

AVJS Bulletin: 9th September 2022

We do not usually have two bulletins in a week, but as there is so much information we need to share with you, we thought it better to break it down into two bulletins. Following the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II, we held a special assembly this morning where the children had some fantastic questions and comments to make.

Following on from the list of diary dates that I sent you, we have some additions to the list. On Monday, 3rd October, the school photographer will be in school taking individual and family photographs. He will be in school from 8.00am so if you would like your child to have a photo with siblings, then please come to the school between 8.00am and 8.45am, we will send out more details nearer the time. We will also be holding a harvest festival assembly on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 28th in the school hall. The assembly will start at 2.45pm and will finish by 3.15pm and you are invited to attend. We will also be asking for donations for the Arnold food bank. Donations can be sent in at any time and we will deliver them to the food bank at the first available opportunity after the assembly. Another date for your diary is Tuesday, 6th December when we will be holding our Christmas concert at 2pm in St Marks Church, De Vere Gardens, Woodthorpe.

Some of you will remember that towards the end of the summer term, I informed you that we have a vacancy for a parent governor. We decided to post-pone the process for electing to the position until now to allow our new parents to be able to consider it. This is a great opportunity to join our wonderful team of governors to support the school in providing the best quality education and support for the children that we can. If you are interested, please email me at head@arnovale.notts.sch.uk expressing your interest. In the event of more than one person putting themselves forward, we will go to a ballot. I have uploaded a document that

outlines the duties and responsibilities of a governor which can be found by following the link below. I ask that all expressions of interest are submitted to me by Wednesday, 14th September.

<https://www.arnovale.co.uk/governing-body-information/>

We will be holding our parent consultation evenings during the last week of the half term. We will soon be sending out the invitations for you to book your appointment slot by email. Please can you make sure that we have your most up to date email address. Any changes to your contact details can be sent to the office at office@arnovale.notts.sch.uk.

We are really looking forward to hosting the MacMillan Cancer Support coffee morning on Friday, 30th September. We managed to hold one once before in 2019 and it was a great success raising funds for a fantastic charity. For it to work, there are a number of things that we need: customers, cakes and drinks! We are looking for donations of tea, coffee and cakes or other goodies that we can sell on the day. If you are able to help, please email Mrs Pennant at ypennant@arnovale.notts.sch.uk. All donations will be gratefully received.

At long last, we are really pleased to be able to share with you our latest Ofsted report which confirms we remain a good school. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

<https://www.arnovale.co.uk/ofsted/>

I would like to remind you that playtime snacks should be fruit or vegetables and not biscuits and chocolate. We are also a nut free school, so please make sure that any food sent in for lunch is nut free. This includes many chocolate spreads.

Our FOAV are looking for someone who is willing to audit the accounts for them. If you are an accountant and willing to give up just a small amount of your time to do this, please let



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the school know – your help would be very much appreciated!

Unfortunately, I need to remind you that we are a dog free site. During the week, someone allowed their dog to foul on the pavement up to the school from Arno Vale Road and failed to clean it up. This is unacceptable and can cause serious diseases.

We have been lucky enough to be given 30 sapling trees from the Woodland Trust. These are not due to be delivered until after half term. If anyone fancies a minor workout by digging some holes, we would be very grateful of your time! We will let you know nearer the time when this is.

Community News



Nottinghamshire County Council

Do not park on school keep clear markings

Our CCTV car is now out patrolling Nottinghamshire schools to help discourage dangerous and inconsiderate parking.

Motorists caught parking on restricted areas near schools or in bus stops will be issued with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) of £70.

Parking on school keep clear markings can seriously endanger road safety for children. Please only park in marked areas and help us keep our school children safe.

nottinghamshire.gov.uk/roadsafety Notts Parking Partnership



LOVE MUSIC? JOIN VOICEMUSIC1

JUNIORS
6:15-7:30 PM
Fun, games and music making for 7-11 year olds who love to sing!

YOUTH
7:30-9:00 PM
Relaxed space for 11-18 year olds who sing or play rock band or orchestral instruments (Grade 4+) to make music and learn more about God.

No auditions required - all abilities welcome
To join, email Beth - beth@voicemusic.org.uk

When: Wednesdays Fortnightly
Where: St Mark's Church, Woodthorpe, Nottingham, NG5 4PY

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Help available for families towards childcare costs with a Tax-Free Childcare account

What is it?

