

AVJS Bulletin: 3rd November 2020

Welcome back and I hope you have all managed to have some relaxation time over the half term break. A lot can happen in a fortnight and it certainly has! As we prepare to go into another lockdown, it is good for the wellbeing of the children that schools are remaining open. We will, of course, do everything we can to ensure the safety of everyone in school but I do feel that it is inevitable that there will be some disruption for certain people as we head towards the Christmas holidays. As is becoming customary, I have started this half term with an assembly about how we can keep safe and what our behaviour should be like. It is really important to remember that there are members of our community both in and out of school who are classed as vulnerable and so the need for social distancing, high standards of hygiene and vigilance is as important as it ever was. If your child or anyone in your household shows any of the symptoms of Covid 19, it is important that they are kept off school and a test is arranged. Please do not send your child back to school whilst waiting for a test result. Further information can be found here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

We will always aim for the highest standards when it comes to educating the children at Arno Vale but we do ask you to bear with us when we have staff absences as some positions are much harder to cover than others and ultimately, it results in us spreading our existing resources out more thinly.

On Friday, 13th November it is Children In Need day which this year is themed

‘Together, we can change young lives’. We often celebrate this day with a cake sale but due to the current circumstances, we have decided that instead we will hold a non-uniform day. We will be asking for a voluntary donation of a £1 coin to go towards this fantastic cause.

I would like to remind you that once again because of the current situation, we are asking you to not send in sweets, cakes or treats when it is your child’s birthday, this also applies to any other unnecessary items at any time, thank you.

We are now selling poppies in school, so if your child would like to buy one, please ensure you send them in with some money this week, thank you.

You may be aware of the controversy surrounding the free school meal vouchers over the half term break. Nottinghamshire County Council has pledged that “Any child who is currently entitled to free school meals will continue to receive support of £15 each week funded by the council applied retrospectively for the two-week period of half term.” At present, schools are waiting for information as to how this will work and as soon as we know, we will inform you.

If you have not already signed up to ClassDojo, please do so as soon as you can as this is our main method of providing work and feedback in the event of your child not being able to attend school due to Covid 19 related reasons.



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May I also take this opportunity to remind
you of some of our operational measures

we have put in place in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

- Staggered start and end times to the school day, please ensure you are on time.
- We are actively encouraging all visitors to site to wear a face covering.
- Please make sure that you adhere to social distancing measures whilst waiting on the school premises and on the footpaths outside of school.
- Use of the one way system through the school grounds at the end of the day.

As the weather gets colder, please ensure that you provide your child with extra layers to wear in the classroom (as in line with government guidance, we do have to keep the classes well ventilated by opening some windows in order to reduce the risk of aerosol transmission) and most of our PE lessons will be outside, so your child may need warm outdoor clothing including hats and gloves.

Thank you.

