

AVJS Bulletin: 21st April 2023

I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and welcome to the first bulletin of the summer term. As you will have seen in the media, the NEU has called for two more strike days this half term on Thursday, 27th April and Tuesday, 2nd May. I can inform you that the following classes will be closed:

Thursday, 27th April:

- 3 White
- 3 Grey
- 4 Yellow
- 6 Blue **from 1.10pm**
- 6 Purple **from 2.25pm**

Tuesday, 2nd May

- 3 Grey
- 4 Yellow
- 6 Blue **from 1.10pm**
- 4 Orange **from 2.25pm**

I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you and thank you for your understanding.

You may be aware that a number of years ago, the government introduced a policy where schools could opt out of local authority control and become an academy. Over the years, more schools have taken this option and many have formed academy trusts. 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. Academies also have access to other funding streams. Over the last year, the governing body and senior leadership team at Arno Vale have been considering the best way forward for the school (as you may have seen in our school improvement plan). After extensive research, we have decided to

partner with the White Hills Park Trust which is a multi academy trust containing primary and secondary schools along with a special school. We know that this partnership will bring lots of advantages for the children at Arno Vale and we are looking forward to working closely with them. We would like to invite you to a presentation from White Hills Park Trust on Wednesday, 10th May at 6.30pm in the school hall where you will have the opportunity to find out more and ask any questions.

Some of you will be aware that over Easter, we sadly lost one of our parents, Phil Marsh, and our thoughts are with his family. One of Phil's friends, Ollie Sanderson along with a group of other friends, have organised to do a charity challenge, cycling 150 miles over two days in June to raise money for Alzheimer's research as Phil's own father recently passed away with the disease. If you would like to sponsor Ollie and the team, you can do so by clicking on the link below and donating via their JustGiving page, thank you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/philmarsh1971-2023>

Our FOAV are holding a meeting straight after school on Wednesday, 3rd May in the school building. We welcome any newcomers who would like to share ideas of how we can raise money and hope you can join us. There will be child care provided during the meeting if you need it, thank you.

Thank you to everyone who donated to Comic Relief last month, you managed to raise £131.50.

On behalf of Mrs Pennant, I would like to say a massive thank you to all the helpers who toiled away planting bulbs, trees and other plants to make our grounds look wonderful. You can see the results of their hard work in the pictures below:



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We are still looking for someone to join our catering team as an assistant. You will assist in the kitchen and dining room as required in the production of meals, food service, dish and utensil washing, general cleaning, setting up the dining hall and any other tasks associated with catering. You will need to be able to work to a high standard with a positive attitude, be approachable, enthusiastic, flexible and committed to providing a quality service.

The role is 8 hours 20 minutes per week, term time only. Working 1 hour 20 minutes per day Monday to Thursday and 3 hours on a Friday. If you have some spare time in the middle of the day and would like to work as part of a small and friendly team, then please contact the school office for more details.

Pleased be advised that the year 3 and year 4 cricket club will not be running on Thursday, 27th April due to the strikes.

As you may remember, we are having a picnic on the field on Thursday, 4th May to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. On that day, the children can come to school wearing a combination of red, white and blue (if they wish, or their normal uniform) and we will be having a decorated cake competition and some other coronation activities. There will be more information next week.



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Monday, 24 th April 23	Author Tom Palmer in school
Monday, 1 st May 23	Bank Holiday
Thursday, 4 th May 23	King's coronation picnic on the school field
Monday, 8 th May 23	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 th May to Friday, 12 th May 23	Year 6 SATs
Wednesday, 10 th May 23	White Hills Park presentation to parents
29 th May – 2 nd June 23	Half Term week
Monday, 5 th June 23	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday, 15 th June 23	Y3 trip to Brackenhurst
Thursday, 22 nd June 23	School Games afternoon (sports day)
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, 7 th July 23	Summer Fayre
Friday, 14 th July 23	Year 5 Inspire Day at Arnold Hill
Tuesday, 25 th July 23	Last Day of the Summer Term