For families with children under 12, a Tax-Free Childcare account can be worth up to £2,000 per year per child towards registered childcare, such as before and after school clubs, holiday clubs, childminders, nurseries, and pre-schools. This increases to £4,000 per year for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and goes up to the age of 17.



How it works?

For every £8 paid into an online Tax-Free Childcare account, the Government will pay in £2. This is a saving of 20% on their childcare costs. The online childcare account is used to pay the childcare provider directly.

For example, if a family has childcare costs of £750 per month, they would pay £600 into their childcare account and the government would pay in £150. This would be an annual saving of £1,800 per child.

Who is it for?

To be eligible both parents must be in employment, or one parent in a single-parent household, and be earning at least the National Minimum Wage for 16 hours per week on average and under £100,000 per year. This includes being self-employed, on maternity or parental leave, on sick leave or annual leave.

You can't use a Tax-Free Childcare account at the same time as Working Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit or Universal Credit, so it won't benefit all families. The Government has [an online calculator](#) for families to check how much they can save on childcare costs

You can use a Tax-Free Childcare account at the same time as 15 hours and 30 hours funded childcare where available to help save even more.

Diary Dates

Monday, 12 th September 22	Y5 Welcome meeting 3.45pm – 4.15pm in 5 Green
Monday, 12 th September 22	Y4 Welcome meeting and Dukes Barn meeting 5.00pm in 4 Yellow
Tuesday, 13 th September 22	Y6 Welcome meeting 3.45pm – 4.15pm in 6 Purple
Wednesday, 14 th September 22	Y3 Welcome meeting 3.45pm – 4.15pm in 3 Grey
Wednesday, 28 th September 22	Harvest Festival Assembly, school hall – 2.45pm
Friday, 30 th September 22	MacMillan coffee morning 9.30am – 11.30am



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Monday, 3 rd October 22	Individual and family school photos
Monday, 10 th October 22	Hello Yellow – World mental health day
Tuesday 11 th to Friday 14 th October 22	Scholastic Book Fair in school
Tuesday, 11 th October 22	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
Wednesday, 12 th October 22	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
Thursday, 13 th October 22	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
17 th October 22	Half Term Holiday week 1
24 th October 22	Half Term Holiday week 2
Monday, 31 st October 22	Return to school
Weds, 2 nd Nov to Fri 4 th 22	Y6 at Willersley Castle
Thursday, 10 th November 22	Flu vaccinations
14 th November 22	Anti-Bullying week
Thursday, 17 th November 22	Maths Calculation Policy Evening – 6.00pm
Friday, 18 th November 22	Children In Need – activities TBC
Tuesday, 8 th November 22	Y2 Prospective Parents Look Around – 2.15pm
Thursday, 8 th November 22	Y2 Prospective Parents Look Around – 9.15am
Thursday, 1 st December 22	Whole school to the Panto
Friday, 2 nd December 22 TBC	FOAV Christmas fayre 3.35pm - 5.00pm
Tuesday, 6 th December 22	Christmas Concert at St Marks Church, 2pm
Thursday, 8 th December 22	Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day
W/C 12 th December 22	Christmas Dinner Day/week
Wednesday, 21 st December 22	Last day of the Autumn Term
Wednesday 4 th January 23	First day of the Spring Term
Friday, 20 th January 23	Chinese New Year Themed Lunch
Monday, 23 rd January 23	Dukes Barn week for Year 4 – 4 Orange m-w & 4 Yellow w-f
Thursday, 7 th February 23	Safer Internet Day
15 th February 2021	Half Term Week
Tuesday, 7 th February 23	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
Wednesday, 8 th February 23	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
Thursday, 9 th February 23	Parents' Consultation Meeting – 3.40-6.30pm
13 th to 17 th February 23	Half Term
Monday, 20 th February 23	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday, 2 nd March 23	World Book Day
Friday, 31 st March 23	Last Day of the Spring Term
Monday, 17 th April 23	First Day of the Summer Term
Monday, 1 st May 23	Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May 23	Year 6 SATs week
29 th May – 2 nd June 23	Half Term week
Monday, 5 th June 23	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
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, 14 th July 23	Year 5 Inspire Day at Arnold Hill
Tuesday, 25 th July 23	Last Day of the Summer Term

