

AVJS Bulletin: 7th January 2022

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and that you managed to stay well. Thanks also for your understanding this week with staff illnesses, we are hoping to get back to some sort of normality next week (fingers crossed!).

It is reassuring that the symptoms of the Omicron variant of Covid 19 do appear to be milder than previous variants, but the fact that it is more easily transmissible can be a problem. Although the NHS still ask us to look out for the three main symptoms of a high temperature, persistent new cough and the loss of sense of taste or smell, it is becoming more widely recognised that other symptoms, particularly in children, are being presented. A doctor from the World Health Organisation has said that in children, symptoms may also include a sore throat or sneeze and some gastrointestinal symptoms like diarrhoea or vomiting (although they tend to be mild). A headache has also been reported as a symptom. From 11th January, if someone tests positive on a lateral flow test, they no longer need to have this confirmed with a PCR test but must self-isolate immediately. Tests can be ordered online by following the link below: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

It is still a requirement that if someone is displaying symptoms, that they book a PCR test by phoning 119 or through the gov.uk website.

As you will have experienced, the temperature has dropped significantly since New Year. We are still having to keep the school well ventilated throughout the day which means having some windows open. Unfortunately, this can mean that the temperature in some of the rooms may be a little lower than we would like. Please make sure that your child is wearing suitable layers (they may need a fleece) in order to keep comfortable during the day. We will still be

teaching PE outdoors whenever we can, so it is important that the children have a separate outdoor PE kit which could include jogging bottoms and a fleece or a coat, hat and gloves but should also have different trainers to their indoor PE kit, thank you.

In the last bulletin we asked you to look at our peer on peer policy and anti-bullying policy and give us your comments if you have any. We have extended the closing date of this consultation until Friday, 14th January. You can view the draft policies on our website and make your comments by following the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cv9N3couG0e0GZGoXr7fEIBKpxE0MJIKizr56HVEKXNUMjRGTFYzVDdEWIA4QVNCU1dSRkZOMDVGsY4u>

We would like to introduce you to the LoveReading portfolio of websites. We have recently signed up to be a member school of their site for schools which can be found at www.lovereadingschools.co.uk and we would like to invite you to access our school's page. Their job is one of curation and they review and recommend books they think children will love by subject area and key stage. Their mission is to support teachers and librarians to get the best books in schools either as core texts to support the curriculum or for reading corners and school libraries. If you are interested in seeing these book lists, access our pages. We know how challenging it is to find a ready selection of books to engage and inspire children to read for pleasure. There are no catches, no fine print just unconditional book love and reading recommendations for your children and our pupils. Parents and carers, you can access our page via this link: <https://www.lovereadingschools.co.uk/school/11998>

The password is **AVJSNG54JF**. They also have www.lovereadingschools.co.uk and www.lovereadingschools.co.uk



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First released in 2017, Fortnite has become one of the most popular games in the world. It currently has around 350 million registered players. Developed by Epic Games, it began life exclusively as a 'battle royale' contest, where up to 100 online player characters would fight – with weaponry including rifles, handguns and rocket launchers – to be the last one standing. Today, it features multiple modes which each offer something different (although some modes, such as 'Save the World', are only available on certain platforms).

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as scams, in-app purchases and user-controlled content.

Over the Christmas holiday, they also published *What Parents Need to Know About Setting Up New Devices for Children*

To access these guides, please set up a parent account by following this link: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/a/rno-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. Thank you.

Community News:

The SEND Local Offer aims to bring together helpful and useful information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and their families. It is a comprehensive guide to services and support all in one place. Please watch the video to find out more.

https://youtu.be/W90gvdBgl_U

The poster is for 'Voicemusic.org.uk' and features a dark background with a large, stylized 'VOICE' logo in white and blue. It lists the dates for the 2022 season: January 19th, February 2nd, February 23rd, March 9th, and March 23rd. It is divided into two main sections: 'JUNIORS' (6:30-7:30 PM) for 8-11 year olds who love to sing, and 'YOUTH' (7:45-9:00 PM) for 11-18 year olds who sing or play rock band or orchestral instruments (Grade 4+). The location is St Mark's Church, Woodthorpe, NG5 4PH. It asks participants to register by contacting E: beth@voicemusic.org.uk. At the bottom, there is a photo of a group of young people singing and playing instruments, along with social media handles @voicemusic1, @Voice Youth Choir & Orchestra, and @voiceryouth, and the website www.voicemusic.org.uk.

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VOICE

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