

AVJS Bulletin: 9th November 2020

I hope you are all keeping safe and well as we continue with the current lockdown.

We appreciate that the present situation is causing issues and problems for some and we hope that school is providing some normality for your children. As I stated in last week's bulletin, we are experiencing some staff shortages due to people needing to isolate and we cover these positions where we can. However this is not always possible and so we ask that you bear this in mind. It is really important that all of us follow the guidelines in order to help keep us all safe.

This Friday is Children in Need day and to celebrate, your child can come to school in non-uniform. We are asking that if possible, you send a £1 coin as a donation.

We will be serving Christmas Dinner to the children on Wednesday, 16th December. If you would like your child to have a Christmas meal, you will be able to book on ParentPay. If your child normally has a school meal, please just book in the usual way. If your child usually has a packed lunch, you may book just for the day on ParentPay. We will be publishing more details in next week's bulletin.

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, this November we are taking part in a competition for Maths Week England. It's called Rock Out 2020 and it's all done online via play.ttrockstars.com. For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct

answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours – some will play more, some will play less. Thanks for your support. At the time of writing, children from Arno Vale have already given over 25,000 correct answers, an incredible achievement!

There has been some guidance issued from the government regarding out of school clubs. The guidance states: *"All other out of school activities, (not being primarily used for child care purposes), should close for face-to-face provision for the duration of the national restrictions."* This means that we can run Club Vale as this is wrap around care but we are unable to offer any other before or after school clubs.

We still have poppies to sell in school until Wednesday. If you would like your child to buy one, please send in a donation to give to the class teacher.



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If you would like to place an order for your child's Christmas cards, tags, coasters or mugs, please do so by logging in to your ParentPay account and indicate the required quantities and make the appropriate payment by Friday 13th November. Any late orders will miss the print deadline. If any child's name is spelt incorrectly on the sample card sent home, please email corrections in CAPITALS to sburton@arnovale.notts.sch.uk BEFORE Friday 13th November. Thank you.

