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It has been really good to see so many of you at the year group introductory meetings this week. I hope you found them useful and the teachers will be posting a summary of the meetings on ClassDojo. Please keep an eye on the diary dates at the end of this bulletin as we will be adding events as they arise.

I have really enjoyed visiting the classes and seeing how everyone has settled in. I feel proud of how the children behave and how polite they are. If you have any messages or questions for the class teacher, the best method to contact them is via ClassDojo and they will reply at the earliest opportunity. However, any messages regarding absences or changes to collection arrangements should be telephoned in or emailed to the school office as teachers do not have many opportunities to check their Dojo messages or email during the school day.

Some of our newer parents to the school may not be aware that we are going to be joining the White Hills Park Academy Trust. The benefits of this include closer collaboration where schools can share good practice, increased opportunities for continual professional development and support for teaching and curriculum development from educational experts. Many of the mundane administration jobs that the senior leadership team currently have to perform are dealt with by a central team leaving school leaders more time to focus on teaching and learning. Our application to join the trust is now with the Regional School's Director and it is looking likely that the actual conversion will now not happen until around February 2024. In the meantime, the trust is still working closely with us and so we are already benefiting from them. When we have more news, we will let you know. We will send out a FAQ and answers with next week's bulletin.

A reminder to parents of children in years 4 and 6 that the deposit for Dukes Barn and final

payment for Willersley Castle are now due, thank you.

You will be aware that we have a car park at the front of the school that you may use before 8.30am and after 4.00pm if you are dropping off or collecting from Club Vale. At all other times, we ask that you do not use the car park as this can compromise safety with pedestrians coming to and from the main entrance. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

We held a Friends of Arno Vale meeting at school this week and it was great to welcome a new member! Anyone is welcome to come along to our meetings and any help is always welcome, no matter how much or how little time you can spare us. We are going to be holding a quiz night in school on Friday, November 10th – we will send out more details nearer the time, but please save the date! In the coming weeks, we will be letting you know how some of the money raised has been spent.

We are looking for someone with finance or business experience to join our governing body. We have a fantastic team of governors with whom we work very closely. We meet twice per term as a full governing body and then there are some other duties that are performed relating to school performance. If you think you have the necessary skill set and would like to be part of a committed team that strives to make a difference for our children, we would love to hear from you. Please drop us an email to office@arnovale.notts.sch.uk and we can arrange an informal chat about the role.

We are hosting a MacMillan coffee morning on Friday, 29th September from 9.30am until 11.00am in the school hall. If you can help us serve drinks and refreshments or can provide some cakes or biscuits for us to sell, please contact Mrs Pennant at ypennant@arnovale.notts.sch.uk. Thank you.



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Community News

Starting on Saturday, 30th September, an organisation called Football Active is going to be using Arno Vale Junior School playing field for children in the local area. Football Active provides primary aged children the opportunity to develop their technique, ability and tactical understanding in a fun and pressure free environment. All Football Active coaches are fully qualified and equipped to create a fun learning environment. You can find out more about Football Active by clicking on the link below or reading the attached flyer:

www.footballactive.co



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It's great to be back and Raring2go! for the Autumn term 😊

Our Autumn magazine is out now and is available for you and your families. It's got lots of ideas of things to do this Autumn.

Click below to view the magazine

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/nottingham/autumn2023/>

It covers events and activities throughout September, October and early November.



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Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates 2023 to 2024	
Friday, 29th September 23	MacMillan coffee morning
Monday, 9th October 23	Y2 Prospective Parents Look Around – 2.15pm
Tuesday, 10th October 23	Wear It Green – World mental health day
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Wednesday, 11 th October 23	Harvest Festival – 2.45pm
Weds, 18 th Oct to Fri, 20 th Oct 23	Y6 at Willersley Castle
23 rd October 23	Half Term Holiday week 1
30 th October 23	Half Term Holiday week 2
Monday, 6 th November 2023	Return to school
Friday, 10 th November 2023	FOAV Quiz Night
13 th November 23	Anti-Bullying week
Tuesday, 14 th November 23	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
Wednesday, 15 th November 23	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
Thursday, 16 th November 23	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
Friday, 17 th November 23	Children In Need – activities TBC
Monday, 20 th November 23	Flu vaccinations
Friday, 1st December 23	FOAV Christmas fayre 3.35pm - 5.00pm
Tuesday, 5 th December 23	Christmas Concert at St Marks Church – 2pm
Thursday, 7 th December 23	Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday, 13th December 23	Christmas Dinner Day
w/c 18 th December 23 TBC	Children's Christmas Parties
Friday, 22 nd December 23	Last day of the Autumn Term
Thursday 4 th January 24	First day of the Spring Term
Monday, 22 nd January 24	Dukes Barn week for Year 4
Tuesday, 6 th February 24	Safer Internet Day
Thursday, 8 th February 24	Chinese New Year Themed Lunch
12 th – 16 th February 2024	Half Term Week
Monday, 26 th February 24	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday, 5th March 24	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
Wednesday, 6th March 24	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
Thursday, 7th March 24	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
Thursday, 7 th March 24	World Book Day
Tuesday, 12 th March 24	Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea
Wednesday, 13 th March 24	Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea
Thursday, 28 th March 24	Last Day of the Spring Term
Monday, 15 th April 24	First Day of the Summer Term
Monday, 6 th May 24	Bank Holiday
Monday 13 th May 24	Year 6 SATs week
Wednesday, 22 nd May 24	Y3 Trip to Brackenhurst
Thursday, 23 rd May 24	Y3 Trip to Brackenhurst
27 th May – 31 st May 24	Half Term week
Monday, 3 rd June 24	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday, 20 th June 24	School Games Afternoon
Tuesday, 25 th June 24	Back up School Games Afternoon
Thursday, 27 th June 24	Transition Day (Arnold Hill Transition Day 1)
Thursday, 27 th June 24	New Parents Meeting – 6pm
Thursday, 27 th June 24	Dukes Barn Meeting for Y3 parents 5.30pm



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Friday, 28 th June 24	Year 6 Arnold Hill Transition Day 2
Friday, 12 th July 24	FOAV Summer Fair 3.35-5.00pm
Tuesday, 16 th July 24	Y6 Performance
Wednesday, 17 th July 24	Y6 Performance
Tuesday, 23 rd July 24	Y6 Leavers' Festival
Friday, 26 th July 24	Last Day of the Summer Term

