



Arnside National Primary School

'Aspire – Believe – Achieve'

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Dear Parent / Carer

The term is off to a flying start and the pupils have settled in well. All the classes are working extremely hard and the buzz around school is wonderful.

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our annual Harvest Festival on Friday 4th October, 2.15pm, in St James' Church. Our theme is 'The Creation' and all classes will be involved, including Nursery. All are welcome to attend and help us celebrate. Donations of food can be brought to School Church on Wednesday 2nd October or to the Harvest Festival. All donations are gratefully accepted, no matter how big or small, and will be sent to various charities in the local community.

School photographs

A reminder that school photographs are due on Tuesday 24th September, individual and families. Young children who are not attending school can join their siblings from 8.30am for a family or individual photograph.

PTA

The PTA held their annual AGM on Thursday 19th September. Last year was a huge success and the activities and events worked extremely well. The money raised has contributed towards playground equipment, bus transport, The Life Bus, KS1 trips, and all KS2 residentials. It's fantastic support and the money really does help make that extra difference. Plans for 2019 – 2020 are focused on additional equipment, playground benches / tables and ultimately an outdoor classroom for all the pupils to enjoy. A huge thank you to all involved.

20 mph community campaign

School will continue to support the 20 mph community campaign as we feel it would be of huge benefit to our pupils who walk, scooter or cycle to school. All pupils will be involved and Years 5 & 6 will be creating resources for display for the Well-being Day on Saturday 12th October at the EI. Pupils will also be attending the 'drop-in' consultation session at the EI on Tuesday 15th October.

Music tuition

We have 2 peripatetic music teachers in school who offer singing, piano, violin and guitar lessons. If you are interested in your child starting an instrument, please contact the school office for more information. Limited places are still available.



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Calendar

If you are ever unsure about dates of events, there is a calendar on the school website which contains all the relevant information.

School website app - Schudio

Reminder: In conjunction with the website, we have school app which can be downloaded onto any smart phone. Search for 'Schudio school app' and choose our school – it's as easy as that! This is a mini version of the website and has the feature to receive notifications whereby a message will 'ping' up on your phone. It's a useful form of communication, especially when we need to send reminders or amend / cancel events. If you have any questions or issues, please contact the school office for further details.

School uniform

The pupils look extremely smart at the start of term and I hope this continues throughout the year. Please can you ensure ALL items of clothing are named or labelled; it's so much easier to locate a lost sweatshirt! Also, for safety, please can all earrings be simple studs which the pupils can remove easily for PE sessions and school footwear should be shoes, not trainers. Thank you for your support on this matter.

We look forward to a busy, exciting and stimulating term; it'll be Christmas before we know it...

Yours sincerely,

Mr Sharp



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