

AVJS Bulletin: 4th March 2022

The news at the moment is quite concerning for us all and our hearts go out to the people of the Ukraine. We have had some people contact us asking how we handle this with the children. It is difficult as it is a very serious situation but we do not want to needlessly worry the children. Our tack has been to acknowledge the situation with the children but to also say that wars are rare and that is why they make the news. We use Newsround from the BBC as this presents the news in an appropriate, child friendly way. We have also said that if they have any worries or concerns, that they should talk to someone about them, either at school or at home and we will continue to support them however we can.

We are also aware that there are many charities supporting the Ukrainian people and we would like to do what we can to help as well. We know of a couple of local charities that are collecting items to be sent to Ukrainian refugees in Poland and a lorry is leaving Nottingham on Friday, 11th March. Items that are needed are as follows:

Blankets	Sleeping bags
Camping/sleeping mats	Towels
Thermos flasks	Heating pads
Torches & batteries	
New underwear	Sanitary pads
Tampons	Masks
Disposable nappies	Wet wipes
Toothbrushes	Toothpaste
Shower gel	Shampoo
Disposable razors	Toilet paper
First aid kits	Paracetamol
Ibuprofen	Calpol
plasters	Bandages
Dressing strips	Anti-diarrhoea meds
Instant meals	Canned foods
Protein bars	Dry pasta and rice
Powder sauces	Coffee and tea
Baby milk / formula	Canned baby food

If you are able to donate any items, we are happy to collect them at school and then we will ensure that they are at the relevant collection point. We ask that any items are brought to school by Wednesday, 9th March to give us time to transport them. Items can either be given to the class teacher or brought to reception, thank you.

Thank you to everyone who sent in books yesterday for the book swap. The children really enjoyed it and it seems to have been a huge success!

Friday, 18th March is Red Nose Day. We will be celebrating this day and more information will follow.

Hopefully you will have received the link to book your parent consultation evening slot. Please remember to make your booking and if you have any problems with it, please contact the school office.

Online Safety News

What parents need to know about WhatsApp

Founded in the US by two former Yahoo employees, WhatsApp was already extremely popular when it was bought by Facebook in 2014, sending its usage figures stratospheric. Now, more than 50% of the two youngest generations (Millennials and Generation Z) use WhatsApp every day – including many who are well below the app's specified age threshold.

Wherever there is a young and dedicated user-base, of course, the threat of grooming is a sinister, ever-present spectre. Indeed, some aspects of WhatsApp which are designed to be helpful or increase privacy – such as disappearing messages and live location services – actually exacerbate the risks.

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

You can also complete a short, 30 minute



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course which will help us to achieve our accreditation, thank you.

Your child's attendance at school is really important. Good attendance means the children will make progress in their learning and enjoy time with their friends developing their social skills. We understand that children get poorly from time to time and if you have any concerns, please contact us.	
Above 97%	Less than 6 days absence a year! Excellent attendance! Pupils with this attendance should achieve the best grades they can.
95%	Less than 10 days absence in a year! Pupils with this attendance are likely to achieve their target grades.
90%	20 days absence over the year! Pupils with this attendance are missing a month of school per year and may fall behind in Maths, English and other subjects; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.
85%	30 days absence in a year! These pupils are missing 6 weeks of school a year! It will be very difficult for them to keep up and achieve their best.
80%	Pupils with this attendance are missing a day for every week of school! It will be almost impossible to keep up with their work.

