

AVJS Bulletin: 31st March 2021

We have almost made it and what a term it has been! Most children will have had only 20 days in school since Christmas but all of them have coped really well with the transition from remote learning to being back in the classroom. Of course, there is still a long journey ahead of us until we go back to the old normal. I hope you manage to have a restful Easter and although it means that the children are home again, at least there is no remote learning to complete! Please remember that if your child develops any of the symptoms of Covid 19 or tests positive for it, email me at your earliest convenience at head@arnovale.notts.sch.uk for track and trace purposes.

If you require a place at Club Vale for your child for next term and you pay by voucher, please send in your completed booking form as soon as possible (by tomorrow if you can) or you can email it to office@arnovale.notts.sch.uk.

We have had a number of parents asking us about when we will be resuming swimming, music tuition and after school clubs. In school, we have had many discussions about these aspects of school life and would like to start them again once we are able to. We have decided that at present, it is a little early. Because of the Covid risk assessment that we are required to have and adhere to, it makes it very difficult to find spaces for children to go for music tuition. We normally have mixed age groups for guitar which is something we cannot do at present. Limiting the tuition groups to year groups would ultimately reduce the

size of the groups and increase the cost of each lesson. Swimming poses a problem as we rely on parent volunteers, using a coach to transport the children and also the fact that as indoor swimming can only start again after April 12th, it would not give us long enough to provide all the lessons required for the children. We therefore plan to re-start swimming lessons for the autumn term. We usually offer this to Year 3 but as they have missed out this year, we shall move this to Year 4. With regards to after school clubs, at present our teachers and teaching assistants are required to be on duty each break time with their children which has an impact upon the work they need to do after school and in their own time. Again, once Covid measures have been relaxed, we will look to reinstate some of the clubs we have previously run.

Thank you to all of you for your generosity on Red Nose Day. In total, we raised £357.50 for this fantastic charity. ParentPay have extended the date for which they are accepting donations to today, so if you haven't made yours yet, there is still plenty of time to do so. <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=2390>

We informed you a while ago about the National Child Measurement Programme in Nottinghamshire that was due to start in January. However, with the school closures we had in the spring term, it has been decided by Public Health England that this year, it will be based on a sample size of 10% of the children taken from a selection of schools. We have not yet been informed if we will be one of



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the sample schools but if we are, I will let you know.

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If you're a pre-payment customer, we can help towards the cost of your gas or electricity with a £49 fuel voucher.

Energy switching

If you haven't switched suppliers for a while, you are likely overpaying for your energy. We can help to find the best tariff for your pocket.

If you're finding your utility bills too high, getting behind on payments, or are at a risk of disconnection, don't delay - get in touch with our team and discover the **free & subsidised*** support available.

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Please note it may be one of our partners who responds to your initial enquiry.
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Home feeling too cold?

Help is at hand!





Heating support

If your heating is broken or faulty, we can help you with a replacement or an urgent repair. 1st time gas central heating and boiler servicing is available too.



Home insulation

We can help you to keep the heat in this winter with wall and loft insulation. If your loft insulation is less than 100mm, you could also benefit from a top-up.

If you're finding your home uncomfortable to live in, if it's affecting your health, or if it needs improvements, don't delay - get in touch with our team and discover the **free & subsidised*** support available.

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Gedling Borough Council are working in partnership with a range of local organisations to provide free activities for children, young people and families during the Easter Holiday period.

Further information and booking details can be found by following this link - www.gedling.gov.uk/easter-activities

