

ARNAGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Newsletter 1 - August 2021



great in their uniforms and there was a real sense of pride about Arnage school. We especially welcome our three new P1s. We have all been through so much over the last year and a half, we'll keep everything crossed that we are going to have an uninterrupted 'normal' year this time around.

Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone. It was great to see all the children coming through the door on Tuesday morning. They looked

Covid-19 Guidance/Changes



In line with national guidance, for the next six weeks we will continue to maintain the mitigations that were in place last term.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to follow the guidelines by not coming into the playground and maintaining social distance from other adults. Hopefully we'll be able to drop this soon and it won't be long before we can have parents in school again.

For now we are still recommending that children wear their PE kits into school and keep them on all day for PE days. PE for P5-7 is on Mondays and Wednesdays. For P1-4 it is on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Children under 12 are no longer required to wear face masks on buses, though they may still wear them if they wish.

Please ensure you are aware of the changed guidance around self-isolation for close contacts of someone who has tested positive. Although restrictions have eased across Scotland, please remain vigilant and if you or your child(ren) display any of the symptoms of Covid-19 please stay at home and get a test as soon as possible.



Outdoor Clothing

As always, we will try to get the children outside as much as possible, please continue to ensure your child has clothing suitable to the inclement weather at this time of year. We have a good selection of school wellies now and also overalls to keep out some of the dirt and rain! Please remember to use the hi-viz vests as the nights get darker.

Communication



Our administration staff are back in school now (hooray), so the office will be occupied in the mornings. Later in the day we will still be able to pick up messages left by email or on the school phone number: 01358 281075;

Email: arnage.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or if you need to contact the school urgently my Skype number is: 01467 530710

Emergency Closure information is at the bottom of page 2.

We have been given the go ahead to start using the Seesaw app again so teachers and children will be using this to share work and communicate with parents. Both classes are also using the children's home school diaries for short notes home.



Homework

Where possible homework will now be set using Google Classroom for both classes.

If you will struggle to access this please let us know and we can provide paper copies/alternative ideas. We are able to give out homework jotters again this year. We will give out the first homework in week 3 of term.

Annual Consent Forms



Our trial of putting all the start of year consent forms online worked really well last year so we will continue with this system this year. A link to these forms will be sent home via email later this week. Please complete the forms no later than **Friday 10th September.**



Parent Council AGM

This will be held via Zoom on **9th September at 6.30pm.** Any parents/carers in the school community are warmly encouraged to join. They can

be contacted through the school or directly at: arnagepc@gmail.com

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2021/2022

The dates below will be updated regularly in monthly/termly newsletters – please keep the most recent newsletter for reference as dates may have to change due to unforeseen circumstances and additional dates/events will be added as they are confirmed.

2021 – Term 1	
Monday 16 th August	In-Service Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 17 th August	School re-opens to pupils
Thursday 9 th September	Parent Council AGM – held via Zoom
Thursday 16 th September	Meet the Teachers Evening (virtually) – details to follow
Friday 15 th October	School closes for October Holidays
2021 - Term 2	
Monday 1 st November	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Thursday 18 th November	In-Service Day – school closed to pupils
Friday 19 th November	In-Service Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 21 st December	School closes for Christmas Holiday
2021 – Term 3	
Wednesday 5 th January	School Closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Thursday 6 th January	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Thursday 10 th February	School Closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Friday 11 th February	School Closed - Occasional Day Holiday
Monday 14 th February	School Closed - Mid Term Holiday
Tuesday 15 th February	In-Service Day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 16 th February	In-Service Day – school closed to pupils
Friday 1 st April	School closes for Spring Holidays
2021 - Term 4	
Monday 18 th April	School re-opens to staff and pupils
Monday 2 nd May	School closed – May Day Holiday
Friday 1 st July	School closes for holiday

2022-2023 – Term 1	
Monday 22 nd August	In-Service Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 rd August	School re-opens to pupils

Emergency Closure Information

Information Line – 0370 054 4999, PIN - 021220