

AVJS Bulletin: 27th January 2022

As you may have seen in the news, Covid restrictions across the UK have been relaxed further today. Unfortunately, schools are still seeing large numbers of pupils and staff testing positive. As a result, we will be maintaining all our protective measures and our comprehensive Covid risk assessment remains in place.

Staffing continues to be a real challenge, so I'd like to thank you for your understanding and support over the past few weeks as your child may have been taught by different adults. In the event of staff absence, we will always try to provide cover internally as a first option. If this isn't possible, we will source staff using our regular supply agency. Unfortunately, they are also stretched so there are times when we have to be really flexible. I just need to take this opportunity to warn you that it is not unthinkable that we are faced with a situation where we have to temporarily close a class. This would only be done as a last resort if there were absolutely no alternatives. Please note that Mr Rossington is not in school this week and may also be off at the start of next week. Please send any correspondence for him to me cbaker@arnovale.notts.sch.uk and I'll endeavour to reply as soon as possible.

4 Red have had a fantastic two days at Dukes Barn and 4 Green will be returning from their visit tomorrow. Staff have reported that the children represented Arno Vale brilliantly and have been a pleasure to look after. Thank you for your kind messages. The staff really do appreciate them.

A reminder that the next parent consultation evenings will take place during the week commencing 7th February. You should have received an email with a link to book your appointment. If you haven't already booked a slot, please do so as soon as possible. If you haven't received the link or need any help, please contact the school office.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone this week's Friends of Arno Vale (FOAV) meeting. The rearranged meeting will take place on Tuesday 22nd February at 3:45pm. You are welcome to attend even if you have not been before and we would love to hear your ideas. If you do not have any childcare and would like to attend the meeting, a supervised activity will be provided in one of the classrooms.

As part of our ongoing work around reading and increasing understanding about wellbeing, children watched a livestreamed performance based on a book called the Red Tree by Shaun Tan. We will be following this up as a whole school as part of our PSHE work. It is also National Story telling week next week. We will be having some assemblies where staff will be sharing one of their favourite stories to promote reading for pleasure. To involve the whole school community, we are inviting children to bring their favourite book to school to share with their class. Look out for photos being added to year group Dojo pages. Watch this space for how we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day in February and World Book Day in March.

Road safety have asked us to make parents aware that due to illness and for the foreseeable future, there will be no crossing patrol on Arno Vale Road. Please take extra care when crossing the roads around school.

If you have any issues at school and you need to speak to someone, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance who will try to resolve the issue. The best way is to contact them via ClassDojo or email and they will get back to you at their earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Chris Baker

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