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I would like to thank you all for your continued vigilance in the steps you are taking to keep us safe and help control the spread of Covid 19. We are still having positive cases reported to us but I feel this could be much worse if you weren't taking the steps that you are doing, mainly by booking a PCR test if you or your child displays any of the symptoms. If there is a new case in your child's year group, we will send you a letter informing you. This is not to worry anyone, but just to make you aware.

Do you think your child may be eligible for free school meals? Universal Infant Free School Meals only applies to younger children up to and including year 2; from then on, school meals are paid for by the parents or carers. However, if you meet at least one of the qualifying criteria, you may be eligible for free school meals in key stage 2. To find out what the criteria are and how to apply, please follow the link below :

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>.

As well as receiving free school meals, your child will then automatically attract the Pupil Premium grant. This is a grant paid directly to the school and is used "to improve education outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in schools in England". Schools are free to decide how the money is spent and it does not have to be used solely on the children who qualify for it; it can be used to benefit them and other children through training and development of teachers, small group tuition and emotional and wellbeing

support. There is also the Service Pupil Premium for the children of armed services personnel. This is additional funding for schools but is not based on disadvantage and is used to help with pastoral support. If you have any questions with regards to free school meals and the Pupil Premium, please contact the school.

It was really great to meet with our Friends of Arno Vale on Tuesday night - it has been such a long time since we have been able to meet up and discuss fund raising ideas for the school. We have decided that we are going to hold a 'Break Some Rules Day' on the last day of this half term: Friday, 15th October. For that day and that day only, your child will be able to break some of our rules by doing any (or all) of the following:

- Having crazy hair.
- Not wearing school uniform.
- Having an unhealthy snack for break time (no nuts though).
- Not having water in the drinks bottle (no fizzy or hot drinks though).
- Eating the dessert before the main course.
- Having extra play time.

We are asking for a donation of £2 made payable through your ParentPay account and emphasise that these are the only rules your child can break, all other rules and values will remain in place. We do have to stress that although we are breaking the healthy snack rule, we cannot allow nuts or products containing nuts to be brought



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into school. We will be letting you know soon of some of the other events that the FOAV are planning for the school year.

Our congratulations go to Seb in year 4 who has completed a charity running challenge over the last eight months. Seb ran 26.2 miles each month and at the weekend, he completed his eighth month with a half marathon supported by his friends and family. Seb decided that he would do this for eight months as he had just turned eight himself! Seb has raised almost £800 for Arnold Food Bank. He was ably supported by his brother Tallyn who either biked or ran alongside him for many of his runs. Well done Seb, what an amazing achievement!



This is just a gentle reminder that Club Vale closes at 5.30pm. If your child is in our after school club, please ensure that you collect them by this time, thank you.

We are already planning for the spring and want to make our Memorial Flower Bed something special. If you have any spare bulbs that you are not intending on planting, we would love to have them! Please send them in with your child for the attention of Mrs Pennant, thank you.

From National Online Safety:

Pokémon GO was released in July 2016, and had amassed more than 100 million downloads by the end of that month. The following year, an academic study by an American university reported that people playing Pokémon GO in areas near traffic had been a named factor in 31 injuries and two fatalities in the US alone.

That's not to say that the game itself is dangerous – just that eager young Pokémon trainers may regularly need reminding about the importance of staying aware of their surroundings. That's just one of the safety tips in our #WakeUpWednesday guide to Pokémon GO, which also touches on the visibility of young players' locations and possibility of contact from strangers.

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/arnovale/UploadedDocument/7709e7a2-ed73-46e9-aec0-603268a2ed7b/pokemon-go.pdf>

Community News:

Please see the latest news from our community by visiting the Parents tab on our website and then looking at Community News. Notices of any events that we receive will be advertised there.



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**Flu**

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Alternative Vaccination

If you don't want your child to have the flu nasal spray due to the porcine element then we are offering an injectable flu vaccination!

It is important you consent for the flu injection on your online consent form.



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Are you refusing the Flu nasal spray due to porcine gelatine?

- 1 Complete the online consent**
All children need a completed consent form.
- 2 Decline the nasal spray**
Select **No** consent for the flu immunisation.
- 3 Request the flu injection**
If you would like the alternative flu injection it is essential you select **Yes**.



For further information and support please contact the team on 07920182032 or sais@nottshc.nhs.uk

