

AVJS Bulletin: 28th January 2021

Over the last few days, I have been able to gain some very useful feedback from you during these extremely trying times. Some of it has come through the questionnaire and some from class teachers. One thing that is common to us all is that home learning is not easy. It is not ideal either. I am lucky that I don't have young children but I really empathise with you as you manage to combine working, teaching and being a parent into every day. We have certain requirements from the DfE that we must fulfil but we do understand that sometimes things do not go to plan and you cannot always manage to complete all of the learning tasks that are set. We also acknowledge that the current situation has an impact on everyone's mental health. It is really important that you take time to be a family, to have fun, to go out for a walk or some other form of exercise and forget about school for a while. We are here to support you with the learning but please do not feel bad if some days, things do not quite go to plan.

We have all been informed that it is unlikely that the children will all be back in school before 8th March. Once we have more information about this we will let you know.

Back at the start of the autumn term, we published our inset days for the year. We have one on Monday, 22nd February where school will be closed to all children, including those of critical workers. This is to allow for staff training.

In November 2020, an announcement was made by the government to confirm that there was a change to the 2022 late Spring Bank Holiday from Monday 30 May 2022 to

Thursday 2 June 2022. In addition, a further bank holiday for Friday 3 June 2022 has been created to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The school holiday dates and public holidays have been updated to reflect this change and I attach a final copy of the revised holiday dates for 2021-2022 for your information and publication as appropriate.

The School Aged Immunisation Service has reported to us that 89% of our children received the flu vaccination last term which is great news.

Community News

Change4Life have created recipes and shopping lists for families which can be used to create lunches for around £15 each week. They can be accessed by following the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas>

A former pupil has sent in a photograph from 1969 of class 1B with their teacher Mrs Brown. At the time the headteacher was Mr Naylor and the teachers were Mrs Brown, Mrs Rodgers, Mrs Briggs and Mr Tait.

