

PTA Events

Many thanks to all of you who supported our recent family disco, it was a very successful event. We are holding a children's disco straight after school until 5pm on Friday, April 20th. You can purchase your tickets on ParentPay.

Pupil Premium

Did you know that if your child is or has been entitled to free school meals in the past (not including the Universal Infant Free School Meals) they may be entitled to extra funding to help them with their learning? If you think you may qualify for free school meals, please go to <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk> to register.

INSET Days

Just a reminder that we have two INSET days in the summer term, Monday, June 4th and Monday, July 2nd.



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How time flies! For a relatively short term, there has been a lot going on. We hope you all have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday, April 16th. Try not to eat too much chocolate!

New Play Equipment

Thanks to your generosity and the hard work of our PTA, we are able to purchase more outdoor, permanent play equipment. This will give the children plenty more to do during lunch and playtimes and is being installed by the same company who put in our trim trail. Work will start week commencing Monday, May 7th and will be finished by the end of that week. Please excuse the quality of the image, but hopefully it will give you an idea of what to expect. The equipment will be installed on the playground adjacent to Miss Iremonger's classroom.



Mother's Day Tea

It was lovely seeing so many of you come for afternoon tea. The hall was transformed and Mrs Tait and her team did us proud!

SATs

Just a reminder (not that you will need it) that the SATs week for the children in Year 6 starts on Monday, May 14th. We aim to make the week as normal as possible with the addition of some fun activities in the afternoons. The children have worked incredibly hard this year and deserve to do well. May I remind you to not make any medical appointments for that week and to encourage your child to relax, get plenty of sleep and give the tests their best shot!



Attendance

As you know, attendance at school is very important and it can be hard for the children to catch up on their learning if they miss time out of class. We understand that if a child is poorly, the child should not be in school. Please think very carefully before booking any breaks in term time; we are not allowed to authorise them.

Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year! Excellent attendance!

Pupils with this attendance should achieve the best grades they can.

95%: Less than 10 days absence in a year!

Pupils with this attendance are likely to achieve their target grades.

**90% 20 days absence over the year!
Pupils with this attendance are missing a month of school per year** and may fall behind in Maths, English and other subjects; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.

85% 30 days absence in a year! These pupils are missing 6 weeks of school a year!

It will be very difficult for them to keep up and achieve their best.

80% Pupils with this attendance are missing a day for every week of school!

It will be almost impossible to keep up with their work.

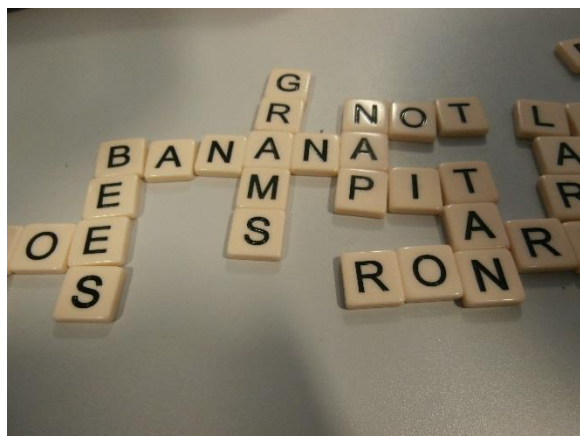
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Late Pick-ups

We understand that there are times when you may be a little late in collecting your child from school at the end of the day. Our procedure is that the teacher informs the office and seats the child in the reception area. We then ask that when you arrive to collect, you inform staff at the school so we know your child has left with the correct adult. In order to ensure our procedures are as effective as they can be, we are introducing a sign out sheet for late pick-ups. If this happens to you, please ensure that you sign your child out at reception so we have a record of when the child has left and who with. If you are going to be more than 15 minutes late, we will place your child in our Out of School Club for safeguarding reasons. This will incur a charge of £8.75.

Going Bananas!

Mrs Fearn has introduced a new Bananagrams club for the children. The children meet up and challenge each other to use all their tiles to form words (similar to Scrabble). The children have loved it and so Mrs Fearn is going to carry on with this after the Easter break.



Midday Supervisor Vacancy

We are currently looking for someone who enjoys working with children, being part of a team and who can spare an hour and 25 minutes over the lunch period. You do not need to have previous experience but if you are interested,

please contact the office for an application pack or just a chat about the role.

Sporting Activities

Over the last couple of weeks we have had two teams attend a netball tournament. Both teams played extremely well and displayed all of the school values. One of the teams finished in 3rd place, after winning 4 out of their 5 games. A few days later we took a different two teams to the High 5 netball tournament. These pupils performed brilliantly and displayed all the desired values during the afternoon. The pupils who attended these tournaments were selected from the year 6 after school netball club, which 30 pupils attend.

We also entered a different football team into a tournament this week. They played superbly and showed a great amount of skill and talent. The boys finished joint 2nd on points but unfortunately lost out on the final on goal difference. Hopefully we will be arranging more games in the future for this team.

Following the success of the Handball after school club, we entered a team into a competition. The team had a fantastic attitude and never gave up despite there being lots of tough competition.

Sports Relief week was a huge success at Arno Vale. The young leaders provided lots of fun activities for the students to participate in every lunch time. These activities included netball, skipping, basketball and football. On Thursday the entire school travelled at least a mile around the field. As a school we completed 900,000 steps that will contribute to the billion step challenge on the Sports Relief website. The children looked great on Friday in their sports clothes, thank you for all of your contributions and cakes for this fantastic charity. A total of £399.09 was raised.