



Friday 22nd December 2023

BULLETIN

Dear parents and carers,

The final bulletin of 2023...

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their hard work this year. We have a team of caring, dedicated and talented staff, who go above and beyond to ensure the children in their care get the best opportunities. I'd also like to thank all of our parents, carers and wider family members for your ongoing support. We really do appreciate everything you do and there has been a real sense of community at our key events over the year, such as at sports day, the Harvest Festival, FOAV events and the Christmas service at St Mark's Church. Finally, I would like to thank your wonderful children. They are the reason why we all came into the profession, and it is a pleasure to be trusted to play such an important part in their lives. We are very proud of them and their daily achievements. We want you to see how well they are doing so will be planning some opportunities for you to come in to school in the new year.

Miss Malik

Today is Miss Malik's last day at Arno Vale Junior School. Having attended the school as a child, she returned as a volunteer and student before securing a job with us back in September 2013. Miss Malik is an excellent teacher with high classroom standards. Children in her care do well and I know that she is well liked by the children and staff. On behalf of everyone at Arno Vale Junior School, I'd like to wish her all the best in whatever she chooses to do next. She will be missed!

Christmas holiday

School will reopen on Thursday 4th January 2024. I have had a few people asking me why we have chosen this date. Just to clarify, the date was set by Nottinghamshire County Council and we have had no say in the matter.

British values and protected characteristics

This week's assembly was about the protected characteristic of **race**. In particular, children were learning about the harmful impact that discriminatory language can have. Here is the video we used as a stimulus for some excellent discussions. In it, Lyle Taylor talks openly about racist abuse he has received while playing football. [Racism in Football: We're not born racist | Newsround | CBBC \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Clay Creators / Club Vale / Brickz 4 Kidz

There is no Clay Creators or Club Vale tonight. Earlier in the week, I sent out a letter about a new Bricks4Kidz (Lego) club which will start in January.

Messages from our admin team

- The next Dukes Barn instalments are due by 15th December and 12th January. If you have any issue with payments, please contact the school office.
- School dinners for the first week back need to be booked by midnight on New Years Eve!
- Club Vale for the first week back needs to be booked by midnight on Thursday 28th December.
- Next term's Tuck Shop needs to be paid by midnight on Sunday 7th January.

I'll end by wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy spending time with friends and family. Have a lovely festive break and stay safe!

Kind regards,

Chris Baker (Deputy Headteacher)