

AVJS Bulletin: 16th June 2023

We hope you've all been enjoying the nice weather. We've been encouraging the children to spend time in the shade at playtimes and giving them plenty of opportunities to fill up their water bottles. We have a very busy few weeks coming up with lots of exciting things to look forward to in school.

We know that lots of the children are looking forward to finding out their new teacher for next year. Our staff have been working extremely hard on the class lists for 2023/24, taking in to account a whole host of factors. Children will meet their new teacher on Monday 26th June. Following this, they will enjoy a whole morning in their new class on Thursday 29th June. We also have lots of other transition activities planned to help them get ready for September. More information to follow.

You will have seen this week that we published information about our School Games Day, which is taking place next Thursday. If you haven't already done so, please check out the letter as it contains everything you need to know about the popular event. Just to clarify, children should come to school in their uniform as normal but please ensure that they have their PE kit with them to get changed in to at lunch time.

On the subject of uniform, please be aware that despite it being the summer term, our expectations remain the same. In particular, please make sure your child is wearing the correct footwear to school. If your child wears a skirt or dress to school and enjoys doing gymnastic activities at playtimes, we'd recommend that they wear shorts under their dress please.

The Y5/6 girls' cricket team participated in the Nottinghamshire County Final on Wednesday. The standard was extremely high but the girls managed to win one of their matches. As always, they represented school brilliantly.

The Y5/6 boys' cricket team also took part in a Gedling Festival and they managed to win a couple of games against some very strong opposition.

Children in Year 5 and Year 3 have enjoyed visits out of school this week. Year 5 went to the tennis centre. They had the opportunity to learn/practice some tennis skills and even got to watch one of the professional matches on court. Year 3 went to Brackenhurst for a Stone Age Experience Day. A big thank you to the staff for organising these visits and to the parents that volunteered to come along and help out.

Parents of children in current Year 3 are invited to attend a Dukes Barn information meeting on Thursday 29th June. The meeting will start at 5.00pm and last for approximately 45 minutes. You'll be able to find out all about the two-night residential and ask any questions you have. More information about the meeting and about the visit in general will be sent out early next week.

As you may have seen on Dojo, the Friends Of Arno Vale (FOAV) will be selling ice pops for 50p on the playground after school on a Wednesday. Volunteers from the FOAV are currently working extremely hard to organise our Summer Fair. This will take place on Friday 7th July at 3.35pm. Lots more information will be sent out on a separate letter but, in the meantime, I just want to make you aware of a non-uniform day on Friday 23rd June. This will coincide with a request for children to bring in a bottle for the 'bottlebola' stall at the fair (or a raffle prize donation). Glass bottles or anything containing alcohol must be brought to the office by an adult but other bottles can be sent in with your child.

Just to make you aware that we have had a report of some antisocial behaviour at/near a local park involving some children from Arno Vale. We will work with local residents and



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the police (when necessary) in order to assist with any such reports. If your child goes to the park without adult supervision, please encourage them to report anything back to you that concerns them. If you see anything that concerns you, please also feel free to let us know.

help us remember her. We have laid some flowers on this today.

Mrs Ainley will be leaving Arno Vale at the end of this academic year in order to take up a post as a Year 6 teacher at Leas Park Junior School. Mrs Ainley has worked at Arno Vale since 2014 and we'd like to thank her for her commitment and dedication during that time. She's held numerous positions across school and built excellent relationships with the children. We wish her all the best and will really miss her in school.

We have lots of children in school that use a reliever inhaler for asthma. NHS guidance states that these should be used 'up to a maximum of 4 times in 24 hours' and 'only when needed'. It is therefore important that you let your child's class teacher know if they have needed a dose before school as that may impact on when/how often we can administer it in school. Likewise, we'll send you a notification if your child has used their inhaler in school.

Finally, it is one year today since our teaching assistant Sharon Burnham sadly passed away. Our thoughts continue to be with the family and we have a friendship bench in school to

Thursday, 22 nd June 23	School Games afternoon (sports day)
Monday, 26 th June 23	Back up School Games afternoon
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
Tuesday, 4 th July 23	The Railway Children production in school
Friday, 7 th July 23	Summer Fair
Friday, 14 th July 23	Year 5 Inspire Day at Arnold Hill
Tuesday, 18 th July 23	Year 6 Leavers' Performance
Wednesday, 19 th July 23	Year 6 Leavers' Performance
Tuesday, 25 th July 23	Last Day of the Summer Term

