I hope you have all had a great summer holiday and welcome back! All the children seem to be settling in well and it is lovely having our new year 3 children with us.

Diary Dates:

For this bulletin, I have attached a full list of dates for the year ahead. There are still a small number of events that we know will happen but we don't have the dates for yet. As soon as we do, we will let you know. Please use the calendar on our website to keep informed of what is happening in school.

Other News

We will be holding our annual welcome meetings for each year group over the next couple of weeks. This is a chance for you to meet the teachers and gain an overview of what will be happening in the school year. These are informal meetings held in each year group and will last for no more than half an hour. We really hope you can make it, the dates are as follows:

Year 3: 16th September at 3.45 in 3C Year 4: 12th September at 3.45 in 4M Year 5: 17th September at 3.45 in 5O Year 6: 19th September at 3.45 in 6S

You do not need to book in, just come along!

Mrs Pennant is organising a MacMillan Cancer Support coffee morning on Friday, September 27th from 9.15 until 11.00 am in the school hall. We would love your contributions of cakes and other edible delicacies for this event. It will be a "Wear what you like for the day" for the children (we will be asking for a £1 donation per child) and we will also be holding a cake sale for the children during afternoon play. If you are able to help in the morning, Mrs Pennant would really love to hear from you. We need volunteers to help serve and take some money for this fantastic cause. Please

see the accompanying leaflet for more information.

Aldi have recently launched a 'Kit For Schools' initiative that runs from 6th September to 3rd November. Every time you spend £30 in any Aldi store you'll receive a special Team GB athlete sticker. Please bring these into school and give them to your class teacher. These will then be added to our school poster displayed outside Miss Iremonger's classroom. Once we have collected 300 stickers we will send the poster off to receive a new school sports kit and be entered for a £20,000 prize.

If your child has a medical condition, please can you make sure the we have an up to date healthcare plan in school. We need these as soon as possible so that we have relevant and accurate information, for example, if your child has asthma, we need an inhaler in school with clear guidance of dosage. If you would like to update or check the information you have already submitted to us, please contact the school office as it is the responsibility of the parent / carer to ensure they are correct.

It has been lovely chatting to some of you in the playground in the morning before school starts. May I remind you that we have members of staff on duty from 8.45am on the playground. All children should remain on the playground until the bell is rung at 8.50am. Unfortunately, children are not allowed to use the large play equipment near the year 6 classrooms before school for safety reasons.

We have a number of children in school who suffer from nut allergies. Please ensure that you do not send any food into school that contains nuts or nut oil. It is always worth reading the ingredient declaration as it is surprising how many different products contain nuts or nut extracts. For playtime snacks, children should bring in fruit or vegetable products.



Last year, your response to our re-cycling efforts was tremendous and we would like to carry on this year! In the entrance to the school, you will find three bins. One is for bread wrappers, one for crisp packets and the other for cake wrappers, cracker wrappers and nonsavoury biscuit wrappers. Please be careful with what you try to recycle as the company that processes the products can only accept certain types of packaging. For example, only bread wrappers from plant bakeries (Hovis, Warburtons, supermarket own brands) can be accepted and not packaging from in-store bakeries or from bread rolls, pitta breads etc.

We will be holding our parent consultation meetings on Wednesday, 16th and Thursday, 17th October. Once again, we will be using the online booking system that we successfully trialled in the spring term. From 7.00am on Monday, September 23rd you will receive an email with a link to book your time slot. You may only book one time slot but you can change this at a later date if required. It is a really straightforward process but relies on us having a valid and up to date email address. If yours has changed, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Safeguarding is a priority at school and we have had several parents contact us in the past for advice regarding bullying online. Please find below two links to a really useful website with articles and advice relating to online gaming:

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/a rticles/gaming/?utm_source=Thinkuknow &utm_campaign=745925badf-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_TUK_SEPTEMBER_GL OBAL&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0 _0b54505554-745925badf-55391721 https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/a rticles/gaming-whats-appropriate-foryour-

child/?utm source=Thinkuknow&utm ca mpaign=745925badf-

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We will be holding our Harvest Festival Assembly on the afternoon of Monday, October 14th. As in previous years, we will be asking for donations of food for the Arnold Foodbank. There will be more information nearer the time.

Our children at Arno Vale appear to really love learning new languages. As you will know, they learn Spanish as part of the curriculum and Mrs Peat also runs her own, private Spanish club. There is a flyer attached with this bulletin if your child is interested in some extra Spanish learning

Mme Vasco from La Jolie Ronde will be starting her French club again starting next Monday, 9th September. This is a fun club where the children really love learning and practising their French. There are still spaces available for children in year 3. If you are interested you can contact her at vasciabbakusa@gmail.com.

Community News

Mr Ward and Mr Lindley will be running their popular sports camp during the October half term break. They will be running them on Tuesday, 22nd October, Wednesday, 23rd October, Tuesday, 29th October and Wednesday, 30th October. More information will follow.



BBC1's hit show 'Eat Well For Less?' is BACK and looking for households to take part!

