



Friday 1st December 2023

BULLETIN

Dear parents and carers,

Mr Rossington underwent an operation on his shoulder on Monday and is now recovering at home. He is in a lot of discomfort, so we all wish him well. The date of his return to school is not yet known but I'll keep you updated. In the meantime, please continue to contact your child's class teacher regarding any day-to-day issues. General queries can be sent to office@arnovale.notts.sch.uk. I can be contacted at cbaker@arnovale.notts.sch.uk. Whenever possible, I'll also aim to be on the playground before school if you need a quick chat about anything.

Christmas Concert

A reminder that you are invited to attend our Christmas Concert at St Mark's Church, Woodthorpe on Tuesday, 5th December at 2pm. We expect the performance to last for about 45 minutes. We do not allocate tickets to this event so please be aware that the church will be full and there will only be standing room for some people. It is usually a lovely, festive event and we hope that you can make it. Please note that we will also be taking the children to the church for a full dress rehearsal the day before (Monday 4th December) at the same time.

After the performance on Tuesday, we will ask you to leave the church first, keeping doors and pathways clear. That will give us the time and space required to get the children organised to return to school safely. On both days, children will be dismissed from school as normal at 3.35pm. For safeguarding reasons, they cannot be collected from the church.

Healthy snacks

Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack to eat at play time (a piece of fruit is ideal). **Please note that crisps and chocolate are not allowed at playtimes as these do not constitute a healthy snack.** Also, a reminder that we are strictly a nut free site. Please be mindful of this when packing lunch boxes.

Maths curriculum evening

On Tuesday, we hosted another maths curriculum evening. The feedback was very positive with many comments saying how enjoyable and useful it was. Next week, I'll provide a summary of the content covered for those that were not able to come.

School uniform

Please can I remind you that children should be coming to school in the correct uniform. This consists of:

- Light blue or white shirt or polo shirt
- Navy blue jumper or cardigan
- Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- Black shoes

The correct PE kit should also be worn. This is plimsolls/indoor trainers, a white T-shirt and navy or black shorts. For outside games, a black or navy tracksuit may also be worn and separate outdoor trainers are needed. A change of socks is also recommended. All PE kit should be named and carried in a PE bag with a hanging loop to put on your child's peg.

Over the counter medication (e.g. throat lozenges)

There are lots of coughs, colds and sore throats around at the moment and we sometimes get questions about whether children can bring in items such as over the counter throat lozenges. Our medicine policy states:

These should be accepted only in exceptional circumstances and be treated in the same way as prescribed medication. The parent / carer must clearly label the container with child's name, dose and time of administration and complete a consent form (available from the office or on the school website).

Other Christmas reminders

- Throughout December, there will be a Christmas card post box for the children to use in school. This will be emptied regularly and is a good way for children to send cards if that is something they wish to do. If your child wants to use the post box, please remind them to label the envelopes clearly with the recipients name and class.
- Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Thursday 7th December. Children may wear a festive jumper on this day if they want to. Of course, usual school uniform may also be worn.
- Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 13th December. If your child usually has a school dinner, please book in the usual way. If your child does not usually have a school dinner but they would like to have a Christmas dinner, this can be booked on ParentPay on the school meal item. Just tick the Wednesday school dinner and pay.
- Class teachers will be arranging for the children to have a Christmas party at some point during the final week of term. Keep an eye on ClassDojo for more information.

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Chris Baker (Deputy Headteacher)