



Arnside National Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer

It's a very busy time in school and the pupils are working extremely hard – there's so much to celebrate. Our new teachers, Miss Dawson and Mrs Hartropp, have settled in well and are enjoying the Arnside experience! Thank you to staff, parents and pupils for making them feel so welcome.

Remembrance – 100 Year anniversary

The pupils have been taking an active role in Remembrance commemorative events. Activities have included: poppy merchandise sales, additional school assemblies, a Remembrance School Church service and wartime music. All the pupils have made an individual poppy which will be used to create a special commemorative wreath and wall hangings. These will be on display at the EI as part of the archive exhibition from Saturday 10th November. The exhibits will be moved to St James' Church on Monday 12th November where each class will be able to view the information. Finally, thank you to our wonderfully creative Mrs Brough who has co-ordinated the artwork for display.

Well-being week – Monday 12th to Friday 16th November

As part of anti bullying day, we are hosting a well-being week which will provide the pupils with a whole range of experiences based around promoting good mental and physical health. Activities will include: PE activities, mindfulness sessions, circle time, yoga tasters and a whole school 'walk for wellness' afternoon. In addition to this, the NSPCC will be working alongside pupils to promote child welfare. We are all aware of the need to look after our physical well-being but our mental health is often neglected.

Odd socks day – Monday 12th November

On Monday 12th November, pupils are invited to wear 'odd socks' for the day. This is to promote the anti-bullying strategy and celebrate the fact that we are all different and unique. It's a fun way to start the well-being week!

Maths Challenge

Mr Service, school maths Governor, has been working with a selection of Year 6 pupils to complete the Primary Maths Challenge – a fun, maths event designed to stretch the brain! Good luck to the pupils taking up the challenge.

Children in Need

We will be supporting the event by holding a non-uniform day on Friday 16th November. The pupils are encouraged to wear something brightly coloured in exchange for a £1 donation.

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Air Ambulance collection

Just a quick reminder that the PTA is holding a collection on Friday 23rd November, donations to be in by 9.00am. It's a good time of year to have a clear out and raise some money at the same time!

Food Bank

St James' is once again collecting for the King's Food Bank in Kendal. If you would like to make a donation, please send your contribution to School Church on Wednesday 5th or 12th December. We had a lovely letter of appreciation after the collection last year and we would like to support them as much as we can.

Kendal Mountain Festival

Year 5 & 6 are looking forward to an afternoon of inspiration talks, films and presentations at the Kendal Mountain Festival. Thank you to all the parents who have offered to transport to and from Kendal – we appreciate your ongoing support.

Creative arts week – Monday 3rd to Friday 7th December

We are busy planning a themed week involving all things arty and creative. It will be a wonderful opportunity to do some Christmas craft activities and we will be looking for volunteers to help nearer the time. The week will culminate in a MUFTI day on Friday 7th December and the pupils can wear non-uniform in exchange for a chocolate donation.

PTA Christmas Fair – Friday 14th December

Reminder – check your diaries and keep it free. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible joining in with the Christmas fun. If you feel you could contribute in any shape or form, please don't hesitate to contact school or the PTA.

Donations

The school has recently received some wonderful donations from local businesses. Our appreciation and thanks go to New Barns caravan site and Hale Moss Garage for their help and support.

If any parents, carers or members of the community have any skills or talents they would like to share with the pupils, please contact the school office. We can arrange class sessions, after school clubs or assemblies – it's a great way to inspire the pupils. Charity work, nativity rehearsals, PTA events, carols singing, concerts, Christmas crafts and MUFTI days – it's going to be an exciting term...

Yours sincerely

Mr Sharp



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