



Arden Forest Infant School

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January 2024 Newsletter : No 5



Head's News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a relatively short half term as the return after Christmas was late and half term is early. Despite this every year group has been busy with their learning on the theme of 'Strength' - being strong and resilient to change.

Everyone has been sent a 'Knowledge Organiser' for this term which informs you of what is being taught in the different areas. Reception have been looking at changes in the seasons and local environment, as well as the animals in our world. Year One have been looking at local Historical figures and geography, eg Sir Frank Whittle. Whilst Year Two have begun studying geography and culture further afield—Kenya! Please use the Knowledge Organisers to learn the key facts at home, carry out further research or replicate the activities to promote talk and interest.

We have had a big push since Christmas on ensuring children understand how being positive and having compassion can help us feel strong and resilient.

This weeks' Stars of the Week, have all been specially chosen for demonstrating compassion in school. Well done to all those compassionate heroes!

Alongside this we are reminding everyone about Respect and how to be respectful, even just through the simple things like listening to each other, good manners at lunchtime. This leads me to remind everyone to follow the one way system in school. School and pupil safety is more important than parent convenience .

Warm regards

Mrs R Gunn

SCHOOL START AND FINISH

TIMES.



8.25am—Gates Open

8.30am— Classroom doors open

8.35am—School starts—all classes

3.05pm– School finishes—all classes

Lip Balm



If your child has severe chapped lips and needs to apply Lip Balm **please** speak to your child's class teacher. This will allow us to keep your child's lip Balm safe and used correctly while in school.

HAF Club

No Club over February Half term , There will be a club running over Easter. Dates to be confirmed.

Parents Consultation Evenings—Spring

Just a reminder that parent's evenings take place Tuesday 30th January 4.00-7.00pm & Wednesday 31st January 3.20-5.40pm

They will be held face to face either in the school hall or in your Child's classroom

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, we will not be able to offer alternative days due to other meetings after school that staff are expected to attend.



Missing Book

Please can we ask all families at Arden Forest to check at home to see if they have this book "Thumper". It has not been returned to school and we need it back to ensure we have a full set for the children.

Thank you

Miss McGee
English Lead



MMR Vaccination

As of 18 January, there have been **216 confirmed cases and 103 probable cases** in the West Midlands since 1 October 2023. Around 80% of cases have been seen in Birmingham, with about 10% in Coventry, the majority being in children aged under 10 years.

The virus can cause very serious illness – sometimes this can leave permanent disability and it can even be fatal. We urged to check that your child and all family members are up to date with their MMR vaccine.



PE KIT

Can everyone please ensure that when the children come in for PE on their specific day that they are wearing the correct kit?



That is:-Green hoodie/cardigan or sweatshirt,
White plain Tee shirt or white polo,
Black jogging bottoms & black shorts,
Black trainers/pumps.

Attendance

Good attendance can positively impact on your child's progress and development and vice versa for poor attendance.

National statistics from the DfE show that across the academic year 2022/23, 22.3% of pupils missed 10% or more of their possible sessions and were therefore identified as 'persistently absent'. For a child to be identified as 'Persistently absent' means that they will have missed 10 days in a full academic year. Attendance is also a part of our **Safeguarding duty; therefore, any absence can result in a home visit.** Please also be mindful not to encourage your child to lie about the reason they have been absent, as this is known to cause great anxiety in children. The children will almost always be honest and tell us if they have been on holiday, as they are too excited to share their experiences with the staff!



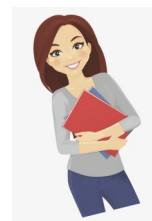
Please see Parentmail and our Facebook page for more information on the importance

Staffing Update

Mrs Swift from Reception will be leaving us at the end of the term.

Mrs Robinson will be joining the team from 19th February and will be teaching class RA on a Wednesday.

We wish Mrs Swift all the best in her future endeavours.



Useful Diary Dates

Tuesday 23rd January - SEN Coffee Morning Doors Open - 8.45am

Tuesday 30th January - Year 2 Learning Showcase - 2.15pm

Tuesday 30th January - Parents Evening – All Classes - 4.00-7.00pm - Face 2 Face

Wednesday 31st January - Parents Evening – All Classes - 3.20-5.40pm – Face 2 Face

Friday 9th February - Last Day of Term

Monday 19th February – Children return to School Gates open 8.25am.



Class Emails

You can communicate with the class teacher via email. Please use the following emails if you wish to ask a question or notify the class teacher of something. Teachers will get back to you within three working days. Therefore if it is urgent, please contact the office via email or telephone.

Please include your child's full name in the email as sometimes it is difficult to identify the pupil if parents have different surnames to their child.

RA – Mrs Amos - RAclass@welearn365.com

RB – Mrs Winfield - RBclass@welearn365.com

1A – Miss Ashby - 1Aclass@welearn365.com

1B – Miss McGee - 1Bclass@welearn365.com

2A – Miss Ashcroft - 2Aclass@welearn365.com

2B – Miss Gailey - 2Bclass@welearn365.com

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