

ARNAGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Newsletter 1 - August 2023

Welcome Back



We hope you all had a great summer and a warm welcome back to the new school year. Especially welcome to Thomas, our new P1. 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 great to see so many children looking smart in their school uniforms and giving a real sense of identity and unity to Arnage School.

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. There's a free surplus uniform rail permanently available just inside the main entrance.



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 Google Classroom, our class Facebook pages and the Home School diaries for day-to-day contact with class teachers.

The school office is open: Monday 9am–3pm (phoneline only), Tuesday 9am–3pm, Wednesday-Friday 9am-2pm. In case of emergency outside these hours my Teams phone number is 01467 530710

Homework



Following discussions with staff and parents at the parent council last year homework will be set in homework jotters for both classes 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 soon. Please complete these important forms no later than **Friday 8th September**.



Call for Volunteers

VOLUNTEER



Parent volunteers make a real difference to our school; the community, the building and the children's learning experience. With skills for learning, life and work being one of our development priorities this year having parents come in and applying the skills they use everyday in their working lives (without even thinking about it) has massive benefits for the children. If you'd like to get involved please let us know.

Parents' Evening

We are changing the format of our term 1 parents evening. We are going to hold an Open Evening where all parents are invited to visit the class and teachers will talk about the learning that is going to be happening this year. There will then be an opportunity for parents to chat to the teachers individually if they wish. There'll be no need to make an appointment. This will be in school on **Tuesday 5th September 6.00-6:30pm**. Teas and coffees will be available.

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directly at: arnagepc@gmail.com

Parent Council AGM

This will follow on from our parents' evening and start at **6:30pm on Tuesday 5th September**. 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

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 Improving Teaching and Learning Pedagogy (teaching skills). The full plan will be published on the school website in the next few weeks.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2023/2024

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
Tuesday 5 th	Parents Evening
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Friday 8 th	Online Annual Consent Form completion deadline
Tuesday 26 th	Open afternoon for prospective new families considering Arnage School
Thursday 28 th TBC	Sharing the learning – Class Open Afternoon
October	What's On
Friday 13 th	Last day of term

TERM 2	
October	What's On
Monday 30 th	First day of term
November	What's On
Wednesday 9 th	Flu Vaccines
Thursday 16 th	In-Service Training (School closed to pupils)
Friday 17 th	In-Service Training (School closed to pupils)
December	What's On
Week Beginning 11 th	Christmas Lunch, Elf Shelf and Carols/Nativity Evening
Week Beginning 18 th	School Christmas Party (parents welcome from 2.30pm)
Tuesday 19 th	Aberdeen Art Centre Panto visit
Thursday 21 st	Last day of term

Emergency Closure and Transport Information

Website – <https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/school-closures> Information Line – 0870 054 4999, PIN - 021220

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TERM 3

January	What's On
Monday 8 th	Start of Term 3
Wednesday 24 th TBC	Robert Burns Lunch
February	What's On
Friday 9 th	School Closed – Occasional Day Holiday
Monday 12 th	School Closed – Mid Term Holiday
Tuesday 13 th	In-Service Training (School closed to pupils)
Wednesday 14 th	In-Service Training (School closed to pupils)
March	What's On
Thursday 28 th	Last day of term

TERM 4

April	What's On
Monday 15 th	Start of Term 4 (P7 Pupils are welcome to wear 'Leavers' Hoodies from this date)
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th	P7 Residential Visit
May	What's On
Monday 6 th	School Closed – May Day Holiday
Friday 24 th TBC	End of Year Reports issued
June	What's On
Wednesday 5 th TBC	Parents Evening
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th TBC	Health Week
TBC	Summer Show
TBC	P7 Transition (3 days at the academy)
July	What's On
Friday 5 th	Last day of term