

AVJS Bulletin: 9th October 2020

It seems inevitable at the moment that I am starting the bulletins with Covid 19 related issues. As you will know, we have had to send a class home to self-isolate as we have had one confirmed case in 5 Blue. I would like to thank the parents from that class for their prompt responses and understanding – we know that closing a class or bubble causes issues in terms of childcare and trying to work but we are following the guidelines from the NHS and DfE. It is looking likely that the county will be forced to adhere to more stringent measures as the number of cases continues to rise and we are putting into place all the measures we can to help our children, staff and families stay safe. You will have received the information about setting up your ClassDojo account; **it is vital that you activate your account** as it will form the basis of our remote learning plan. If you have not already done so, I would like to ask you to spare a few minutes in order to set it up as your child's class teacher will be communicating with you through this platform and it is great to see how many Dojo points your child is earning.

We have been asked by some local residents if we can all be mindful of social distancing and allowing space for other pedestrians when waiting on Arno Vale Road and Saville Road at the school gates. Please be aware of other people who are using the footpaths and ensure that you stand as close to the fence as you can, socially distanced and allow plenty of space for other people to pass by, thank you.

We are holding our telephone parent consultation meetings next week. If you have not booked your appointment yet, please do so as the time slots are filling up. Unless we have been notified otherwise, our teachers will be calling the first contact number that we have on our management information system. If this has changed lately, please let the office know and we can update this. If there is a lot to talk about, your child's class teacher may have to arrange a further appointment at a different time as we need to stick to our appointment times.

Many of you will be aware that we are now in Black History Month. We will be holding a special assembly on Monday and the children will be doing various pieces of work on this through the week.

Anti-bullying week will be held in school from Monday, 16th November to Friday, 20th November. The theme this year is United Against Bullying and we will be asking the children to wear odd socks on Monday 16th to remind us all of how unique we are. There will be more information to follow.

It is hard to keep track with all the different apps and programmes that the children are using online these days but it is important that we keep an eye on what children are doing. I know many children have Tik Tok, Instagram and YouTube accounts but the minimum age for these is 13. We have had incidents of improper use of social media platforms and we ask you to check the applications that your child may be using. We regularly talk to them about e safety



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issues during assemblies or as part of our PHSE curriculum and ask that you keep a check on their online activities, thank you.

Mr Ward and Mr Lindley have asked me to let you know that their multi sports camp which is being run during half term is now full.

