

# ARNESBY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## December 20th 2023



A bumper Christmas issue of the newsletter this time!

What a busy term the Autumn term has been and how far the children have come in such a short time!

We have all worked together so well and have welcomed new Governors as well as spreading our shining light so brightly through our marketing project and the local trips we have enjoyed.

Thank you to all staff and parents for making my first term at Arnesby so memorable (for all the right reasons!), and for all the hard work that the children have shown to improve and progress in their learning.

We say goodbye to Miss Wykes and Mrs Mitchell D'Arcy at the end of this term and welcome Mrs Rushton as the new Courage Class teacher in the new term.

As we move the school forward into the new year, with lots more fun learning and exciting times ahead, I wish all our families a very happy and relaxing Christmas and a wonderful 2024.



Mrs .James

**REMEMBER**

School reopens on **Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 8.35am.**

Look out for any other news

House points this term

The winners can have a non-uniform day on Friday 12th January :

Matthew 220

Mark 180

Luke 196

John 200

**The winners are Matthew House!**

Well done for working so hard to get all those house points!

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

*Visits in school for prospective parents  
Please book an appointment with the school office.*

*Bottle tombola on the last day  
Thursday 21st December*

Remember our school hours are:

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What's been happening in school?



Beauty and the Beast  
Pantomime.

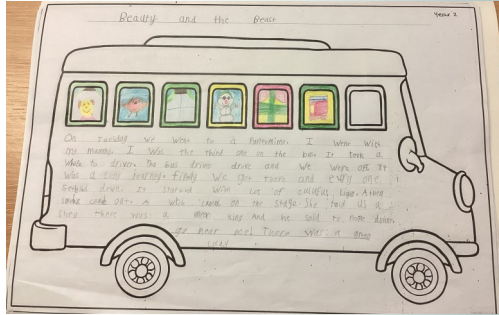
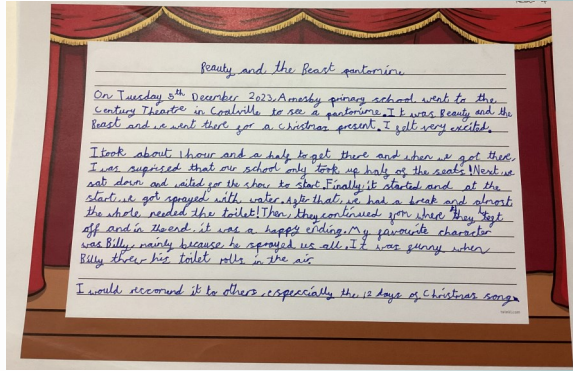
A big "Thank you" to the PTA for supporting this trip to Beauty and the

Beast Pantomime at the Century Theatre in Coalville.



Dear Diary  
Today, on the 5th December 2022, was the day of the pantomime. I felt about tonight and the beauty of the evening, wonderful and spectacular especially the characters. There was Belle, the prince/beast, 2 background characters, villagers, a boy called Billy, Belle's mother called Mrs. Leaver (the Gorton) and an F character. My favourite character was Billy a potty and a naughty boy. They were all the funniest. Some of my favourite songs were when Billy and Belle were making gifts with chocolate and sweets. Like "I need to whisper in your ear". Another was when they did a song called "12 days of Christmas" and it was completely crazy and

delicious in every way. There was also a scene was the F characters and Billy were talking about 3 pictures and they were the picture in the picture, the mouse on the table and the singer in the dog's and I was laughing so hard I couldn't breathe. A rather funny part was when Billy and Belle were making a broken pie but Billy and Belle painted potty by changing the tin question from "how to make a mountain" to "how to make a mountain" and it said "I don't know" and it said "I don't know" as in "I don't know" the girl who the girl who Billy picked up a girl and shot the pumbino. But my favourite scene of all is when they got Mr. Keating up on stage, it was hilarious. They made him say "I don't know" though he was smart and then 2 songs follows and then he said they all got smart together. I thought the whole thing was laughing and smiling.



It was a wonderful trip and a great experience for the children.

We all wrote some great ideas about our trip and how we felt too.





## What's been happening in school?

### A word from our Governors

My, this term has been a busy one! I have observed the children in all classes happily engaged with their lessons. I have recently watched Year 6 working on fractions in maths, then telling me in the playground of their study of notable black people like Benjamin Zephaniah, Idris Elba and Sir Lenny Henry, and their influence for good in a multicultural Britain.

Within 3 weeks of starting term, Ofsted descended upon us. Since then Governors have led on a marketing initiative and I hope parents have had an opportunity to view the video on the school website. Latterly, we have had the successful nativity play and the carol service, the traditional way of drawing the busiest term of the year to a close. Of course these are highlights, but Governors have to commend the children, teachers and the support staff on a lot of hard work throughout the term. In addition as Chair, I must thank the Governing Board for their time in providing the strategic overview, where we have been able to support Mrs James in her quest to make Arnesby a popular Church of England School, for which the community can be justifiably proud.

