

# Autumn Newsletter 2 2024

## Our Archibald School rules...

We are...

ready



We are...

responsible



We are...

respectful



We are...

safe



Please share and support our school rules.

#School and Families together

## Headlice

Unfortunately, we have some extra visitors in school... headlice.

Please check your children's hair tonight and ensure you treat it straight away.

After applying the treatment, comb the hair every evening with the headlice comb to clear any lice or eggs.

Retreat the hair after 1 week.

[Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)



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## Photographs

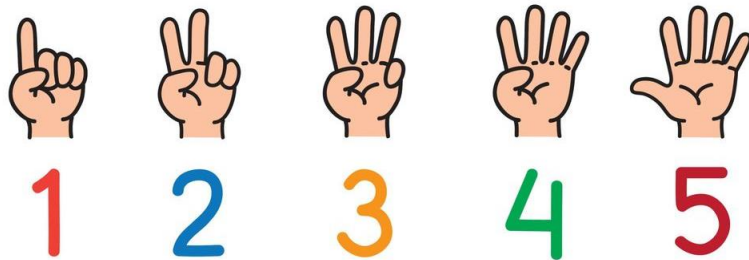
Individual OR family photographs will be taken on 16<sup>th</sup> October. All children are to wear school uniform and to come to school with huge smiles...



## Safeguarding

Have you tried 'Show me 5...' with your children? We use this in many ways in school such as 'Show me 5...'

- Trusted adults
- Ways to eat healthily
- Ways to stay fit
- Stay safe on line
- Ways to cross a road
- Be a good friend



In school, the school leaders

would deal with any safeguarding concerns overall but our key message to the children is to talk to a **trusted adult**. In school this is any member of staff they feel comfortable, happy and safe talking to.

Please support us in reminding the children that they can talk to any adult in school if they need to. Could they say who this could be if the need was there?

## Attendance Matters

After 3 weeks, our whole school attendance is 97.88%.



Well done everyone who has been at school every day possible. Our winning year group is Year 4 at 99% whilst our winning class is Class 9 at 99.5%.

Nursery 1 is at 87.1% and Nursery 2 is at 94.4% - both below the targeted 97%. Can we increase this over the next few weeks Nursery part timers?

For all our families, please do look at the letters page with the updates about attendance and the Local Authority fines following DfE statutory changes to attendance.

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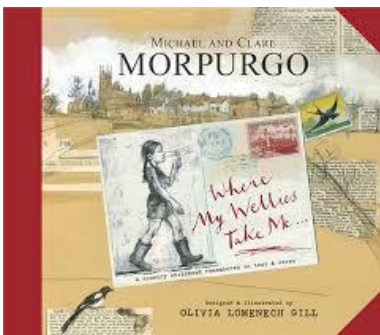


Thank you so much for your continued donations. We are currently looking for:

- hats
- bags
- masks
- mobile phone handsets
- computer keyboards
- old laptops (battery removed)
- scooters
- bikes
- skateboards
- musical instruments
- painting rollers
- paintbrushes (all sizes)
- life size prams/buggies
- dolls prams/buggies
- wheel barrows
- suitcases
- milk crates
- jumbo chalk
- action figures
- animal figures
- builder's hats
- buttons
- old photo frames
- corks (no judgements)

If you have any of these to offer to school, please bring them in to the school office. Items must be in good condition and working order.

## Poetry Week



Next week is poetry week in school to coincide with National Poetry Day. Can you read poems together at bedtime? What was your favourite poem as a child?

In school, we will be using Michael Morpurgo's *Where My Wellies Take Me* as a stimulus for our own writing. Check out Twitter/X for the children's poems!



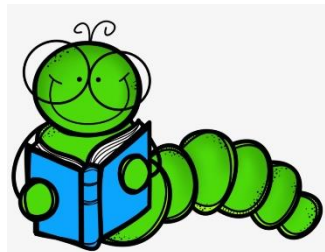
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# Reading at Archibald

It has been lovely to see the children settle back into school life and continue to be confident and enthusiastic readers; thank you for your support with your child's reading. As we move into next half term, we will continue to prioritise reading across the school.

## Key Stage 2 Reading Worms



Our reading worms are used as a reward system to promote reading, motivate pupils to read at home and to celebrate effort and achievement. Each child in years 3 and 4 is issued with a 'reading worm' which is kept at school.

Once a week, teachers will stamp entries in individual reading diaries, if a child has 5 entries, they can then colour a section of their worm. At the end of each half term, all pupils with a completed worm will go into a prize draw for a new book; we will repeat this at the end of every half term.

Entries can be a written comment or a signature to indicate that your child has read at home. Reading can include school books, reading books from home, magazines, recipes, instructions for games, leaflets, posters etc.

## Early Years and Key Stage 1 Reading Recognition Reward

Each half term, class teachers will nominate a pupil for outstanding effort in reading and they will be invited to choose a new book.

*Please remember that re-reading a school book helps children to recognise the key words, build fluency and confidence and can also focus on talking about the events and images.*



## Archibald Recommended Reads

Have you looked at our Archibald 'recommended reads' for each year group. At the start of the academic year, every child was given a book list inside their reading diary.

The aim is to see how many of these books they can read before the end of July. Parents and carers are asked to record and sign on the sheet provided. Certificates are given at the end of each term.



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## Archibald Book Swap



Each morning, we place two trolleys at the front of school. One is filled with 'Books for grown-ups' and another with 'Books for children'

The idea is that you can 'Take a book' and 'Leave a book'.

As you take your first book to read, please leave a book for someone else to enjoy.

If you do take a book to read, you can then return it back once you have finished with it and collect another.

If you have any good quality and appropriate books that you could donate to the trolleys, we would be very grateful. Sadly, our stocks have depleted as books have NOT been returned.

Please bring these in to the school office.

## Signing up to ASDA Cashpot

As a school we are a member of ParentKind meaning that if you sign up to ASDA Cashpot for Schools it can earn money for our school when you do your shopping and you don't lose your own rewards. We would be grateful if you could sign up either by clicking this link: <https://rewards.asda.com/> Or alternatively by typing the address into your browser. On Friday we were already up to over £170...



## Coffee Meetings

It was lovely to see everyone who was able to join us at our coffee events. Please remember to come and see us with any questions or queries – we are there to help!

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