

AVJS Bulletin: March 9th 2020

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Selected Diary Dates:

Week commencing Monday, 09/03/20: Sport Relief week. Please see the letter sent out on 5th March for full details.

Friday, 20/03/20: Mother's Day cream tea. An update is included in this bulletin.

Tuesday, 24/03/20: NSPCC 'fitness workout' fundraiser. Please see the letter sent out on 2nd March for full details.

Wednesday, 01/04/20: Y3 visit to St Mark's Church. See previous bulletins for more information.

Thursday, 02/04/20: Rearranged Y3 visit to the Nottingham Ice Arena. Please speak to the Y3 staff if you have not received details about this event.

Friday, 03/04/20: Last day of the Spring term.

Other News:

A letter was sent out last week about Sport Relief Week. In summary, children can come to school dressed in sports clothes on Friday (13th March) in exchange for a £1 donation. We are also holding a bake sale to raise money for the charity.

3A are having their swimming lessons every Wednesday morning. If you are able to accompany the class as an adult helper, please let Mrs Ainley know as soon as possible.

Our Maths Morning last week was very well attended and the feedback was extremely positive. There was a lovely atmosphere in classrooms and the children thrived on the opportunity to show you what they have been learning. For those that were unable to attend, here are some key points from my presentation:

- The National Curriculum for maths has three strands, and children are exposed to all of them on a daily basis:
 - **Fluency** (rapid recall, strong knowledge of basic facts, efficient written calculation methods etc...)
 - **Reasoning** (knowing the 'how' and 'why'. Being able to explain the maths).
 - **Problem solving** (applying the above skills to new and different contexts).
- Our Calculation Policy (available on our website) is in place to ensure a consistent approach to the teaching of written calculation methods in order to enhance children's progression and understanding.

Please keep an eye out for other events later in the year.

Our lost property collection points are overflowing! We will be searching through for named items this week and then all other lost property will be put outside after school when the weather is fine for you to look through. Any unclaimed items after this will be donated to charity.



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The Mother's Day cream tea event sold out in record time. We understand that a lot of parents and carers were disappointed, so we have been able to make some slight changes to the event in order to increase numbers.

We will set up a waiting list and if you wish to be included please

email noreply@arnovale.notts.sch.uk by 9.30am on Thursday 12th March.

Include your name, your child's name and the number of tickets you would like. We will enter all the children's names into a hat and email to inform you if you've been successful.

Please accept our apologies for any disappointment or inconvenience caused. As I'm sure you'll appreciate, we do have to have a limit on the number of tickets we can sell. We will review our procedures for future events of this nature.

Children will be doing a 'fitness workout' on Tuesday 24th March, which will not only be exciting for our pupils but will also mean they're raising money for the NSPCC's vital work to help keep even more children safe.

Fundraising is purely voluntary but if you would like to support the NSPCC's work, it would be fantastic if you could give your child permission to take part by signing the sponsor form, which was sent home with them last week. Please return the sponsored event form and money raised to school by 27th March at the latest. If you have more than one child in school simply put all your children's names at the top of one form.

Mr Ward and Mr Lindley will once again be running their Multi-Sports Camp on selected dates at Easter. Please contact them if you require any further information.

- Monday 6th April
- Tuesday 7th April
- Wednesday 8th April
- Tuesday 14th April
- Wednesday 15th April
- Thursday 16th April

The school is receiving daily advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England about Coronavirus. As reported last week, we are reminding the children about the importance of regular hand washing without causing unnecessary alarm. We also have a range of other measures in place to prevent the spread of germs.

We recently received a complaint from a resident on Fisher Avenue regarding parking before and after school. Please ensure that driveways are not blocked and consideration is shown to those that live close to school.



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We have become aware that some children are playing inappropriate games at play time based on online games, specifically Roblox.

Whilst *Roblox* has the potential to be a learning tool similar to *Minecraft*, it does also have its downsides. I'm taking this opportunity to inform you that Roblox users can make games for other players to enjoy. This is a creative and educational aspect of the game. However, like any game with this kind of 'user created content', parents need to take additional care.

There are some Roblox games that have intentionally horror related, violent and bloody themes. These are not provided in the original download so fall outside the rating system.

Here are two links with some useful advice and information about the above:

- www.common sense media.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-roblox-0
- <https://www.askaboutgames.com/parents-guide-roblox-peg-7/>

Year 3: If your child is in receipt of pupil premium funding and you have not already done so, please could you email noreply@arnovale.notts.sch.uk to give us your consent to take your child on the Nottingham Ice Arena skating trip on the 2nd April.

Your child will have brought their book bag designs home last Friday. If you would like to purchase one (or more) please log in to your ParentPay account to do this before the deadline of Friday 13th March 2020. There is no need to send your child's design back to school as we have the originals to send to the printers. We will only submit designs that have been paid for by the 13th March and no orders can be taken after this date.

Please check the Community News section of our website for flyers, posters and details about local events:

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



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Friends of Arno Vale (FOAV) Easter Film afternoon



Friday 27th March 3.40 – 5.30pm

Spend a spring afternoon watching an Easter film with your school friends.
(only open to AVJS pupils)

Tickets cost £3.50 and are available on Parent Pay. This price includes popcorn, an Easter egg and a drink. PJs are optional and teddy bears can come for no extra cost!

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