ARH NEWSLETTER 26-27

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Our weekly newsletter for all our children and families in the ARH community

A MESSAGE FROM SLT: MRS NANDA



It's been another busy and exciting week at school! Our Year 6 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their recent visit to Derby Museum and Art Gallery, where they discovered more about the life and work of the famous artist Joseph Wright of Derby. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring their learning to life and explore art beyond the classroom. We hope you have all enjoyed the Bonfire Night celebrations and had the chance to enjoy some spectacular fireworks! We would also like to wish all our families celebrating Diwali a very Happy Diwali, filled with light, joy and happiness.

LATEST NEWS

- **Condover Hall** - Year 5 parents, please be aware that Condover Hall is now open on Arbor to enable you to pay the deposit. The closing date is Monday 30th November 2026. You can find the letter here.
- **Chickenpox** - We have been made aware of a few cases of chickenpox within our school community. Please keep an eye out for symptoms and, if your child develops chickenpox, keep them at home until all spots have scabbed over (usually around 5 days). For further advice, please visit the NHS website.
- **Considerate Parking** - A reminder to please park considerately when dropping off and collecting your children. The road outside school is also a bus route, and we have recently been made aware of a bus being unable to pass due to parked cars. Please ensure you leave enough room for buses and other large vehicles to get through safely. Thank you for your cooperation!
- **Library Competition** - Children are being asked to design a delicious recipe to share with our A.R.H. community. The deadline is Friday 20th November and the winners will win prizes and feature in our very own ARH cookbook. See the attached poster for details and speak to your child's teacher if you would like an entry form.

REMINDERS

- **Children In Need -** We are looking forward to supporting BBC Children in Need on Friday 13th November with a special non-uniform day! Please see the attached letter for further information about this year's theme,
- **ARH Christmas Fayre** - We are preparing for our annual Christmas Fayre and are seeking support from local businesses for our raffle. Donations of prizes, vouchers, gifts or services would be greatly appreciated and will help raise funds to provide additional opportunities and resources for pupils. Please see here for more information.
- **After-School Club -** For safeguarding reasons, parents and carers are not permitted to enter the dining hall during after-school club or at any other point during the school day. This includes access to the toilet facilities. We appreciate that this may occasionally be inconvenient however these arrangements are in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils attending the club. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Safety on School Grounds** - Please take a moment to read the attached reminder about keeping children safe and supervising them whilst on school grounds.

IFS SUPERSTARS

A big well done to the children across the school who have achieved our student spotlight of 'Bravery' this week. Please click here to see our superstars.

NEXT WEEK'S IFS

In class next week...



ATTENDANCE

We've made a great start to the second half of the autumn term, and it's lovely to see everyone back in school! A special shout-out to the Chimps class, who achieved an amazing 100% attendance during their first week back after half term.
Well done to all the children and families!

You may have noticed our new attendance posters displayed around school. We've given them a fresh new look to remind everyone how important good attendance and punctuality are, and how much every day in school counts.

Diwali – Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th November:
If your child will be absent to celebrate Diwali, please let us know via the Arbor Parent App or by email.
Thank you for your continued support in helping us make every school day count!

SEND

We know that many of our families will be celebrating Diwali, the Festival of Lights. While this is an exciting time, some children, particularly those with sensory sensitivities, may find certain aspects overwhelming.

Supporting Your Child During Diwali

You can help your child by:

- Reading books or watching videos about Diwali together.
- Enjoying simple rangoli patterns or Diwali crafts.
- Talking about celebrations and plans in advance.
- Providing comfort items, sensory aids or a quiet space if needed.
- Encouraging calming strategies and allowing your child to join in at their own pace.

Every child experiences celebrations differently. The most important thing is that they feel safe, comfortable and included.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 13th November - Children In Need non uniform day
- 25th & 30th November - Reception Open Evenings
- 2nd December - Christmas Fayre

	Parent pop-ins
Monday	Years 3, 4 and 6
Tuesday	Years 2 and 5
Wednesday	Year 1

CLUB TIMETABLE

MON	Y5 & Y6 boys' football (Performance Squad and the boys training in the Autumn sessions.) Y4 Street Dance (until Xmas Holidays)
TUES	Ensemble
WEDS	
THURS	
FRI	Y5 & Y6 girls' football

PARENTAL SUPPORT

What Parents Need to Know about Advertisements Aimed at Children

This guide explores the risks of online advertising aimed at children, from influencer marketing and misleading claims to impulsive spending.

OTHER NOTES/LINKS

- **Kedzior Award -** Don't miss the chance to nominate your child for volunteering and making a positive difference in the community. Winners receive a certificate, a special prize and a reward for their whole class! Find out more and submit your nomination here by Tuesday 15th December.
- **Winter HAF Programme** - E2 will be running a Winter HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) Programme on 21st, 22nd, 23rd and 29th December. The programme is available to children receiving Targeted Free School Meals and offers fun activities, nutritious meals and specialist SEND provision. Please see the attached leaflets for further information and details of how to take part.

FIND MORE INFORMATION AT WWW.ARHPRIMARY.CO.UK OR CALL OUR SCHOOL OFFICE ON 0116 262 4003