

AVJS Bulletin: 6th September 2023

Hello and I hope you have all had a lovely summer despite the somewhat changeable weather! I would like to say a huge welcome to our new families and also to our returning families; I am looking forward to an exciting academic year and it has been lovely to walk round the classrooms this morning and see the children in their new classes. We have already started to plan some of the key events of the year and have included them at the end of this bulletin. We are still waiting to confirm some dates and we will update this list as soon as we can.

One of the big stories that surfaced over the summer which may have concerned you is about RAAC concrete. I am pleased to inform you that our school was not built in the time period when RAAC was being used and so is not a risk. The Local Authority have released the following statement:

"In Nottinghamshire, the County Council have been aware of the issue for some time and have been working closely with schools and the Department for Education to survey education settings in line with Government guidance and the current impact of RAAC across Nottinghamshire remains low, the Council have undertaken assessments of all maintained schools and with no further concerns identified that require closure or partial closure to school buildings. Currently only one primary academy in Nottinghamshire has been required to make alternative arrangements to the start of term."

Just a reminder that in the mornings, you can bring your children onto the school playground before school from 8.45am when we provide supervision. We then ring the bell at 8.50am for an 8.55am start. You can give any quick messages to the teachers at this time. If you have anything that may take more than a minute or so to talk about, it is best to make an appointment with the teacher for after school. The play equipment on the playground and the trim trail are out of bounds for all children (not just Arno Vale pupils) as we are unable to

supervise them during this time. If your child is going to be late, please come to the main entrance so that we can record their attendance – this is because the class register may have already closed and we want to make sure that we have accounted for everyone. If your child is poorly and not going to be in school, please let the school office know as soon as you can and by 9.30am at the latest. This is for safeguarding reasons so we know your child is safe and being looked after. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

If you have any changes to your normal pick up routine at the end of the day, please let the office know rather than emailing or sending a Dojo message to the teacher. During the day, the teachers do not often get a chance to check their messages and so something may be missed. If you let the office know, they will ensure that the message gets to the class teacher.

I would also like to remind you to label your child's clothing with their name please. We regularly accumulate a mountain of lost property – when it is named, it is really easy to return it to its rightful owner. This goes for their PE kits as well. Please ensure that your child has an outdoor PE kit as well as an indoor PE kit which includes separate footwear. This means our school (especially the carpets) stay cleaner and make the environment all the more pleasing!

We are offering our year group drop-in sessions for you to come in, meet the teacher and find out about what is going to be happening in your child's class over the year. The sessions last for up to 30 minutes and don't worry if you cannot make it, we will be sending out an information leaflet to you afterwards. The dates are as follows:

Year 3: Thursday, 14th September at 3.45pm, held in 3 White.

Year 4: Thursday, 14th September at 3.45 held in 4 Yellow



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Year 5: Monday, 11th September at 3.45 held in 5 Red

Year 6: Tuesday, 12th September at 3.45 held in 6 Purple

We welcome Miss Terrill and Mrs Illingworth to our team this academic year. Miss Terrill is a teaching assistant and Mrs Illingworth is a catering assistant – I am sure the children will get to know them very soon.

The start of the school year is always a busy one and we aim to get all our systems up to date as soon as we can so that we have correct information, you are able to book and pay for school meals and Club Vale places and we can communicate with you electronically (this includes Medical Tracker, where we notify you of any bumps or scrapes your child may receive!). If you are new to the school, we ask that you activate your ParentPay account straight away and ensure we have your correct contact details. If you are a returning parent and your details have changed over the summer, please let the office know as soon as you can by emailing office@arnovale.notts.sch.uk. If you have any questions or difficulties, please do not hesitate to speak to someone in the office who will be glad to help you.

