



Bulletin: 13th September 2024

Keeping children safe online is not an easy task. Quite often, the children are one step ahead of the adults when it comes to technology. I have been made aware of a disturbing YouTube channel that some of the children have either seen or accessed. It concerns a YouTuber called DigBar whose videos contain homophobic and racist comments. We urge you to regularly check what content your child is accessing and talk to them about what to do if they come across something concerning. We will continue to speak to the children about online safety through our PSHE curriculum and assemblies.

We have had notification from the Local Authority that we will be joining the White Hills Park Academy Trust on 1st February 2025. We are very excited about this as we are already benefiting from their support and expertise. There is a caveat that the date may change (hopefully not) and I

will keep you posted. Although there is a lot of work going on behind the scenes, when the big day comes, you probably won't notice any difference!

We all want the children to be happy in school and one thing that really upsets them (quite understandably) is if their belongings go missing. We provide the children with all the resources they need for the school day and so we ask that you do not send the children in with toys or accessories.

We also provide concentration aids for those children who need them.

We would also like to remind you that our school uniform requirements can be found by clicking on this link. <https://www.arnovale.co.uk/school-uniform/>. The expectation is that all the children wear the correct uniform.

For safety reasons, jewellery is not permitted (except stud earrings) and children should not wear nail varnish.

In assembly this morning we celebrated the following:

Birthdays:

Evan, Alex, Rio, Isabella, Henry, Deniz and Zac all celebrated their birthday this week - happy birthday everyone!

Stars of the week:

3Grey - Zac G for Teddy E for respect.

3White - Harriet and Alfie for respect.

4Orange - Ben for respect and Eva for curiosity.

4Yellow - Charlotte for independence and Alice for respect.

5Baker - Joseph and Isla M for independence.

5Green - Betsey and Eli for independence.

5Red - Lediana for respect and Oliver for curiosity.

6Baker - Matilda and Reuben for independence.

6Blue - Sienna for determination and Huey for curiosity.

6Purple - Gabe and Eleanor for determination.

Class challenge -

Our first challenge was based on how we move around school. Everyone has worked hard on this challenge and all classes will receive a reward, but there have to be winners:

Runners up earning 5 minutes reward time - 5Green, 5Red, 4Orange

3rd place earning 10 minutes reward time - 3White and 3Grey

2nd place earning 15 minutes reward time- 6Blue and 6Purple

1st place earning 20 minutes reward time - 4Yellow

Out of school achievements -

Well done all of you for your determination:

Naomi and Jessica W told us about their summer reading challenge.

Jessica W also shared her swimming certificates.

Naomi was incredibly kind by helping to raise money for charity.

Emily R was proud to show a dance certificate.





In last week's bulletin we told you that the disco is going to be held on 27th September. Unfortunately, the DJ cannot make that date and so we have re-scheduled it to Friday, 4th October straight after school until 5pm. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased on ParentPay. The price includes a snack and a drink.

PE Days & Topics:

Pupils will need to have their PE kits in school on the days listed below:

Y3: Football (alternating Tuesday & Thursday); Fundamental skills -playground games (Friday)

Y4: Football (Monday); Fundamental skills – playground games (Tuesday)

Y5: Tag Rugby (Wednesday); Team building – Monday (5 Green) / Thursday (5 Red)

Y6: Tag Rugby - Alternating Tuesday & Thursday; Sports Leaders – Monday (6 Blue) / Wednesday (6 Purple)

Arno Vale PE kit includes:

Plain white T-shirt

Plain black or navy-blue bottoms (shorts, skorts, leggings or joggers).

Trainers

When participating in PE, long hair needs to be tied back and earrings should be removed. We recommend not sending your child to school wearing earrings on PE days. Please note - Tights must not be worn under shorts and pupils will not be allowed to wear coats for PE. As PE lessons will hopefully take place outdoors this half term we recommend pupils have with them a plain black or

navy-blue long-sleeved top (jumper or hoody). A change of socks is recommended as occasionally pupils will end up with wet feet.

Sports Clubs:

The PE team at Arno Vale have now finalised our sports clubs on offer for Autumn 1.

Lunch opportunities:

Monday

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- Yr 3 - Football
 - All Years - Cricket
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Tuesday

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- All Years - Run for fun
 - Yr 5 – Football
 - Girls – Football
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Wednesday

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- Yr 6 Football
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Thursday

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- Yr 4 Football
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Lunch clubs are offered on an informal drop in basis. To participate in football and cricket pupils will need to change into sportswear (ideally not PE kit – as they may get wet / muddy). To run for fun

pupils simply need a change of shoes / socks. This term pupils will be asked to play football in their trainers, shin pads are optional (no football boots – as this opens the opportunities to more pupils).

