

AVJS Bulletin: 26th November 2020

Thanks to all of you for supporting us with the Children in Need appeal. In total you raised £258, well done!

You will have seen in the press that the government intends to re-introduce the tier system after December 2nd when we end the current lockdown period. At present, we do not know how this will affect schools. During the current lockdown, government guidance stated that although wrap around care could continue, other after school clubs could not. We are waiting to see whether Mrs Peat will be allowed to run her Spanish club again and she will let you know as soon as she can.

At present, we do have a limited number of spaces in Club Vale both in the morning and afternoon sessions. If you do require wrap around care, please contact the school office who will be able to give you more details and guide you through the registration and booking process.

If you have placed an order for Christmas cards, tags, coasters or mugs please note that we are expecting delivery by the 10th December at the latest. As soon as we receive the items we will send them home with your child.

We know that some of the children were not able to receive their flu vaccinations in school last week due to absence. The immunisation team will be back in school on the afternoon of Friday, 11th December. If you require your child to receive the vaccination, please follow the link below in order to give authorisation; this is the only way that permission can be granted. You will be

asked for the school code which is NG122509, thank you.

www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, it is easy to find out by following the link below:

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

You may have noticed on ClassDojo that we are in the process of recruiting Class Ambassadors. This is an exciting role and we are looking for two children from each class. If your child is interested in applying for one of the posts, the application form can be found on ClassDojo or paper copies are available from the class teachers.

I would like to remind you that at the end of the day, we operate a one way system onto the school grounds entering from Arno Vale Road and exiting onto Saville Road. It is important that all our visitors adhere to this in order to minimise risk. Please remind your children as well that when leaving the premises, they should avoid going on the grassy bank at the rear of the school and stick to the pathway. This is for safety reasons, thank you.

How is your child getting on with Times Tables Rock Stars? We are really pleased with the enthusiasm this has generated and we recommend that your child spends at least five minutes per day practising their skills. We have been very impressed with the progress that lots of the children have been making.



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As December approaches, many of the children will be eagerly writing Christmas cards to their friends. We will be providing a post box in school for children to post their cards to their school friends. In the past, we have regularly emptied the post box and delivered the cards to the children. This year, in order to make this process as safe as we can, we will have to leave the cards in the post box for 48 hours before distributing them. This means that the last day for posting them will be Wednesday, 16th December.

As the weather is getting cooler, please remember to send your child to school with suitable, warm clothing. We need to keep the classrooms well ventilated and even with the heating on, the temperature in the classrooms is a little cooler than we usually like. On cold days, an extra layer to wear indoors will really help the children.

It has been brought to our attention that some of our children have social media accounts such as WhatsApp. Although the minimum age for this is 16, we know that children do use it. However, we have also been told of inappropriate messages and comments that have been posted. I would like to ask you all to regularly check what accounts your child is accessing and monitor them closely. We frequently talk to them about E safety and will continue to do so but this activity happens outside of school hours and so we do need you to support, advise and monitor your child's online activity. Thank you.