Finally it would be remiss not to mention the support and guidance we have been receiving from our trust, the Embrace Multi Academy Trust, from work on the school estate, to providing advice and expertise in the classroom and to assist with the management of the school. So thank you everyone.

Have a very Happy Christmas!

Patrick Rendall

Chair of Governors



Morgan shared his highlights of an amazing trip to the Namibian Desert this term. The videos were wonderful and he brought in some artefacts from his trip which the children could hold!

Well done Morgan!



Erin had a very special invitation to Downing Street to meet the Prime Minister, after her Mum had made the Advent wreath for the door of number 10!

Erin had a wonderful trip and shared her highlights enthusiastically with her class.

Well done Erin!



## What's been happening in school?

### Peace Class shining in performances.



I can hear the angels sing,  
Glory be to God on high.



"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace, good will  
toward men".....

Christmas Counts—our Nativity this year included a Nativity display with contributions from the whole school.

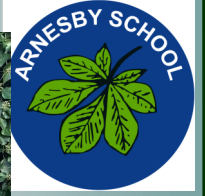
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Well done to everyone, a wonderful performance with superb singing.

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## Vision and values



# "Where every child shines"

## Spotlight on .....Christmas

"An angel appeared to nearby shepherds with "good tidings of great joy." Luke 2:7



Advent at St. Peter's On the theme of Hope.



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Arnesby School Carols



Advent at the chapel



In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16



Christmas Lunch



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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

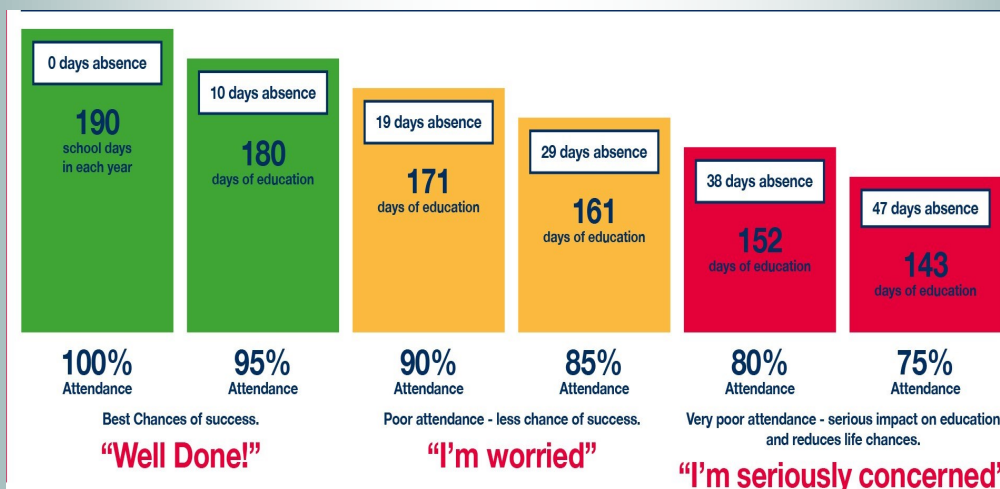
**School attendance since the beginning of term is: 93.1% which is similar to the last newsletter (93%)**

**This is now significantly below our expectation and target, please help us by getting children into school everyday.**

At Arnesby School attendance is one of our areas for improvement from Ofsted and as such, is a high priority. We must have a high level of attendance across the school to ensure that all children are given the best education possible by being at school.

Attendance letters have been sent out to those families who have a lower attendance this term to help as a reminder to ensure children are in school.

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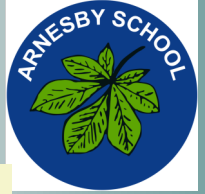
Children arriving after 8.45 will be marked late and **MUST** go directly to the school office for sign in **NOT** to the class as learning will have started.

**End of school: 3.15pm**

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## What's new next term in school?

### Endurance Class News:



Mr Kearney is busy preparing lessons for their new topic of **Frozen Kingdoms**. Look out for more details in the Spring Term on the class page of the school website

### Courage Class News



Welcome to Mrs. Rushton who starts teaching Courage class in the New Year. The children have enjoyed the activity on jewels this week and their new topic of **Rocks, Relics and Rumbles** in the Spring Term.



### Peace Class News:

Mrs Cox is excited about the new class topic on **Coastlines** next term. Information will also be on the class page of the school website.



## Calming ideas for parents.

**CALM DOWN YOGA FOR KIDS**

**I am strong.**

**I am kind.**

**I am brave.**

**I am friendly.**

**I am wise.**

Childhood 101 & Kids Yoga Studio

**Mind**

- Read
- Be Creative
- Take Breaks
- Learn new things

**Body** *breathe*

- Deep breaths
- Relaxation
- Drink water
- Eat healthy
- Exercise

**Spirit**

- Time in nature
- Help others
- Mindfulness
- Dance
- Sing

**Heart**

- Pet an animal
- Spend time with friends, family
- Laugh
- Have fun

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## Information



### Friends of Arnesby PTA News



When Santa came to visit!



