

AVJS Bulletin: 11th November 2022

As the autumn term progresses, we have got lots of events planned in school. Next week it is anti-bullying week and the children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday (if they wish) to celebrate everyone's uniqueness. Please check the end of this bulletin for our list of upcoming events.

You will have received a letter this week giving you more information about the maths calculation policy evening we are holding on Thursday. In the past, this has been a well attended evening and has really helped parents and carers understand how we teach maths these days and how the children can be supported at home. If you are able to come, we would love to see you! Please complete the form below to give us an idea of numbers.

<https://forms.office.com/r/izqjxUr9WK>

Friday, 18th November is Children in Need day. A letter has been sent out but as a reminder, the theme this year is 'The Great SPOTacular'. Children can wear something spotty, their usual uniform or something else of their choice if they wish. Donations can be made directly to Children In Need by following the link below (this is not in your ParentPay accounts):

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8818>

Miss Fallon took a team up to Arnold Hill Academy this week to take part in a tag rugby development event. The team consisted of Jacob, Sebastian, Edward, Bea, Maryam, Madina, Mia, Harry P, William J, Georgie Bo and Nico. Miss Fallon was really proud of how the children behaved and their teamwork skills. The children played four games in total and won one and drew one.

Christmas cards are now available to buy on ParentPay and the deadline is Monday 14th November. Unfortunately no orders can be accepted after this date as they will have been sent to print.

We would like to remind you that when you book school meals for your child, this needs to be for a full week at a time. Bookings for meals need to be made on ParentPay by Sunday evening for the following week. Bookings for Club Vale need to be made on ParentPay by Thursday evening, thank you.

This is a really important plea!!! If anyone has a special red suit including a white beard and black boots and is available on Friday, 2nd December at our Christmas Fayre, we would love to hear from you. Our usual man in red is unfortunately double booked and we need one!

You may remember me informing you that we are due to have 30 trees delivered to us...well they have arrived! We would like to plant them next Friday and if you are able to spare us an hour of your time and a spade, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Pennant at ypennant@arnovale.notts.sch.uk to let her know, thank you.

Online Safety News

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA's focus remains firmly on FIFA Ultimate Team – a mode in the game that can tempt players of all ages to spend actual money on recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.

In the guide below, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as age-inappropriate chat, scammers and addiction.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FIFA 23

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AGE RATING
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have' for football-mad young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the 'just one more game' mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder, a recognised mental health issue.

GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prizes.

Advice for Parents & Carers

BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

Meet Our Expert

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

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Where no preference could be met

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Robin lives in the catchment area of a popular primary school.



Parent applies on time listing 1 preference for an out of catchment school



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14 th November 22	Anti-Bullying week
Thursday, 17 th November 22	Maths Calculation Policy Evening – 6.00pm
Friday, 18 th November 22	Children In Need – activities TBC
Thursday, 1 st December 22	Whole school to the Panto
Friday, 2 nd December 22 TBC	FOAV Christmas fayre 3.35pm - 5.00pm
Tuesday, 6 th December 22	Christmas Concert at St Marks Church, 2pm
Thursday, 8 th December 22	Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day
W/C 12 th December 22	Christmas Dinner Day/week
Wednesday, 21 st December 22	Last day of the Autumn Term
Wednesday 4 th January 23	First day of the Spring Term
Friday, 20 th January 23	Chinese New Year Themed Lunch
Monday, 23 rd January 23	Dukes Barn week for Year 4 – 4 Orange M-W & 4 Yellow W-F
Thursday, 7 th February 23	Safer Internet Day
15 th February 2021	Half Term Week
Tuesday, 7 th February 23	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
Wednesday, 8 th February 23	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
Thursday, 9 th February 23	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
13 th to 17 th February 23	Half Term
Monday, 20 th February 23	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday, 2 nd March 23	World Book Day
Friday, 31 st March 23	Last Day of the Spring Term
Monday, 17 th April 23	First Day of the Summer Term
Monday, 1 st May 23	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May 23	Year 6 SATs week
29 th May – 2 nd June 23	Half Term week
Monday, 5 th June 23	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday, 29 th June 23	Transition Day (Arnold Hill Transition Day 1)
Thursday, 29 th June 23	New Parents Meeting – 6pm
Friday, 30 th June 23	Year 6 Arnold Hill Transition Day 2
Friday, 14 th July 23	Year 5 Inspire Day at Arnold Hill
Tuesday, 25 th July 23	Last Day of the Summer Term

