

AVJS Bulletin: 11th March 2022

I was overwhelmed at your response to the Ukrainian crisis appeal this week, thank you so much to everyone who donated items. Mrs Baker had her work cut out loading her car (she could have done with a van!) and delivering the items to Coppice Farm Primary School where they are going to be collected and delivered to Poland to help the refugees there.

Don't forget that we are holding parent consultation evenings next week and your child's class teacher will be contacting you at the time you booked. You will then have the chance during the summer term to come into school and look through your child's work – more information to follow.

If you drop your child off on Saville Road in the mornings, please remember to park responsibly. I have been informed that some people are parking on the prohibited areas or the road and making access and egress difficult for some of the residents.

If you have a child in year 6, the next instalment of £60 for the Caythorpe PGL residential is due by 25th March. The final instalment is due by 22nd April, thank you.

Thank you to parents of children in year 5 who have paid the deposit for the residential to Willersley Castle in November. We have secured the booking and the next instalment is due by 22nd April. The payment dates after this are 3rd June and 1st July, thank you.

Some of you may remember that in the dark and distant past, we used to operate a tuck shop at break times. This was a popular service but one we had to suspend because of Covid 19. We are pleased to say that we are bringing it back! Starting on the first day back after Easter (Tuesday, 19th April), we will be opening the tuckshop. For that week, it will be open for year 3 on Tuesday, year 4 on Wednesday, year 5 on Thursday and year 6 on Friday. It will be a cashless service that is paid for through ParentPay. If you would like your child to have

a snack from the tuck shop, we ask that you pay for a half term (£1 per week) in advance and for this, your child will receive a milk shake and a piece of toast. Subsequent weeks, the service will be offered from Monday to Thursday to years 3 to 6 in that order.

Parents and carers in year 6 will have received a letter informing them about the height and weight checks. The date is confirmed for Monday, 25th April at 1pm and for those who are absent, the team will be back in school on Friday, 6th May.

Next Friday, 18th March, it is Red Nose Day.

Comic Relief is all about the power to change lives and we have decided that we are going to celebrate the superpower of kindness. The children can come into school dressed as a superhero, in red, in school uniform or just to impress! Each class will be doing something to celebrate the day. To make a donation to Comic Relief, we will not be taking cash in school and ask that you follow the link below which will take you directly to the Red Nose donations page on ParentPay.
<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6526>



We have been really lucky that the number of cases of Covid 19 is extremely low in school. As you will know, the guidance has changed and restrictions have been lifted and we are glad to see so many children in school. We know that some schools are still seeing high numbers of cases and we will deal with that if it happens at Arno Vale. However, the government has stated that *'If you insist on your child attending nursery, school, or college when they have symptoms, they can take the decision to refuse your child if, in their reasonable judgement, it is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.'* We will continue working with you to reduce the risk of infection for everyone.



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Date for your diary! We are planning on holding our sports day on Thursday, 23rd June in the afternoon (weather permitting). You are all invited and we are sure it will be a great afternoon.

A huge congratulations to our indoor athletics team who competed in the county finals at the Harvey Haddon Sports Complex on Thursday afternoon. The children took part in a range of events and managed to come fourth, an incredible achievement. Well done to all our competitors.



Your child's attendance at school is really important. Good attendance means the children will make progress in their learning and enjoy time with their friends developing their social skills. We understand that children get poorly from time to time and if you have any concerns, please contact us.

Above 97%	Less than 6 days absence a year! Excellent attendance! Pupils with this attendance should achieve the best grades they can.
95%	Less than 10 days absence in a year! Pupils with this attendance are likely to achieve their target grades.
90%	20 days absence over the year! Pupils with this attendance are missing a month of school per year and may fall behind in Maths, English and other subjects; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.
85%	30 days absence in a year! These pupils are missing 6 weeks of school a year! It will be very difficult for them to keep up and achieve their best.
80%	Pupils with this attendance are missing a day for every week of school! It will be almost impossible to keep up with their work.

