



# ARLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019

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#### Dear Parents/Carers

Wow what a wonderful week! The school productions have been absolutely fabulous and the audience participation was just fantastic. Arley children certainly have talent and I think we have seen some stars of the future on our very own stage! A huge thank you to all involved in organising the productions and to Mrs Critchlow for having the vision to involve all of years 1 - 6 in such a memorable way. Our youngest children were wonderful and no doubt many a tear was shed on Wednesday morning. We are very proud of our children and I know that you are too - what a perfect way to end 2019 in school.

#### Back to school

Just a reminder that school opens for children on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**. Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January is an Inset day and the Hive is also closed on this day.

#### Swimming

Owl class will be swimming in January with their first lesson being on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure that the children have the necessary kit in order to swim.

#### Online safety and games

Increasingly children are becoming exposed to and playing games that are not suitable for them. Nationally there are primary children who are playing games with an 18 + rating and at Arley this is also the case. At Christmas some children will be receiving games and/or devices as gifts. Can I please direct you to some really useful advice and tips that will help you to shape your decisions around access to games/websites and social media. Together we endeavour to keep our children safe in this modern technological world. [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk) and <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/wake-up-wednesday/> are both really good sources of information. Links to these and other guidance are also available on our website.

#### Early Years and Foundation Stage

We look forward to welcoming our nursery children into the main school building in January. Just a reminder that entrance is via the school playground and next to the Reception entrance door. Don't worry there will be staff available on the first day to point you in the right direction.



#### The Hive at Arley Primary School

We currently have places at 'The Hive' for both the before and after school sessions. If you would like to enrol your child/children or would like more information please contact Mrs Roberts in the school office.

#### Dates for your diary

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Teacher Training Day <i>Please note that the Hive is also closed on this day.</i>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	School open for children
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Jack & The Beanstalk Panto in school.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Reception Class Vision Screening

#### ***Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year!***

*On a personal note I would like to thank everyone for making me feel so very welcome in my first term as Head teacher. It is a great privilege to lead a school and I couldn't wish to be anywhere more wonderful than here at Arley Primary School. Thank you to everyone in the school community, both inside and outside of school, and a special thank you to your wonderful children who are an absolute delight! Whatever you are doing over the holiday period I send my very best wishes for a relaxing and restful time and a fabulous start to 2020!*

*Kind Regards  
Linda Kelly  
Head teacher*

#### Attendance

It is so important that children attend school regularly if they are to reach their academic, social and emotional potential. If you are ever in any doubt as to whether your child should attend please just contact the school office for clarification. We will always strive to work in partnership with you in the best interest of the children.

**Currently we are still below the national expectation in nearly all classes which does give cause for concern.**

Weekly class percentage	
Reception - Rabbit	87.6%
Year 1 - Butterfly	91.7%
Year 2 - Ladybird	94.8%
Year 3 - Owl	90.8%
Year 4 - Woodpecker	90.6%
Year 5 - Fox	93.1%
Year 6 - Stag	94%

Sitting at the top of the league table are class

with 95.9%

