

AVJS Bulletin: 2nd December 2021

You are receiving this week's bulletin a day earlier than usual so please don't think it is Friday already! As you will know, tomorrow we are holding our Christmas sing along followed by our Christmas market. I would like to thank the members of the FOAV for all the hard work they have been putting in behind the scenes over the last few weeks to ensure that we can have our first whole school Christmas celebration in two years and that it is as safe as it can be. I do understand that for some of you, the thought of mingling with a lot of other people may be concerning, but that is why we are holding it outdoors. In order to make the event as safe as we can, there are a number of measures that we are putting in place :

- * Entry to the site will be via the **Arno Vale Road gate only**. The gate will be opened at 2.35pm and you will be directed to the playground.
- * The children will be standing in their classes.
- * We ask that you maintain **social distancing** measures as far as is practicable (around two thirds of the playground will be available for parents and carers to occupy).
- * **The wearing of face coverings is advised and encouraged.**

All the usual gates will be opened at the end of the school day. Please make sure that your child has a warm coat for the performance.

We really hope that you can stay after school tomorrow and enjoy our Christmas Market. There will be a stall selling hot drinks and If you have your own refillable cup, we urge you to bring that and there will be a 50% discount on the cost of your drink - and your drink will stay warm for longer! We are still accepting any donations for the raffle, cakes and bottles of wine. Raffle tickets are available to purchase on ParentPay and there is still time to send in the decorated white bags that were sent home with your child.

At school we have a very active Eco Committee who are very keen that we do what we can for the benefit of the planet. They have asked me to thank you for your efforts and urge you to continue recycling crisp packets and bread wrappers. We now have a clothing bank on site where you can bring your old clothes. I have also been asked to remind you that we are a nut free school and any wrappers of products that contained nuts cannot go into the crisp packet recycling bin.

We have had some great sporting success this week. On Tuesday a year five and six team of cross country runners competed in a heat at Carlton Le Willows Academy. Not only did many of them qualify for the county final early next year, but they all made us very proud with their manners and display of Arno Vale values. Well done to Caitlin, Scarlett, Yousaf, James, Mylo, Sharna, Hector, Lois, Isobel and Rory with a special mention for James who came first overall! Then on Wednesday, a team of boccia players went to Robert Mellors school for a match. Freya, Arron, Daniel, Archie, Emelia, Felix, Lewis and Mia played with expert precision and again, made the school feel extremely proud of their attitude, skill and politeness. Well done to everyone.

If you ordered Christmas cards, mugs, tags or coasters, they should have come home with your child today.

Don't forget that Friday, 10th December is the Save the Children UK Christmas jumper day. As I have said before, you don't have to have a Christmas jumper to join in as you can wear your normal school jumper or fleece as it is or jazz it up with some tinsel. Save the Children are recommending a £2 donation to their charity for the day.



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From National Online Safety:

According to research carried out by the British Board of Film Classification, last year 60% of children had to talk to their parents after viewing something online that had left them feeling uncomfortable, scared or confused. One in seven (13%) teens said that watching content online that they later wish they hadn't seen is a daily occurrence.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, more than half of the content reported by children featured either violence, hate speech or explicit sexual material. Social media often acts as a gateway to this material: trending topics tend to be seen whether they were searched for or not. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide examines this and other sources of inappropriate online content.

To access this guide, please set up a parent account by following this link: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/arno-vale-junior-school>

To help us complete our accreditation, we strongly encourage you to complete one of the Annual Certificates in Online Safety for Parents & Carers of Children aged 7-11, which should take approximately 30 minutes.

Community News

Please remember to have a look at the community news section on our website for events that are happening in and around Woodthorpe. This can be accessed by following the link below:

<https://www.arnovale.co.uk/community-news/>

