

AVJS Bulletin: February 25th 2020

We hope you have had a lovely half term and the inclement weather wasn't too much of a problem for you.

Selected Diary Dates:

Tuesday, 03/03/20: Whole school maths morning. Full information in this bulletin.

Thursday, 05/03/20: World Book Day. More information in this bulletin.

Friday, 06/03/20: Y3 trip to Matlock Meadow Farm. Reminders in this bulletin.

Week commencing Monday, 09/03/20: Sport Relief week. More information to follow.

Monday, 09/03/20: Height and weight checks for children in Year 6. More information to follow.

Friday, 20/03/20: Mother's Day afternoon tea. More information to follow.

Thursday, 02/04/20: Rearranged Y3 visit to the Nottingham Ice Arena.

Friday, 03/04/20: Last day of the Spring term.

Other News:

Over the half term break Mr Evans, father of Willow in Year 6, has been really busy transforming our library. He has designed and created a new theme for us and we are in the process of replacing the carpet. Once this has been done, we will be re-stocking the books and purchasing some new ones. Our aim is to make the library a really inviting place for the children to come and read and it is all thanks to you! The money that has been invested in this project is

courtesy of the Friends of Arno Vale (FOAV) and when you get the chance to see the finished product, I am sure you will agree it has been money well spent.



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World Book Day is coming up on Thursday 5th March. We will be celebrating this event with a special assembly and shared reading throughout the day.

As part of our fundraising efforts this term the children will be designing a lovely bag on World Book Day.

They will bring a copy of their design home for you to see and then you can order your bags on Parent Pay for only £6 each.

We are sure the bags will be amazing – and don't forget – every bag you buy will help support the transformation of the school library!

Further information to follow...

Thank you

Friends of Arno Vale (FOAV)



You are invited to come in to school on Tuesday 3rd March to see how we teach maths at Arno Vale. During the morning, your child/children will teach you some of the methods they have learned and show you some of the equipment we use. If you can come in, you will be rewarded with a cup of tea/coffee. There may even be a large plate of biscuits!

- Maths morning for classes in Year 3 and 6 will take place from 9.15am to 10.00am (refreshments available in the hall from 8.55am).
- Maths morning for classes in Year 4 and 5 will take place from 10.45am to 11.30am (refreshments available in the hall from 10.25am).

If you have children in different classes/year groups, you will be able to move from room to room as necessary.

To give us an indication of numbers, please email noreply@arnovale.notts.sch.uk if you intend to come. Please note that there will be no space in classrooms for buggies/pushchairs. However, these can be left in the hall.

Mr Ward and Mr Lindley will once again be running their Multi-Sports Camp on selected dates at Easter. Please contact them if you require any further information.

- Monday 6th April
- Tuesday 7th April
- Wednesday 8th April
- Tuesday 14th April
- Wednesday 15th April
- Thursday 16th April



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Messages/reminders from the Year 3 team:

A reminder that 3C will be making pizzas on Thursday 27th February and 3A will be making pizzas on Friday 28th February.

School will be able to provide the ingredients for making the pizza base and the tomato sauce, but we ask that parents/carers provide the children with the additional toppings they have chosen.

The children will make a small pizza (7" max) so will only require a small amount of ingredients. We also ask that, if possible, the toppings can be pre-cut at home, so that the children can focus on assembling their design. The ingredients will be stored in a fridge until they are needed in the afternoon, so it would really help if they are labelled with your child's name.

As we will not be able to cook the pizzas in school, the children will bring them home in a small pizza box (provided by school), and the pizza will just need cooking in your ovens at home for around 10 minutes.

Please contact your child's class teacher if you need any more information or have any questions or concerns.

Y3 visit to Matlock Meadows Farm on 6th March. The visit will include:

- a tractor and trailer ride around the farm
- a chance to meet the sheep, pigs and chickens
- the diet and lifecycle of cows
- a tour of the milking parlour

- how the milk is cooled before collection by a tanker
- the processes involved in ice-cream making
- tasting ice-cream made on the farm

The children will be outside for most of the day. They will need to wear school jumpers and t-shirts and warm trousers. They should also wear a warm, waterproof coat and wellies/ other shoes that can get muddy or wet. This is a working farm and it is usually very muddy!

The children will not need money as there is no opportunity for them to buy anything. All children will be provided with a school packed lunch as this cost was factored into the trip price. They will also have an ice cream that has been made at the farm.

We will be leaving school at 9:15am and return to school by 3:35pm, traffic permitting.

Y3 visit to St Mark's Church - The Easter Experience.

As part of our Religious Education, we are taking both Year 3 classes to 'The Easter Experience' at St Mark's Church, Woodthorpe on the afternoon of Wednesday 1st April. We will require volunteers to accompany the children as they walk to the church and to supervise the children when they work in small groups at the church. You would need to arrive at school for 1pm on Wednesday 1st April and would be back at school by 3:35pm. If you can volunteer, please can you email me directly at kcarter@arnovale.notts.sch.uk

Many thanks for your continued support.



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3A start their swimming lessons this week. If you are able to accompany the class as an adult helper, please let Mrs Ainley know as soon as possible.

Year 4 will be going on a walk around Arnold on the afternoon of Tuesday 3rd March (weather permitting) as part of this half term's theme *Here and There*.

If there is light rain, we will go ahead, however, if there is heavy rain we will postpone to another day. Please ensure your child is wearing suitable footwear and a waterproof coat.

We will also need some parent or grandparent helpers to accompany us. If you are able to help, please email either vblakemore@arnovale.notts.sch.uk or lmorley@arnovale.notts.sch.uk to let us know. We will be setting off from school promptly at 1:30pm.

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad. The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. Latest information and advice can also be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus. There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

What action you can take

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus. Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.



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The NSPCC's **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

I'm pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their **Speak out. Stay safe.** assembly on Monday 2nd March. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop on 10th March for children in years 5 and 6.

What is the **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme?

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying without using scary words or adult language.

We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like any more information about the **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme you can visit the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/buddy

Talking PANTS with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning the word sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/parents