Thank you to the PTA and Santa for finding time in his busy schedule to come and see us!

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**FRIENDS OF ARNESBY PRESENT.....**

### **Bottle Tombola for Christmas**

**21st December 2023 | From 3.15pm | Learning Lodge**

We are kindly seeking donations of any kind of bottles for our Bottle Tombola. This could be alcoholic beverages, non-alcoholic beverages, toiletries, cleaning products..... you can be imaginative with your donations as you wish! New/unused bottles to be passed onto Rups or Tamsin by the **18<sup>th</sup> December**.

The tombola will be held after school on the last day of term. Tickets will be **£1.00 per strip** and will be available to purchase on the day so please bring loose change with you at school pick up.



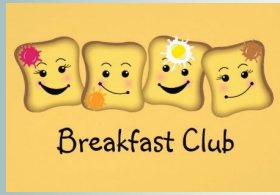
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**IMPORTANT School Information**



**Breakfast Club**

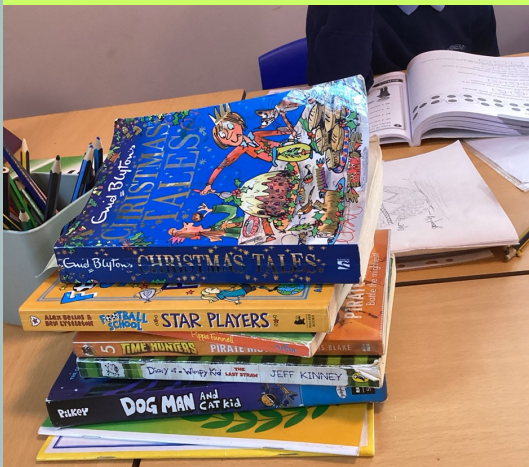
**8am—8.35am**

**each day**

Thank you for those parents who have booked using the booking system. A reminder that if you need a breakfast club place for your child please ensure that you have **booked this by 3.00pm the day before or the Friday** before the following Monday. Registers will be generated at 3pm ready for the next morning so that we can cater for the children appropriately. Please book using the My child at school booking system and you will need to pay at the time of booking. In an emergency if the school has to cancel the breakfast club we will let parents know as soon as possible by phone and/or class dojo.

**VOLUNTEER READERS AND HELPERS**

If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer to hear children read please let Mrs James know.



We are keen to ensure that children are Greedy Readers and learn to love reading as this is the gateway to success in many future careers. Reading is a high priority and we would welcome volunteers in school. We can help organize a DBS check too.

Wet play box donations still being accepted. If you have any old toys or games that are complete and children could use for times



when it is too wet to play outdoors, please send them into school. The boxes are not full but are providing a choice of activities at wet play times.

Thanks to everyone who has given something already it makes a difference to happy playtimes!

## Information



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.

Scan the QR code to take part



 CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)



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Following an amazing response from nursery, primary and secondary schools across England the closing date of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 for this survey is still open to allow children the chance to have their say.

Children and parents can complete the survey It only takes 5-10 minutes here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

Let's make sure that the children and young people of Leicestershire are represented in the results.

Dame Rachel De Souza  
Children's Commissioner for England

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## Keeping Children Safe



### Railway safety

'The tragic death of Harrison in 2017, when he was in Year 7 at Guilsborough Academy, brought home to our community the importance of teaching our children about safety on the railways. Schools play a vital role in keeping our children safe.' - Simon Frazer, Principal at Guilsborough Academy.

Over 20 million students, parents and teachers from across the UK have already watched these videos which has led to a significant decrease in the number of fatalities and injuries in their area through watching the safety videos.


NEW Primary school version: Suitable for **KS1**

<https://learnliveuk.com/ks1-primary-school-safety-talk/>

NEW Primary school version: Suitable for **KS2** <https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk>

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FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE







# Winter WATER SAFETY

EVERY YEAR CHILDREN ARE AT RISK WHEN THEY ARE TEMPTED TO PLAY ON THE ICE FORMED ON OPEN WATERS AND ADULTS FIND THEMSELVES AT RISK AS THEY ATTEMPT TO SAVE THEM. OVER 50% OF ICE RELATED DROWNING INVOLVED AN ATTEMPTED RESCUE OF ANOTHER PERSON OR A DOG

## TOP TIPS

-  **Keep away from the edge of the water**
-  **Only walk in well lit areas**
-  **Keep dogs on their leads**
-  **Walk with an adult or group of friends**
-  **Never go on the ice under any circumstances**

## WHAT TO DO IN DANGER

-  **Shout help and call 999. Use your what3words location**
-  **Never go onto the ice to try and rescue a person or animal**
-  **Keep an eye on the person in danger**
-  **If possible lie flat to spread your weight**
-  **Wait for the emergency services**

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