

AVJS Bulletin: 17th December 2021

This is the last bulletin of the term and 2021 and what a term it has been! From all of us at Arno Vale we would like to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. We hope you all stay well and healthy and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, 4th January. **Please make sure that you check your emails and ClassDojo prior to us starting back in January in case there are any updates that we need to give you in preparation for the new term. If you cannot log on to ClassDojo, please contact your child's class teacher.**

Thank you all for your support at our Christmas market two weeks ago, you managed to raise around £1000 for the school. I would like to express my thanks to the FOAV who worked incredibly hard to make the market the success that it was.



It is really important that if you require Club Vale sessions you book and make payment by the preceding Thursday. Booking in is done on line through the ParentPay system. Parents wishing to use the Club Vale facility for their child/ren will need to contact the school office so that they may be given access to the booking system. Bookings for the following week must be submitted with payment by the

preceding Thursday. Parents who wish to pay via childcare vouchers will need to complete a paper booking form which must be submitted with voucher payment details by the preceding Thursday. If booking and payment is not received by the established date, your child will not be expected at the club, even if he/she is a regular member. If you require a place and have not booked by the preceding Thursday please contact the school office to check availability. Unfortunately we cannot always accommodate late bookings as we may not have a place available.

Online Safety

It's an inconvenient truth of modern life that it can often be problematic persuading younger family members to put away their phone or switch off their games console in favour of some shared activity. Adults can feel this especially acutely at Christmas: ostensibly a time of togetherness but all too often a losing battle against the likes of Call of Duty, TikTok or YouTube. Christmas is a time of miracles, however. There are ways to incorporate children's beloved devices into the festivities, so grown-ups still get to enjoy some quality family moments and young ones don't start to feel short-changed in terms of screen time. This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide has our collection of top tips for making the most of the online world this Christmas. To access this guide, please set up a parent account by following this link: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/arno-vale-junior-school>

To help us complete our accreditation, we strongly encourage you to complete one of the Annual Certificates in Online Safety for Parents & Carers of Children aged 7-11, which should take approximately 30 minutes.

Lots of us will continue to rely on technology over the winter break, for entertainment and



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keeping in touch with friends and family. Santa may even be delivering some technology too. Think You Know, run by CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command) have released the following information for parents and carers:

A parent's guide to privacy settings:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/a-parents-guide-to-privacy-settings/>

Gaming: What parents and carers need to know:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/>

What is the internet of things?

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-the-internet-of-things-iot/>

After over 11 years at the school, we say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Small today. She starts her new role as Deputy Headteacher at Priestsic Primary School in Sutton in Ashfield in the new year. We will all miss her and wish her the very best of luck. We also say goodbye to Mrs Perrin who has been a fantastic midday supervisor and will also be missed.

Attached with this bulletin is a letter regarding a consultation about a revised anti bullying policy and a new peer on peer abuse policy. We ask that you read the policies and if you have any comments to make, that you complete the form by following the link on the letter, thank you.

Well done to Ben, Robyn, Maryam, Hannah, Grace and Alex who represented the school brilliantly at a recent dodgeball festival at Arnold Hill Academy, Miss Fallon felt very proud of not only their achievement but also their wonderful attitudes.

Merry Christmas

