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As we approach the end of this week it is encouraging to know that the R rate is coming down as is the rate of infections from Covid 19. However, as we have seen, we are still in a global pandemic and the fact that so many people can be infected but show no symptoms is still a major problem. I am sure you are pleased that the school is fully open and it is lovely seeing the classrooms filled again and I have enjoyed catching up with the children. It is unfortunate that we have had to close one bubble but also inevitable. We are working with the children to remind them of the measures we all need to take to help minimise the risk and keep them safe and we will continue to do so. We also urge you to continue to follow the government guidelines in order to keep the risk of infection as low as possible. The government has stated **‘As more pupils and students return to the classroom the Government has asked that all adults who live in households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, test themselves twice a week.**

Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 don't have any symptoms, but can still pass it on. The aim of the rapid testing is to test as many people as possible to help stop the spread of infections – especially as places, such as schools, start to reopen. To support this, home testing kits (a rapid lateral flow device test) are now available for anyone who is over the age of 18 who lives in the same home as a primary

school, secondary school or college age student.’

To find out more about obtaining lateral flow device testing kits, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-holidays-and-closures/back-to-school/guidance-for-people-without-covid-symptoms-who-live-with-school-and-college-age-children>

Thank you to those of you who have booked your parent's consultation evening slots. If you have not already done so, please check your email as a link was sent to you. If you have any issues, please contact the school office.

We hope your child(ren) liked their lockdown learner memento toy. Our thanks go to the Friends of Arno Vale who organised it and paid for them.

On Friday, 19th March it is Red Nose Day. In return for a £1 donation to be paid via ParentPay only, the children can come to school either dressed as a superhero, as a rock star (to tie in with the Times Tables Rock Stars Rock Down Relief event), wearing something to make us laugh, something red or simply our school uniform to get into the spirit. We will then be holding a joke competition. Each class teacher will invite the children to share their favourite joke which will be voted on. During celebration assembly, the best jokes from each class will compete head to head for the school's favourite joke which will be published on our website, on ClassDojo and in the school bulletin. Each



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class winner and the overall winner will also receive an Easter Egg. You can make your donation by following the link below:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2390>

Online Safety: Sharing Pictures and videos

It's harder to stay connected with our friends and family right now, so you may be sharing more images and videos of our children online via social media. But before you do, there are some important things to consider.

Read *sharing pictures of your children* for info on how to protect your younger, or older child whilst staying social.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/sharing-pictures-of-your-children>

From thinkuknow.co.uk

Community News

Arnold Hill Academy are asking that if you have been allocated a place for your child in Year 7 for September 2021, you need to accept the offer before Monday, 15th March. Thank you.



Nottinghamshire's school holiday and term time dates consultation.

Nottinghamshire County Council is currently consulting on proposed school term and holiday dates for the periods from 2023/2024 until 2026/2027 for community and voluntary controlled schools. The consultation is now open and runs between **1 March 2021 and 2 May 2021**.

NCC invites all consultees to complete the online survey using the link below. This will allow us to consider the views of all consultees and ensure they are incorporated into the consultation feedback report which will be considered by Members at the Children and Young People's Committee on 19 July 2021.

The Council is proposing two options: **Option A** follows the current model, which includes 2 weeks for the October half term break, a fixed spring break (generally the first two weeks in April) and approximately 5 weeks for the summer holiday ([Appendix 1](#)).

Option B proposes 2 weeks for the October half term break, a varied spring break and slight changes to the start and end dates for the academic year ([Appendix 2](#)).

The consultation also invites free text additional comments. Anyone can comment up to 2 May 2021 by:

- completing the online response form on the [public website](#)
- emailing schoolholidayconsultation@nottscc.gov.uk

Thank you for your support

