AVJS Bulletin: 29th April 2021

We have had a great two weeks back at school and the children seem really settled and are enjoying their work. Thanks to Miss Lees, the kitchen is back up and running and everyone has been enjoying some delicious and nutritious meals too.

We have just had our new telephone system installed this week; if you phone us, the first voice you hear will be that of Poppy in year 5 who won our competition to be the voice of Arno Vale. I would like to point out that all calls (incoming and outgoing) are recorded for training and monitoring purposes. When you call in, there is an option to speak to Club Vale but please be aware that our Club Vale staff are not on site during the school day. If you need to speak to someone about a Club Vale booking during school hours, please speak to the office. Please bear with us as we are trying to get used to this new system!

I would like to remind you that sugary foods should not be part of your child's break time snack. We really encourage the eating of fruit and vegetables at this time and thank you for your support with this.

We have been made aware of some issues relating to social media that are causing problems for a number of children across the school. As part of our PSHE curriculum, we regularly tackle these subjects but we are planning on holding a Wellbeing Week commencing Monday, 16th May. In the meantime, please keep a check on the sites your child might be visiting and the games that are being played. Many of them have a

minimum age rating of 12 or 13. It can be difficult keeping up today with the constant stream of new apps available to our children. Common Sense Media is a really useful site that gives advice to parents. Here is their ultimate guide to TikTok.

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok

It does feel that things are slowly returning to a new normal and with that, more people are returning to their workplaces. We still have spaces at Club Vale both in the morning and evening. Club Vale is our own, in house wrap around care provision run by qualified, employed staff. Children receive a light breakfast and a snack tea and there are always plenty of activities to do. If you require a place for your child, please contact the school office who will be able to give you more information. Prices are £4.50 for a morning session and £8.75 for the evening, paid through ParentPay (there is a surcharge for cash payments) – we also accept childcare vouchers. We open at 7.30am and close at 5.30pm.



