

# AVJS Bulletin: December 10<sup>th</sup> 2018

Welcome to our bulletin. I hope you will find the information contained useful.

## Diary Dates:

**W/C 10/12/18** – Christmas Dinner week

**Tuesday, 11/12/18** – Christmas Concert at St Marks Church, Woodthorpe. The concert will start at 2pm and will last for approximately 45 minutes. ***For safeguarding reasons, all children will be brought back to school straight afterwards and will be dismissed from there.*** Please note that due to refurbishment works, the toilets at the church are out of order.

**Friday, 14/12/18** – Christmas Jumper Day (letter already sent)

**Friday, 14/12/18** – Years 3 and 4 Christmas party. Children can bring a change of clothes for the afternoon. Friends of Arno Vale will be providing refreshments.

**Monday, 17/12/18** – Year 3 visit to the Panto (letter already sent)

**Tuesday, 18/12/18** – Years 5 and 6 Christmas party. Children can bring a change of clothes for the afternoon. Friends of Arno Vale will be providing refreshments.

**Friday, 21/12/18** – Last day of term

**Monday, 7/01/19** – First day of the spring term.

**Monday, 28/01/19** – Year 4 Dukes Barn week. (4FM Monday to Wednesday, 4B Wednesday to Friday)

**Tuesday, 12/02/19** – Parent Consultation Evening

**Wednesday, 13/02/19** – Parent Consultation Evening

***Please note, we have changed the dates of the Parent Consultation Evenings from the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of February to the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of February.***

## Other News

**Mrs Hodgkinson has decided that after 19** years of looking after our school, it is time for her to retire. Her last day of work will be Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and she will be really missed by all of our school community.

**On Friday you should have received your** annual parent questionnaire (it is also available to download from our website [Letters and information | Arno Vale Junior School](#)). We really value your opinions and it is an opportunity for you to tell us how you think we are doing. We would really appreciate it if you could find five minutes to complete it and return it to us as by December 21<sup>st</sup>.

**You will probably be aware that the** government are concerned about the health and wellbeing of the nation. The Health Profile for England report has found that “the 2 biggest risk factors behind levels of ill health are excess weight and high blood sugar”. As a school, we have a responsibility to help our children understand the risks and to ensure we provide every opportunity for them to make sensible choices and develop good eating habits. We follow strict guidelines to ensure our school meals are nutritious, balanced and tasty with locally sourced meat and fresh produce. However, we cannot always say the same for the packed lunches some of the children bring. We are therefore starting a consultation process



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with the children, parents and staff to devise a policy for packed lunches. Over the next couple of months, we will be working with the children and asking you for your opinions to formulate the policy, please look out for further information after Christmas.

**We have had a case of head lice reported** to us today in year 6. Please check your child's head daily for the next few weeks and let us know if you discover any.

## Lego Masters

**Do you or does someone in your house** eat, sleep and breathe the little plastic bricks?

Is the LEGO MASTERS build room with over 1 million bricks your idea of heaven?

The producers of the popular Channel 4 series **LEGO MASTERS** are looking for a new bunch of imaginative building pairs to take part in a third series of the bold brick-building competition.

If you think you, a family member or a friend have the creativity, skill and imagination to be crowned Britain's best amateur building team then please email [build@tuesdayschild.tv](mailto:build@tuesdayschild.tv)

*Applicants must be aged 9+ by 03/02/2019 in order to take part.*



## Children in Need 2018

**Many thanks to all of you for your** generous donations. In total we raised £480.62 for this fantastic charity.

**Due to the lack of demand, we will no** longer be offering recorder lessons in the Spring term.

**We know that it is not always easy but** where possible, could we please ask that you make any medical or dental appointments for your child for holiday times or out of school hours, thank you.

**Year 4 parents! If you haven't already** done so, could you please return your consent forms and medicine forms for Dukes Barn. If you need another copy, please see your child's teacher.

**Year 3 parents and carers! Thank you for** the offers to help with the Year 3 sewing afternoon this coming Wednesday. We appreciate all offers, so if you have offered please be in reception at 1.15pm. Many thanks in advance for your time.

## Community Events

**Please see below information from St** Mark's regarding their Christmas services.

