

Crossing Patrol

As you will be aware, we currently lack a school crossing patrol on Arno Vale Road. If you are interested in the position, please have a read of the advertisement that accompanies this newsletter.

Mornings

Please ensure that you assemble on the playground in the mornings before school rather than near the various entrances to the school. We supervise the children on the playground from 8.45 am. Thank you.

Christmas Parties

Next week, the children will be having their Christmas parties on the following afternoons: Years 3 and 4, Tuesday 19th and Years 5 and 6, Wednesday 20th. Your child can bring with them party clothes to change into at school.



Arno Vale Junior School

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It's already the end of the first term! I would like to personally thank you all for your continuing support of the school, it is very much appreciated and helps make our school the fantastic place it is. On behalf of everyone at Arno Vale, I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all on Monday, January 8th, 2018.

Christmas Crafts

Next Friday we are holding a Christmas Crafts day in school. The children will be utilising their art and design skills in a number of Christmas themed activities from calendar making to Christmas tree decorations. We will therefore, not be having a toy day on the last day of term. We feel the children will really enjoy getting into the Christmas spirit and will (hopefully) have some lovely items to bring home.

Childcare Vouchers

You may be aware that the government are considering closing childcare vouchers to new joiners. There a number of petitions circulating to hopefully prevent this from happening. Many of our parents use these vouchers to pay for child care costs. If you would like to support this petition, you can do so by clicking on the link below.

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/200585>

Alternatively, you could contact your MP by following this link:

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/>

Thank you!

Clubbersize

Following our NSPCC visit, the children have all participated in a clubbersize / zumbathon session in school. They really enjoyed themselves and I am sure some children discovered a new skill set they were unaware of! Thank you for your support, all the money raised will go to a fantastic charity, the NSPCC.

Staffing

I am really pleased to inform you that Mrs Morley and Miss Oates have been appointed substantive SENCOs (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinators) from the start of the spring term. They have both been covering the role in an acting capacity and have been working incredibly hard to ensure that we are providing the best we can for children with special educational needs. They will be carrying out the role on a job share basis.

We have also appointed Mrs Natalie Wright as our PE / Sport Specialist teacher. Each school in the country receives a Sport Premium grant with the objective of increasing children's participation in sport, ensuring class teachers are kept up to date with their PE training and children have opportunities to take part in competitive sport. Schools can choose how they spend this money and we are using it to employ a specialist teacher. The children are very familiar with Mrs Wright as she has been carrying out the role on a contractual basis for one day per week. The increase in funding that was announced by the Government in October means that we can now employ her directly for two days per week starting in January.

As you know, we welcome both Miss Oates and Mrs Baker back to school in January following their maternity leave. Miss Oates will be teaching alongside Mrs Morley and Mrs Baker alongside Mrs Fearn.

Sporting Success

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 indoor athletics team who competed in a district competition at Arnold Hill Academy. They all performed brilliantly, many achieving new personal bests and once again, their behaviour and sportsmanship was fantastic. They came a very creditable second place.

A team of four boys and four girls recently competed in a cross country competition. It was a really cold afternoon but the children were superb! Five of the team have got through to a county final in February. Well done to all of you!



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