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Part of my role in is to monitor what is happening in school. This week I undertook a 'learning walk' with a focus on behaviour for learning. It was a real pleasure going into the classrooms, listening to the children talking about their work and observing the wonderful atmosphere across school. The children are all settled into their new classes and we hope that if you are a new parent to the school, that you have all the information that you need. If you have any administration queries, our office team are more than happy to help you. The best way to contact your child's class teacher is via ClassDojo but please be aware that they may not be able to reply straight away.



We would love to see you next Friday morning (29th September) in the school hall for the MacMillan coffee morning. This has been a really successful fund raiser in the past but it does depend upon us having enough goodies to sell! If you can provide us with a cake, biscuits, scones or anything else suitable, we would be most grateful but please make sure that your bakes do not contain any nuts. You can send in your contribution on Thursday or Friday morning. Please make sure that any tins, tubs or boxes are labelled with your child's name and class and we will get them back to you. Tea, coffee and cake will be served from 9.30am.

In the last bulletin, I asked if anyone with a business background would be interested in becoming a governor. I know that people often worry about the commitment the role requires and this can put them off. We have two evening meetings per term and then we arrange for governors to come into school to meet with teachers and see what we are doing – this is about once per term. We have a strong team of fantastic, personable governors who are very supportive. If you are interested, please contact the school office so that we can arrange an informal chat.

I would just like to remind you again that the car park at the front of the school should not be used after 8.30am and before 4.00pm for safety reasons, thank you.

We know that children quickly grow out of school uniform, lose it or damage it. If you are struggling with the cost of uniform, Uniform Project can help provide good quality, second hand uniform. If you are interested, the school can make a referral on your behalf. All we need is the size and whether it is for a boy or a girl, we will then send the request in. Please contact the school office if you are interested in this service.

As we are entering the colder months, the Schools' Immunisation Team have booked to come into schools to give all the children the flu vaccination. This will take place on Monday, 20th November. Please click on the link below for more information and to give consent *by Monday, 13th November* – without this, your child will not be able to receive the vaccination in school.

https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/6686c04a

The rapid pace in which technology is moving can be very hard to keep up with. Although it now seems impossible to think of life without the internet because of the amazing information that we can find, it can also be a dangerous place. In school we educate the children through computing lessons and PSHE on how to stay safe with technology. If you would like more information to support your



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child, the website below is really useful and worth a visit.

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/?gad=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjw9rSoBhCiARIsAFOiplmyyudEgclu4Mal-GS8xFB2FzLU6DW90zwKPf-OrB4oZdqaxqj7GCwaAv_KEALw_wcB

We are lucky that Tim Ball, the Children's and Youth Minister from St Marks church is going to be hosting our harvest festival for us on Wednesday, 11th October. Last year, there were lots of you who wanted to attend which was great but also meant that the hall was quite cramped. This year, we are going to do

two 'sittings', one at 9.15am and the other at 2.45pm. It will be the same festival but you can choose which one you would like to attend. I will be sending a link out to you in next week's bulletin for you to reserve your space.

Community News

Please click on the link below for information about events happening in and around the area and revised information about Mr Ward and Mr Lindley's October half term sports camp.

https://www.arnovale.co.uk/community-news/

| Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates 2023 to 2024 | |
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| 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 |
| Tuesday, 10th October 23 | Y2 Prospective Parents Look Around – 9.15am |
| Wednesday, 11 th October 23 | Harvest Festival – 9.15am and 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 |



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| Wednesday, 6th March 24 | Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm |
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| 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 |
| 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 |

