

AVJS Bulletin: 3rd December 2020

We are now in the season of advent and lots of the children are undoubtedly counting down the sleeps until Santa comes. You will have received a message informing you of the Christmas raffle. As a reminder, you can send in a donation in any of the colours of the classes, it doesn't have to be the colour of the class your child is in. We will then make up hampers in those colours (**white, grey, yellow, orange, green, red, purple and blue**). You can buy as many entries into the raffle as you would like through your ParentPay account and we will be making the draw on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 16th. We ask that all donations are sent into school by Friday, 11th December so that we can quarantine them over the weekend and then make the hampers up at the beginning of the following week.

We are really pleased to let you know that despite the travel restrictions we are under at the present time, we have managed to persuade Santa to come and visit the children next week. He will be coming to the school car park on Wednesday, 9th December and the children will be able to go and say hello to him and his elf helper. We will ensure that social distancing measures are adhered to and we have asked Santa not to bring any presents with him. He has agreed and said that he is happy to leave them back at the North Pole.

We have had some lovely feedback regarding the assembly we published on ClassDojo. Due to the logistics involved, it is not something we will be doing on a regular basis but we do hope to be able to

record one again in the near future, we will let you know.

Don't forget that Friday 11th December is Christmas jumper day. If you would like to send a donation in, it is advisable to send a £1 coin. The money will be quarantined over the weekend then counted and banked with Save the Children. During that afternoon, the children who were not here for the flu immunisation in November will be able to have theirs. If you haven't booked your child in for their vaccination, you can do so by following this link: www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk

The school code is NG122509.

Our defibrillator is now registered with the East Midlands Ambulance Service and ready for use. We were fortunate to have received funding from a former parent and local councillors as well as from the FOAV for this to have happened. Hopefully, it will not be needed but it may be worth letting people you know in the community that the facility is there should it be required.

I would like to remind you of the need to maintain social distancing measures at all times in order to keep everyone safe. When you come onto the playground in the afternoon to collect the children, please make sure that you stand 2 metres apart from other adults and you leave space for children to come onto the playground as it can get very congested near the trim trail and the forest school area. We also ask that you to wear a face covering when coming onto the premises. If you have younger children with you, please make sure they don't go onto the climbing equipment or play on the wall and



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grassy bank at the rear of the school as we want to make sure that all our visitors are safe on our premises.

There is a flyer attached with this bulletin about a research project by a PHD student at Birmingham University. If you have the time, it is very easy to get involved and really helps those who are looking into how language develops in children. The children receive a free game to play and then a voucher is sent out after the sessions as a thank you. It is all done over Zoom and a member of our school community who has taken part said how much her child enjoyed it.

Community News

If you are the parent of a child who was previously looked after, the Education Psychology service are offering free workshops focusing on how children and young people understand emotions, understanding anxiety and change and finally, an introduction to executive functioning skills. If you are interested, you can access more information below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshops-for-families-of-children-who-were-previously-in-care-tickets-126195374763>

