## AVJS Bulletin: 8th October 2021

On behalf of everyone at the school, I would like to express my thanks to Paul Coffey, who has stepped down as a parent governor now that his children have moved on to secondary school. Paul has been an incredibly supportive governor and held the role of Chair of Governors for the past four years. We will miss his support and skills and wish him well. Bruce Cameron has kindly taken on the role of Chair of Governors. Bruce has been Chair before for about 11 years and has agreed to take on the role again for this year. This means that we have a vacancy for a parent governor. Our governing body meet twice per term (virtually at present) and then have other duties to carry out during the year. This involves meeting with teachers and discussing our progress against our school improvement plan and supporting with any other issues that may arise. This is a purely voluntary role but if it appeals to you, please read the information in the attached letter and complete the form.

You will be aware that we are still experiencing the effects of Covid in school with a number of children having to self-isolate. If your child has to self-isolate because they contract Covid, please let the office know as soon as possible. We are also asking that you let your class teacher know when your child is well enough to do some work and when they will be back in school. This allows the teachers to adapt and post work on ClassDojo which takes more time than many would think. Letting us know when your child is due back in school also helps and means that teachers will not be posting any work unnecessarily. We are only supplying work for children who are required to isolate by law and are well enough to do it. Thank you for your support with this.

This is just a reminder that on Monday, our school photographer will be in to take individual photos.

If you would like your child to have a school dinner, you need to book for a full week on ParentPay and the cost is £12.00. Thank you.

On Friday next week we will be holding our Break Some Rules Day. This is to raise money for our Friends of Arno Vale and can be paid for on ParentPay. The cost is £2 per child. Your child can break any (or all) of the following rules for one day only:

- Having crazy hair
- Not wearing school uniform
- Having unhealthy snacks (no nuts)
- Not having water in your water bottle (no fizzy or hot drinks)
- Eating the dessert before the main course
- Having extra playtime

We are holding our parent consultation meetings next week, please make sure you have made your booking to speak to your child's teacher. Appointments are for ten minutes and we need to be strict with this so that we can keep to time.

Well done to our year 6 Tag Rugby team who played in a festival at Arnold Hill Academy on Tuesday. Once again, our children showed themselves to be fantastic sports people and made us all proud.

## **Community News**

We have been made aware of a few activities that you may be interested in and we have added them to the Community News section of our website which can be accessed by clicking the link below:

https://www.arnovale.co.uk/community-news/

