

ARNETT HILLS JMI SCHOOL



Wednesday February 26th 2020

Dear families

We have a short but busy half term ahead with lots of educational and fun activities packed into it!

Key dates

Thursday March 5th - I have spoken to the children about this special day - **World Book Day** - which we celebrate every year. If you would like to, your child may come to school dressed as something to do with reading (often they choose their favourite book character).

Your child will receive a special World Book Day £1 token which can be exchanged in shops for one of twelve books created for the day, or they can redeem them towards the cost of another book. Please check with retailers.

Year 5 have a particularly busy day on that Thursday as they have a tag rugby festival in the afternoon. They might want to come as a rugby playing character (from Jonny Wilkinson's autobiography - if such a book exists!)

There will be a special World Book Day lunch on March 5th. There are two options only: red = Horrid Henry BBQ Chicken Burger and green = Moody Margarita Sweetcorn Pizza. There is always the option of providing a packed lunch from home.

Please also note the following changes to the lunch menu on Friday March 6th: red = Fish fillet, green = Quorn patties, yellow = Egg roll. There is also the option of a packed lunch from home.

We have asked all of the children for their lunch choices for Thursday and Friday of next week as Mrs Morgan needs to get her food order placed. **Please check that you are happy with your child's choice. If they are a bit vague, please ring the school office or pop in to check!** This is also important if your child has opted for a packed lunch from home!

On World Book Day, the staff will no doubt join in the dressing up fun! I have suggested that they might like to come in dressed as anyone or anything connected (no matter how tenuously) to STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. This could be fiction or non-fiction related. If your child wants to join in this theme, he/she would be very welcome (Iron Man, Iron Woman, The Tin Man, robots, a scientific invention, something from the natural world, an aspect of the human body such as the digestive system, a space ship, a computer.....the possibilities are endless!!)

We will use World Book day to launch a poster competition for **National Science Week** which runs at Arnett Hills from **Friday March 6th to Wednesday 11th**. Watch out for information from Mrs O'Neill about activities taking place during that time.

As if a busy Science week were not enough excitement, look out also for information about **Marvellous Music Week, March 23rd to 27th**, which is being organised by Miss Hacking.

PHEW!!!!

PLEASE READ THE SCHOOL'S NEWSLETTERS WHICH COMES OUT NEARLY EVERY FRIDAY AND WHICH ARE POSTED ON THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE AS WELL AS BEING SENT TO YOU BY PARENTMAIL.

Many thanks

Miss Ali and the team at Arnett Hills JMI

PLEASE READ OVERLEAF ABOUT PARENT CONSULTATION ARRANGMENTS FOR THE SPRING TERM

PARENT CONSULTATIONS—Please read the following which appeared in the newsletter of Jan 31st Monday March 23rd (3.30pm to 5.10pm), Monday March 30th (3.30pm - 4.30pm) & Thursday 2nd April (4.30pm to 7.20pm).

In order to try to be as fair as possible to parents who can access the school at different times, on this occasion the **signing up sheets will be in the main hall on Monday March 2nd from 8.30am onwards.**

If you are unable to sign up in person, please ask a friend or family member to do so for you. If this is not possible, the lists will be in the school office from 9.30am on Monday March 2nd for you to ring in for an appointment. Please be aware that certain times are very popular so you may not get your first choice.

We are looking into having an automated sign up system in the future in order to make this process as fair as possible.

If you have more than one child, please leave a gap of one slot (or more) between appointments in order to avoid delays on other tables. Appointments are for 10 minutes. Please respect the other families who will be waiting after you and draw the consultation to an end if requested. Thank you.

In the case of split households, if parents are unable to attend together for personal reasons, please arrange for one parent to attend in autumn and the other in the spring term.

PLEASE NOTE—A TEXT WAS SENT EARLIER TODAY TO INFORM YOU THAT THERE IS NO SHARED READING THIS FRIDAY FEB 28TH AND FRI MARCH 6TH. Please excuse any inconvenience caused.

The hall will be needed on Friday 28th Feb to get ready for the PTA Film Night. Tickets are still available for both infants and juniors. The infant film is *Secret Life of Pets 2* and runs from 3:15pm to 4.50pm The junior film is *Night At the Museum: Secret of the Tomb* and runs from 5.30pm to 7.15pm. Juniors may bring beanbags/cushions from home if they want to. Enjoy your popcorn!

SAFETY NOTICES

I received a telephone call this morning from a motorist who was very concerned as she had to swerve when a parent, parked on the zig zag lines, opened their car door on the road side. The parent was waving to someone else and did not notice the car. Please take care of yourselves and others on the roads surrounding our school. Please also be aware of the parking restriction times. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

CORONAVIRUS

Please follow the links for the latest information into schools from the Dept for Education. These links and information are attached to the Parentmail.

MONDAY MARCH 2ND—PARKING ON THE PLAYGROUND

Please be informed that there will be a training session in the main hall at Arnett Hills for approximately 70 teachers! The session will run from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. We will have to get delegates to park on the school playground. I shall ask teachers to be out promptly with their classes so that families may collect and leave the site before the majority of cars arrive. Please be aware that some cars may already be on the lower playground when you arrive. All after school clubs will still run and we have made space provision in the event of bad weather. Thank you.

CLASS & TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

Please note the change of date—class and team photos will take place on the morning of Friday March 13th.