Eat Well For Less? is on the hunt for families / households looking to save money on their food shop!

Is the cost of your weekly food shop **spiralling out of control**?

Perhaps you're **desperate to save** but under pressure to keep providing the household favourites?

Or do your **health requirements** affect your diet? Are you in need of some **new inspiration**?

Maybe you need help adjusting to a new **financial situation**?

Or are you just **bored of buying and cooking the same foods** every week?

... Masterchef's **Gregg Wallace** & award winning grocer **Chris Bavin** are on a mission to prove that it is possible for families to save

money on their food budget without scrimping on taste and nutrition. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food.

We're currently on the hunt for families / households to take part in our new series – so get in touch with the team TODAY!

Email: <u>eatwell@rdftelevision.com</u> or **Call:** 0117 970 7682

Any information which you give us will be processed in accordance with our Privacy Notice, a copy of which is available on request







Please see attached diary dates for the academic year 2019 to 2020. Please note that dates are subject to change so please do read the bulletin regularly where a list of forthcoming dates will also be found and check our website calendar too.

Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates 2019 to 2020

12 th September 2019	VA Welcome meeting 2 45 – 4 15 nm
13 th September 2019	Y4 Welcome meeting 3.45 – 4.15pm
•	Year 6 Partake Egyptian Day
16 th September 2019	Y3 Welcome meeting 3.45 – 4.15pm
17 th September 2019	Y5 Welcome meeting 3.45 – 4.15pm
19 th September 2019	Y6 Welcome meeting 3.45 – 4.15pm
23 rd September 2019	Parents' consultation meeting invites emailed to parents from
	7am
27 th September 2019	MacMillan coffee morning
10 th October 2019	Hello Yellow – World mental health day
10 th October 2019	Maths Calculation Policy Evening – 6.30 – 7.30pm
14 th October 2019	Harvest Festival – 2.45pm
16 th October 2019	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
17 th October 2019	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
18 th October 2019	Whole school art day
21 st October 2019	Half Term Holiday week 1
28 th October 2019	Half Term Holiday week 2
4 th November 2019	Return to school
5 th November 2019	Bonfire night themed school lunch
11 th – 15 th November 2019	Anti-Bullying week
15 th November 2019	Children In Need – activities TBC
21 st November 2019	Y2 Prospective Parents Look Around – 2.15pm
22 nd November 2019	Y2 Prospective Parents Look Around – 9.15am
28 th November 2019	Glee Club sing at Get Set For Christmas – 3.50pm
29 th November 2019	FOAV Christmas Family Disco
4 th December 2019	Christmas guitar concert – 2.45pm
9 th December 2019	Year 3 to the Panto
11 th December 2019	Christmas Dinner Day
12 th December 2019	Christmas Concert at St Marks Church – 2pm
13 th December 2019	Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day
17 th December 2019	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party
18 th December 2019	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party
20 th December 2019	Last day of the Autumn Term
6 th January 2020	First day of the Spring Term
14 th January 2020	Reading open morning for parents and carers 10.45-12.00 noon
24 th January 2020	Chinese New Year Themed Lunch
27 th January 2020	Dukes Barn week for Year 4
31st January 2020	DEAV Graduation – 2.30pm
11 th February 2020	Safer Internet Day
17 th February 2020	Half Term Week
12 th February 2020	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
13 th February 2020	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm



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24 th February 2020	Inset Day
3 rd March 2020	Maths Morning
5 th March 2020	World Book Day
9 th March – 13 th March	Sport Relief Week
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20 th March 2020	Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea
3 rd April 2020	Last Day of the Spring Term
20 th April 2020	First Day of the Summer Term
7 th May 2020	VE celebration day and special lunch
8 th May 2020	Bank Holiday
11 th May 2020	Year 6 SATs week
25 th May 2020	Half Term week
12 th June 2020	Fathers' Day Afternoon Tea
1 st June 2020	Inset Day
17 th -19 th June 2020	Year 6 Caythorpe Residential
24 th June 2020	Summer Music Concert
26 th June 2020	School Games Afternoon
30 th June 2020	School open day
2 nd July 2020	Transition Day (Arnold Hill Transition Day 1)
2 nd July 2020	Dukes Barn Meeting for Y3 parents 5.30pm
2 nd July 2020	New Parents Meeting – 6pm
3 rd July 2020	Year 6 Arnold Hill Transition Day 2
6 th July 2020	Inset Day
10 th July 2020	Year 5 Bright Day at Arnold Hill
10 th July 2020	Summer Fair
14 th July 2020	Y6 Performance
15 th July 2020	Y6 Performance
23 rd July 2020	Y6 Leavers' Assembly – 11am
23 rd July 2020	Y6 Leavers' Disco
24 th July 2020	Last Day of the Summer Term
	EVENTS TO FOLLOW - TBC
	Photographer to take individual and family photos
	Year 3 Matlock Farm Visit – January or February 2019
	Year 3 skate with the Panthers
	Year 3 Matlock Farm trip
	Year 5 Holocaust visit

