

AVJS Bulletin: 25th March 2021

We are now rapidly approaching the end of the term and it has been really great having a full school. I feel really proud of how the children have settled back in over the last few weeks; it feels like they were never away!

There is a requirement for someone in school to be available for test and trace purposes up until 7th April. If your child develops symptoms or tests positive for Covid 19 up until that date, please email me at head@arnovale.notts.sch.uk so that I can notify the relevant authorities and contact all those who would need to self-isolate. I will make contact with you by email so it is important that you check your mail box regularly. Families of school aged children can access lateral flow testing kits to use at home. We urge you to take advantage of this and test yourselves twice a week in order to detect asymptomatic cases. For more information, please follow the link below:

<https://www.gedling.gov.uk/community-testing/>

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a [Test and Trace Support Payment](#) or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria. The extension of the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, which is administered by district and unitary local authorities in England, ensures that parents receive the financial support they need if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities.

We know that some of the older children walk to and from school by themselves and that because of this, some of them carry a mobile phone. We ask that a phone is only brought in **if absolutely necessary** and if this is the case, the children must hand their phone in to their teacher at the start of the day and then collect it at home time; this is for safeguarding reasons. We will keep them in a safe place but cannot be held responsible for them. The children should not use them whilst on the school premises.

Some of you will have received an email through Medical Tracker informing you of a first aid incident involving your child at school. This system replaces the old paper one we used to have and means that you receive the notification much quicker and there is no chance of it being lost in the bottom of a school bag! When we input the information, it generates a letter from a template that is emailed to you. Just because you receive the notification so promptly does not mean that the first aid incident is serious; if it is, we will also contact you personally.

Did you know that we're registered with easyfundraising and you could help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself? Since our fundraising events are on hold, this is a great opportunity to keep raising much needed funds for the school. When you shop online, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, eBay, notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for Friends Of Arno Vale.



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If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes, then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway - simply shop online as normal. This will be an enormous help to the school, at no extra cost to yourself. Visit our easyfundraising page to get started:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofarnovale/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=s-e2

A big thanks to all of you who have returned a device that was loaned to you during lockdown. If you still have one, please return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Online Safety: Steps you can take to help keep your child safer online
Parental controls: Parental controls have been designed to help you manage your child's online activities. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought. However, nothing is totally fool proof so this shouldn't replace the support and guidance you give your child to help keep them safer. For more information and step by step instructions on setting up parental controls, visit [Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides](#) - [Internet Matters](#).

Community News

Lucy Hales, an ex pupil of the school who now attends the Redhill Academy, is currently fund raising for a four week expedition to Borneo. Whilst there, she will work on a number of community projects

to support the local people and the environment. The cost of the trip is £4000 and she has currently raised £1900. Lucy is therefore launching a decorated Easter egg competition. Lucy has stated:

"I will be asking children to decorate a hard-boiled egg. The cost to enter is £2.00 and there will be three prizes. To enter the parent of the child must email a photograph of their egg design to me with their name and parents contact number. The contribution of £2.00 will be paid into my pay pal account where all of the funds will go towards my expedition. I will judge the designs and announce the 3 winners at 7pm Friday 2nd of April. The cut-off date is Thursday 1st April 2021. I have designed a poster to promote the competition. A copy is attached."

If you would like to support Lucy, the photographs of the decorated eggs can be sent to: lucy.hales360@gmail.com



DECORATE A HARD BOILED EGG COMPETITION

Decorate a hard boiled egg and send me a picture via email, [Lucy.hales360@gmail.com](mailto:lucy.hales360@gmail.com) along with the artist name, contact info and a short description

Winners will be contacted and announced on Instagram, @lucy.fundraising at 7pm on Friday 2nd April, the deadline for an entry is Thursday 1st April

All proceeds will go towards Lucy's 4 week expedition to Borneo, helping the environment and the local community

To enter please donate a suggested entree fee of £2 per egg design

To do this email lucy.hales360@gmail.com which will give you further instructions

Prizes:

1st	2nd	3rd
		
Rpr: £10.50	Rpr: £5	Rpr: £3.75



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