Afterschool opportunities:

Monday

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- Yr 6 Netball - <https://forms.office.com/e/v30q1nAue3>
 - Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby - <https://forms.office.com/e/vyZqsicLEY>
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Tuesday

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- Yr 3/4 Multi-Skills - <https://forms.office.com/e/yNqbCqGZCY>
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Information on the afterschool opportunities have been added to ClassDojo. The links above can be used to register your child's interest. The above opportunities are funded using PE and Sport Premium Funding and are therefore offered free of charge to all pupils.

Back in July I told you that Mrs Tinkler has formed a charity supporting the Baranku school in Jambanjelly, The Gambia. She is collecting good quality, education toys suitable for 3 to 7 year olds. If you have any you would like to donate, you can drop them into the porch area at main reception, thank you.



Learning behaviours

This year we are launching a new curriculum on Learning Behaviours. The aim of this curriculum is to help the children understand themselves as learners by identifying their strengths and develop strategies to overcome any challenges. This curriculum will be taught each week in a practice time session and will cover the following topics:

- *Learning to learn*
 - *Communication*
 - *Self regulation*
 - *Critical thinking*
 - *Problem solving*
 - *Motivation*
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We are really excited to be teaching this curriculum as we feel it will benefit the children by making a difference to their confidence, general well being and understanding of themselves.

As the year progresses, we will share more on the work we have been doing.

A reminder from the office that the panto trip in December can now be paid for on your ParentPay account.

For parents of children in year 4, the deposit for the Dukes Barn trip is due and can be paid from your ParentPay account.

We also have spaces available for guitar lessons in school. This is a paid for service. If you require any further information, please contact the office.

As is often the case at the start of the new year, there appears to be a bug going around. If your child is vomiting and / or has diarrhoea, the requirement is that they are away from school for 48 hours following their last episode. Thank you.

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Monday, 16 th September 24	Year 3 welcome meeting – 3.45pm
Tuesday, 17 th September 24	Year 5 welcome meeting – 3.45pm
Thursday, 19 th September 24	Year 4 welcome meeting – 3.45pm
Friday, 27 th September 24	MacMillan Coffee Morning
Friday, 4 th October 24	After school disco 3.35pm – 5.00pm
Monday, 7 th October 24	Y2 Prospective parents look around – 2.15pm
Tuesday, 8 th October 24	Y2 Prospective parents look around – 9.15am
Tuesday, 8 th October 24	Y2 Prospective parents look around – 4.00pm
Wednesday 9 th October 24	Harvest Festival 9.15am and 2.45pm
Thursday, 10 th October 24	World Mental Health Day
Weds, 16 th Oct to Fri, 18 th Oct 24	Year 6 at Willersley Castle
Mon, 21 st Oct to Fri, 1 st Nov 24	Half term holiday
Monday, 4 th November 24	Return to school
Monday, 11 th November 24	Anti-bullying week
Tuesday, 12 th November 24	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Thursday, 14 th November 24	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Friday, 15 th November 24	BBC Children in Need day
Friday, 29 th November 24	FOAV Christmas Fair
Tuesday, 3 rd December 24	Whole school to the pantomime at Mansfield
Tuesday, 10 th December 24	Christmas concert at St Marks times to be confirmed
Wednesday, 11 th December 24	Christmas dinner day
Thursday, 12 th December 24	Save the Children Christmas jumper day
Mon, 23 rd Dec 24 to Fri, 3 rd Jan 25	Christmas holiday
Monday, 6 th January 2025	First day of the spring term
Mon, 17 th Feb to Fri, 21 st Feb 25	Half term holiday
Monday, 24 th February 25	Inset day
Tuesday, 25 th February 25	Return to school
Tuesday, 4 th March 25	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday, 5 th March 25	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Thursday, 6 th March 25	Parent's consultation meeting – 3.40pm to 6.30pm
Thursday, 6 th March 25	World Book Day
Mon, 7 th Apr to Mon. 21 st Apr 25	Easter holiday
Tuesday, 22 nd April 25	Return to school
Monday, 5 th May 25	May Day bank holiday
Mon, 12 th May to Thu, 15 th May 25	Y6 SATs week
Mon, 26 th May to Fri 30 th May 25	Half term
Thursday, 19 th June 25	School Games afternoon
Tuesday, 24 th June 25	Back up School Games afternoon
Friday, 4 th July 25	Inset day
Tuesday, 15 th July 25	Y6 performance
Wednesday, 16 th July 25	Y6 performance
Friday, 18 th July 25	FOAV summer fair
Tuesday, 22 nd July 25	Y6 leavers' festival
Friday, 25 th July 25	Last day of term