

Dear Parents, families and guardians,

It has been a great start back to the term with pupils enjoying the challenges of our current project 'Hoot for a Boot' which showcases our local area of Northampton as the Shoemaking capital of the World'. The pupils have been enjoying visits as well as experiencing visitors within school. The displays around the school are beginning to show their work.

Miss Cotchin - Head teacher

Swimming for Year 4



Year 4 are very excited to start their school swimming on the 27th February and hope they will achieve as much success as year 3 have.

Careers Fair



On Wednesday 1st February, year 4 and 5 took part in a careers fair where a number of guests came in to talk about their work and the skills they need. The children really enjoyed learning about these careers and began thinking about their own futures. Thank you to everyone who supported this!

Sports clubs



Due to the popularity of Cross country we have decided to run cross country club on a Friday lunchtime on the field. If you are interested in joining please see Miss Marshall. We have also split Netball club between 2 days. Tuesday lunchtime will be for years 5 and 6 and then Thursday lunchtime for year 4. The winter cup will be held at Malcolm Arnold on Tuesday 14th March, where our football and netball teams will be competing, hopefully we have as much success as we have at previous competitions!

Tea & Chat on Fridays...

This has been successful and thank you for all parents who have shared their ideas and thoughts. However fewer numbers are attending so please let us know if there is a better day or time for you to join us!



Safety on school premises

Please remember to treat all staff at school with respect. **Any rude, aggressive or volatile behaviour will not be tolerated and may result in a ban from school premises.** If you see any behaviour that is concerning please report it to any member of staff and let us deal with it.

Thank you to those who do speak with staff appropriately. We always like to hear your viewpoints and ideas on how we can make our school even better!

Clubs

Is your child interested in any after school clubs. Hoop Dance on a Monday or Bug Club in the week. Premier Sports, Gymnastics, football or Multi-Sports, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Dance with Leanne on a Wednesday

Please pop and see me or pop via the office for information Thanks Mrs Hynda.

Reception PE!

Reception children have been demonstrating some excellent static and dynamic balances last half term in PE. The children this year are following the Horizon PE programme that the trust are trialing at The Arbours Primary Academy. This half term, the children will be learning all about movement. We are looking forward to sharing their achievements with all the parents.

Mr Roberts.



Exposure Sports half term club

This proved to be a big success for myself and the children. Fun was had by all coupled with lots of physical activities including football, tennis, dodgeball, gymnastics and much much more!
Another sports club to run in Easter look out for details! Mr *McGeeney*



ECO Warriors



The Eco Warriors would like your help! They need posters designing to remind children at the Arbours to look. You could make a poster reminding children to not to litter the playgrounds. Or a poster encourage the school to reduce, re-use and recycle. Or a poster for the classroom reminding children to recycle the paper using the paper bins. There will be a prize for the best three and these will be used around school. If you would like some paper for your poster please ask your class teacher.

School Gerbils!

Over the half term the school Gerbils came to visit Miss Cotchin's house. They thoroughly enjoyed the car journey and had a very fun packed week. Here is Miss Cotchin's dog meeting the Gerbils for the first time.



Remember to send any naming entries for the gerbils into the office!



Pupils crossing the road in front of cars...

The caretaker has recently noticed that some parents are crossing the road in front of cars to access the school gate. There is a pedestrian crossing for your children's safety. It may be necessary to lock the side gate to ensure all are kept safe using the pedestrian crossing gate.

Paper collection and shoe boxes...

Next half term we are taking part in a whole school art project called 'Give a hoot for a boot'. This project is all about the local shoe and boot industry. We are fortunate enough to have different artists in residence in school in the second week of term. Your children will enjoy felt making, drawing, painting and wire/paper sculpture. You will be invited in to take part and to view the work produced.

In order to make this successful we need to collect newspaper and if possible as many shoe boxes as possible. If you are able to donate any papers and boxes then please send them in with your child.



Road Safety

Please remember to park carefully outside the school. There is not much space so we must all try our best! Remember if you are parking **you must not block a pathway—a double buggy should be able to get through. If you are blocking the path the police may be called on 101.**

If you see anyone who is parking dangerously or blocking a pathway you can report the registration number to 101.

Please also be thoughtful to our neighbours when parking by not parking across the driveways. Thank you.



RESPECT—Current School Value

This is our current value. We will be talking to the children about respecting;

- Friends
- Adults
- Class pets
- Our building
- Our classrooms
- Our uniform

