

ARNAGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Newsletter 1 - August 2022

Welcome Back



We hope you all had a great summer and a warm welcome back to the new school year. Especially welcome are our new P1s and Mrs McKeitch. All the children have been saying how much they enjoyed the holiday and they have come back to school rested, excited and motivated to learn. It was really good to see so many children looking smart in their school uniforms and giving a real sense of identity and unity to Arnage School.

Covid-19 Update

All the restrictions have now been dropped so things are pretty much back to normal (if you can remember what that was!). I have also sent out some information around face masks and self-isolating along with this newsletter. It means we can have our normal start and end times: 9am start and 3:15pm finish. Please continue to wait at the gate to collect your child.

School Dress Code

We are very keen to return to our usual school dress code and encourage you to send children in their school uniform every day as much as you are able. We also ask that children bring in their gym kit and change in school on PE days. These are the items listed in our handbook:



- a navy-blue sweatshirt/cardigan – with or without the school logo
- white or navy polo shirt – also available with the school logo
- black, grey or navy skirt/trousers, checked dress for summer wear
- a navy fleece and a navy waterproof jacket with the school logo is also available
- indoor shoes, preferably black gym shoes, should be worn

School uniform can be purchased directly from our supplier, [Pomprint](#) in Mintlaw.

The parent council and the school have quite a large stock of second hand, hardly used items. Please get in touch if you'd like any help with school clothes – we are acutely aware of the difficulties many families are facing in the current financial climate.



Outdoor Clothing

Outdoor learning is an important part of our curriculum, please continue to ensure your child has clothing suitable to the inclement weather at this time of year. We have a large supply of wellies but please bring in wellies if you have them, they can be left in school. Also please remember to use the hi-viz vests.

Communication

We are always happy to hear from you, please get in touch any time. I try to be at the main entrance at the start and end of the day if there are any small matters you want to address.



School phone number: 01358 281075

Email: arnage.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Emergency Closure information is at the bottom of page 2. We also have SeeSaw and the Home School diaries for day-to-day contact with class teachers.

The school office is open:



Monday - 9am to 3pm,
Tuesday 12:30pm–3pm,
Wednesday-Friday 9am-2pm.

In case of emergency outside these hours my Skype number is 01467 530710

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on Google Classroom for P5-7. If your child will struggle to access a device at home please let us know. P1-4 will be using homework jotters this year.



Annual Consent Forms



All the start of year consent forms are online. A link to these forms will be sent home via email later this week. Please complete these important forms no later than **Friday 9th September.**

Call for Volunteers

One of the best things about the easing of Covid restrictions is that parents are now allowed into school. Parent volunteers make a real difference to our school; the community, the building and the children's learning experience. If you'd like to get involved please let us know. We are especially keen to hear from any gardeners.

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Parent Council AGM



This will be in school on **Wednesday 7th September at 6.30pm**. The parent council do a brilliant job supporting the school. This year they are looking for new office bearers.

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

End of Day Pick-Up Arrangements

Can we please ask that parents come to the school gate at the end of the day where we can see them and ensure all children have been picked up safely.



School Improvement Plan



After consultation and feedback from all the staff, pupils and parents, we are now finalising the details of our school improvement plan for this session. The three main areas we will be focusing on are: Improving Attainment in Writing; Skills for Learning, Life and Work; and Embedding our new Vision, Values and Aims into the Life of the Whole School Community. The full plan will be published on the school website in the next few weeks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2022/2023

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.

TERM 1	
September	What's On
Wednesday 7 th	Parent Council AGM
Friday 9 th	Online Annual Consent Form completion deadline
Wednesday 14 th	Meet the Teacher (from 3:30pm)
Thursday 29 th TBC	Sharing the learning – Open Afternoon
October	What's On
Friday 14 th	Last day of term

TERM 2	
October	What's On
Monday 31 st	First day of term
November	What's On
Wednesday 9 th	Flu Vaccines
Friday 11 th	Children in Need – charity event
Thursday 17 th	In-Service Training (School closed to pupils)
Friday 18 th	In-Service Training (School closed to pupils)
December	What's On
Week Beginning 5 th	Aberdeen Art Centre Panto visit
Week Beginning 12 th	Christmas Lunch, Elf Shelf and Carols by Candlelight
Week Beginning 19 th	School Christmas Party (parents welcome from 2.30pm)
Thursday 22 nd	Last day of term

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TERM 3	
January	What's On
Monday 9 th January	Start of Term 3
Tuesday 24 th TBC	Robert Burns Lunch
February	What's On
Thursday 9 th	P4-7 Swimming Lessons
Friday 10 th	School Closed – Occasional Day Holiday
Monday 13 th	School Closed – Mid Term Holiday
Tuesday 14 th	In-Service Training (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 15 th	In-Service Training (School closed to pupils)
Thursday 16 th	P4-7 Swimming Lessons
Thursday 23 rd	P4-7 Swimming Lessons
March	What's On
Thursday 2 nd	P4-7 Swimming Lessons
Friday 31 st	Last day of term

TERM 4	
April	What's On
Monday 17 th	Start of Term 4 (P7 Pupils are welcome to wear 'Leavers' Hoodies from this date)
May	What's On
Monday 1 st	School Closed – May Day Holiday
Friday 26 th TBC	End of Year Reports issued
June	What's On
Monday 5 th	School Closed – Occasional Day Holiday
Wednesday 7 th June TBC	Parents Evening
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th TBC	Health Week
TBC	Summer Show
TBC	P7 Transition (3 days at the academy)
July	What's On
Friday 7 th	Last day of term

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