries. Finally, we have been learning about and writing Viking runes. Runes are the Viking alphabet; the letters and words are very different from ours.*

*A couple of weeks ago we had a visit from the fire-service. They talked to us about the importance of being safe when around fires and how to prevent them in our homes. They also pointed out that it is vital to have an evacuation plan at home and a meeting place for the family just in case there ever is a real fire.*

*We also voted for the vice-house captains, good luck to them and a very big thankyou to everyone who participated.*

*The next few weeks are busy for Year 5. We have a trip to the cinema and a trip to Butser Ancient farm to experience how the Vikings used to live and the techniques that they used to ensure their survival.*

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## *Year 4 Winchester Cathedral*

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*The Year 4 classes enjoyed a trip to Winchester to learn lots of facts about the Anglo-Saxons. They visited the Cathedral and then enjoyed a workshop in the learning centre where they made Anglo-Saxon shields. In the afternoon they visited Winchester museum and dressed up in Anglo-Saxon clothing, played an Anglo-Saxon game and held objects that were very old!*

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## ***Year 6 Science***

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*Year 6 had a fabulous time this week looking at and dissecting lamb hearts! This was part of our Science topic "Animals including humans". We were able to see many of the parts of the heart that we had learnt about in our lessons. Well done to so many children who had strong stomachs and really got involved.*

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### **Year 3 Butser**

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*3AH and 3WW have had a wonderful time at Butser Farm this week (despite the weather). The children had a chance to experience what life would have been like as a Celt and took part in a variety of activities including chalk carving, jewellery making and fence building. They worked brilliantly as a team and hopefully their fantastic pieces of jewellery made it home for you to admire. We hope to reschedule a visit for 3CJ before the Christmas break.*

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## *Odd Sock Day for Anti Bullying Week*

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*The children across the school have been celebrating all the reasons why it's great to be unique as part of Anti Bullying Week. They have all been learning about how important it is to 'Reach Out' and talk to trusted adults if they are a witness to any bullying.*

*We had a great show of support for this at the start of the week for our Odd Sock Day. Thank you to everyone who took part.*

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## *Children in Need*

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*Everyone looked absolutely amazing around the school today dressed in their Pudsey bits and bobs, the facepaint some children wore was brilliant. Thank you to all for your generous donations to this fantastic cause, we will keep you up dated with the total raised once we have added all of the donations up.*

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## *Dates for your diary*

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*Christmas Performance for Nursery and Reception Thursday 1st December 10am – 2pm*

*Christmas Performance for Nursery and Reception Friday 2nd December 10am*

*Christmas Performance for Year 1 and Year 2 Monday 5th December 10am – 2pm*

*Christmas Performance for Year 1 and Year 2 Weds 7th December 10am*

*Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 8th December*

*St Marys church service Monday 12th December*

*Christmas school Disco Weds 14th December Year R 1 and 3.30pm-4.15pm children to stay in school and change into party clothes.*

*Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 4.30pm -5.30pm go home to get change and come back in for 4.30pm*

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