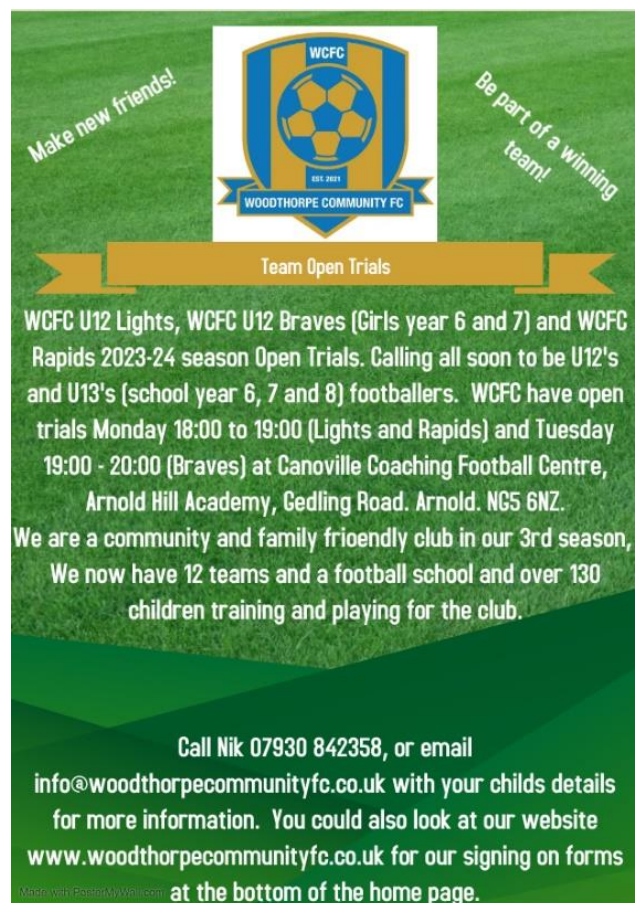
You will notice on the diary dates list that we are hosting a MacMillan Cancer Research Coffee Morning again on Friday, 29th September. This will be the third one that Mrs Pennant has organised and it has been well attended in the past raising funds for a very worthwhile charity. If you can make it on that day, you will be more than welcome. We will be asking for donations of cakes and other goodies to sell on the morning in due course.

We will be holding our first Friends of Arno Vale (FOAV) meeting very soon. We would love for you to come along and meet the team who work to raise money for the school. You can be as active within the FOAV as you like! Some people really like to be involved with the

planning and organisation of events whilst others prefer to be a helper on the day. You are more than welcome to come along and see what we are about and will let you know once we have set a date.

Clay Creators Club is starting on Friday, 15th September, you will be receiving a letter with booking information if you are interested.

Community News



The poster is for Woodthorpe Community FC (WCFC) Team Open Trials. It features a green background with a white banner across the middle. The banner contains the club's crest, which is a shield with a blue and yellow design and a soccer ball in the center. Above the crest, it says 'WCFC' and below it, 'WOODTHORPE COMMUNITY FC'. To the left of the crest, it says 'Make new friends!' and to the right, 'Be part of a winning team!'. Below the banner, it says 'Team Open Trials'. The main text of the poster reads: 'WCFC U12 Lights, WCFC U12 Braves (Girls year 6 and 7) and WCFC Rapids 2023-24 season Open Trials. Calling all soon to be U12's and U13's (school year 6, 7 and 8) footballers. WCFC have open trials Monday 18:00 to 19:00 (Lights and Rapids) and Tuesday 19:00 - 20:00 (Braves) at Canoville Coaching Football Centre, Arnold Hill Academy, Gedling Road, Arnold. NG5 6NZ. We are a community and family friendly club in our 3rd season. We now have 12 teams and a football school and over 130 children training and playing for the club.' At the bottom, it says 'Call Nik 07930 842358, or email info@woodthorpecommunityfc.co.uk with your child's details for more information. You could also look at our website www.woodthorpecommunityfc.co.uk for our signing on forms at the bottom of the home page.'

That is a lot of information and I apologise for the overload! I am looking forward to catching up with you soon.



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Arno Vale Junior School Diary Dates 2023 to 2024	
Wednesday, 6 th September 23	First day of the term for the children
Monday, 11 th September 23	Y5 Welcome meeting 3.45pm
Tuesday, 12 th September 23	Y6 Welcome meeting 3.45pm
Thursday, 14 th September 23	Y3 Welcome meeting 3.45pm
Thursday, 14 th September 23	Y4 Welcome meeting 3.45pm
Friday, 29 th September 23	MacMillan coffee morning
Monday, 9 th October 23	Y2 Prospective Parents Look Around – 2.15pm
Tuesday, 10 th October 23	Wear It Green – World mental health day
Tuesday, 10 th October 23	Y2 Prospective Parents Look Around – 9.15am
Wednesday, 11 th October 23	Harvest Festival – 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	Return to school
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, 1 st December 23 (TBC)	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
Friday, 8 th December 23 (TBC)	FOAV Christmas fayre 3.35pm - 5.00pm
Wednesday, 13 th 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, 5 th March 24	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
Wednesday, 6 th March 24	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
Thursday, 7 th 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



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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 (TBC)	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

