

AVJS Bulletin: 9th December 2020

We hope that you are all managing to stay well. You may have seen something in the press today about schools closing early for Christmas with Friday, 18th December being an inset day. Please be assured that we **will be open to all children on Friday, 18th December as normal.** The Department for Education has written to schools to say that if we would like to move one of our inset days forward and close early, we can. This is because Public Health England have identified that schools will be needed to be 'on call' for six days after we break up to assist in contact tracing. If schools break up a day earlier, it means that schools do not need to be on call on Christmas Eve. We have decided – with the support of the governing body – that the risk of an outbreak of Covid 19 and us needing to contact parents is small and closing a day early would cause more issues than it will solve. Mr Hopkinson at Woodthorpe Infant School has also come to the same conclusion.

If you have a guitar or ukulele that is on loan from Inspire Music, the Nottinghamshire music lesson provider, we are asking that you return it to school by Wednesday, 16th December as Inspire are coming to collect them, thank you.

Santa has been onto the school playground today to see the children. All the children came out to see him and many have told him what they would like for Christmas. Santa was also collecting for the Rosie May Foundation which supports disadvantaged children in Sri Lanka and Nepal, and the Friends of Arno Vale donated £100 on your behalf, so thank you.

Please see the next page for a summary of the events up until the end of term.

Please remember that Friday is National Christmas Jumper Day. If you don't have a Christmas jumper and would like to decorate an ordinary one, that is fine and if your child wants to wear their usual school jumper, that is also fine. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of a £1 coin which will go to Save the Children (after the money has been quarantined and counted).

The flu immunisation team are back in school on Friday to administer the vaccination to those children who were absent at their first visit. Please make sure you have completed the online consent form and entered the school code NG122509.

www.nottinghamshireimmunisations.co.uk

Community News

The Gedling Play Forum is open until the end of term selling craft activity packs to entertain children in the long week leading up to Christmas. We have crackers, reindeer and Santa headbands, Christmas trees, lanterns, robins and baubles all ready to decorate in packs or sold individually at really low prices. Anyone can come to the shop (no need to be a member) which is open from 10 till 4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays until the end of term. Our address is Wollaton Avenue, Gedling, NG4 4HX. We also have a website. www.gedlingplayforum.org and a Facebook page for the shop (gedlingplayforumshop).



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Thursday 10th December	Expected delivery date for FOAV Christmas cards	Orders paid for on ParentPay will be delivered in to school for children to take home.
Friday 11th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	Children may wear a Christmas top with their school uniform in exchange for a donation to Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. (see above).
Friday 11th December	Deadline for hamper donations	Each class to collect donations according to their class door colour. Raffle tickets can be purchased on ParentPay.
Tuesday 15th December	Deadline for purchasing hamper raffle tickets.	Winners to be announced on Wednesday 16 th December.
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner Day	A dinner should have been ordered in advance, unfortunately we cannot take any more bookings.
Wednesday 16th December	Last day for posting Christmas cards in school	
<u>Christmas parties</u>		
Monday 14th December	Year 5 Party	Children to come to school wearing non – uniform. Classes will hold party activities in the afternoon in line with our existing Covid 19 control measures.
Tuesday 15th December	Year 3 Party	
Wednesday 16th December	Year 6 Party	
Thursday 17th December	Year 4 Party	

