

AVJS Bulletin: 21st April 2021

Welcome back and I hope you have all had an enjoyable Easter break. It is lovely having a full school again and as the level of infection from Covid is on the decline, I hope that we can continue to stay full. The summer term is always a busy one and we hope that we will be able to re-instate some of the events that we usually hold but had to cancel last year. Despite that, we are still in a pandemic and so it is still vital that we all stick to the control measures by maintaining social distance, regular handwashing and sanitising and sticking to the rule of 6.

You will probably know by now that Miss Iremonger is expecting twins and Mrs Blakemore has returned from her maternity leave. Following medical advice, Miss Iremonger will be carrying out her duties working from home from next week until she starts her maternity leave. Mrs Blakemore will be taking over 6 White at this point. We are very lucky that Mrs Blakemore is a very experienced teacher and knows the children in year 6 incredibly well.

I am pleased to let you know that we will be offering school meals from Monday. If you would like your child to have one, please book in the usual way using the ParentPay system, thank you.

We have been informed that there will be no crossing patrol on Arno Vale road from 4th May 2021.

The Children's Commissioner, Rachel de Souza has launched a survey for all children across the nation. Called The Big Ask, it is

the largest survey of young people in England with the aim of gaining their views to inform the government of what children think and what they need to live happier lives. The survey should only take between 5 to 10 minutes and can be accessed here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

There is also a section where parents and carers can share their views too. I would encourage you all to complete the survey in order to give the children a say in future developments.

You will also find attached with this bulletin a letter from Jonathan Gribbin, Director of Public Health for Nottinghamshire County Council and Colin Pettigrew, Corporate Director for Children, Young People and Schools for Nottinghamshire County Council. This letter has some useful information about current Covid 19 measures.

Your child may have come home from school this week informing you that they can now play football on the field! Mrs Lund, our PE and Sports specialist, has put together a bag of equipment for each year group to use at lunchtime. So far, the children have really enjoyed using this. We do ask that the children still refrain from bringing in their own equipment for playtime to keep the risk of infection from Covid 19 to a minimum. There is a wide variety of outdoor equipment for the children to choose from and so they should be able to find something to entertain themselves!

