

Parent Governor

We have two members of our governing body who come to the end of their terms of office very shortly. Being a school governor is a very rewarding and worthwhile role as it helps shape the future for our children. It does require some commitment, generally two evening meetings per term and then some time spent meeting with staff. If you are interested, please contact the school office and let them know.

MDAS Vacancy

We still have a vacancy for a midday supervisor. If you could spare just over an hour each lunchtime, please contact the office for details.

Lost Property

We seem to be accumulating rather a lot of lost property at the moment. Please make sure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled with his or her name so that we can return any clothing to the rightful owner!



Arno Vale Junior School Newsletter April 2018

Welcome back and I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break despite the inclement weather!

Safeguarding

As you will appreciate, one of the most important things we do in school is keeping your children safe. There are lots of procedures we follow and we are constantly looking at ways of improving our systems. One of these systems concerns the signing in and out of children out of normal times.

In my last newsletter, I informed you about signing a child out if you are late collecting at the end of the day. This ensures we know who the child has gone home with. We are also going to amend our practices when signing a child in late in the morning. The signing in book will no longer be on the table in reception, but will be held by the staff behind the hatch. If you need to sign your child in, please let the reception staff know who will complete the book entry for you but will also be asking for a reason which will be recorded. This information will remain confidential. Thank you for your understanding; we will begin this new procedure on Monday, April 30th.

Diary Dates

We have had to change the date of the forthcoming sports afternoon to Friday, June 29th. This is because this year, the Year 6 children who will be going to Arnold Hill Academy will be having two transition days, and one of them falls on the day we had originally planned for the sports afternoon. I hope you can make it on June 29th.

Our Year 6 children will be holding their performances on the evenings of Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th of July. The leavers' assembly will be at 11.00am on Tuesday, July 24th.

Homework Update

As you know, we made some changes to our homework policy this year. The children are expected to learn spellings, times tables and to read regularly. Research shows that these activities have the most impact on a child's progress at school. We have noticed a positive impact since introducing this change and will continue with this approach for the remainder of the school year. Each term your child will also be given the option to do additional tasks, these are not compulsory! Occasionally your child's class teacher may ask your child to complete some work at home, for instance in the run up to SATs, Year 6 children may benefit from some specific test preparation. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need any clarification.

Pupil Premium

Did you know that if you are in receipt of certain benefits your child may be entitled to free school meals and the Pupil Premium? This is a sum of money paid to support your child in their learning. The eligibility criteria is as follows:

Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

- Income Support • Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190.

If you think you may be entitled, you can apply online at:

https://emsonline.nottscs.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F

Contact Us: Tel: 0115 9536400 Email office@arnovale.notts.sch.uk
Saville Road, Woodthorpe, Nottingham, NG5 4JF

Royal Wedding

It may have come to your notice that there is a Royal wedding happening in May! To celebrate Harry and Meghan's nuptials we will be holding a street party at lunchtime. Weather permitting, on Friday, May 18th the children will have their lunch on the playground in a street party style. We will send you more details nearer the time.

School Crossing Patrol Wanted At Arno Vale Juniors



To work during term-time

Monday to Friday

8.30am - 8.55am

3.30pm - 3.55pm

Current Rate of Pay **£8.75** per
hour

If you are interested in this
worthwhile and
rewarding job, please telephone:

**Road Safety Team
0115 9774373**

Summer Weather

We are officially in the summer term and hopefully, the lovely weather we enjoyed at the end of last week will make a return at some

point. To that end, please make sure your child has a water bottle and a hat to wear at breaktimes.

Sports Camps

Mr Lindley and Mr Ward will be running their sports camps again on May 29th and 30th during the half term break. They will also be holding the camps in the summer holidays on Thursday and Friday July 26th and 27th, Tuesday, July 31st, Wednesday, August 1st, Thursday August 2nd and then on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday August 6th, 7th and 8th. If you are interested in your child attending, please see either Mr Lindley or Mr Ward.

Salad Bar

We are currently awaiting delivery of a salad bar for our lunchtime service. We will soon be able to offer a small range of salads to accompany the meals. We will let you know when it arrives!

Forthcoming Dates

May 2nd: Year 5 Ancient Greek Day

May 7th: May Day bank holiday

May 11th: Year 4 visit to the Butterfly Farm

May 14th to May 17th: Year 6 SATs

May 18th: Royal Wedding street party

May 18th: PTA Family Disco

May 23rd: Maths morning

May 24th: Class and group/team photographs

May 25th: Whole school art day

May 28th to June 1st: Half Term

June 4th: Inset Day