

Arno Vale Junior School

Newsletter November 2018

Club Vale

We still have spaces available for breakfast club and afterschool club, especially on a Monday and Friday evening. We offer the care of a dedicated and trained team, lots of games involving indoor and outdoor play, a variety of toys and equipment and a breakfast or teatime snack in a calm and relaxed atmosphere. If you would like to register your child with Club Vale, please call in and see Mr Lindley or Mrs Garfield for more information.

Childcare Vouchers

We have now been able to sign up to the government Tax-Free Childcare scheme. To pay for Club Vale sessions using the scheme parents will need to open an online childcare account which can then be used to pay us. Parents are given a reference number when they sign up to Tax-Free Childcare and we will need this number before any payment is made to us so that we can match payments to individual children.

We hope you have all had a lovely half term break. There are lots of events going on in school over the next few weeks, so here are a few reminders.

Diary Dates

Here are some important dates for you. For a more detailed list, please see our school website.

Wednesday 7th November: Y3 start their swimming lessons (class 3C).

Thursday 8th November: Individual and family photographs

Friday 9th November: 1918 Day & Friends of Arno Vale after school children's disco

Tuesday 13th November: Flu vaccinations for children in Years 3,4 and 5.

Thursday 29th November: Glee Club singing at 'Get Set For Christmas' on Somersby Road after school

Friday 30th November: PTA Christmas Fair.

Tuesday 11th December: Christmas Concert at St Marks Church (pm)

Friday 14th December: Years 3 and 4 Christmas party.

Monday 17th December: Year 3 Panto visit

Tuesday 18th December: Years 5 and 6 Christmas party.

Friday 21st December: Last day of the Autumn term.

1918 Day

Don't forget we are holding a '1918 Day' on Friday 9th November. We will be offering a 1918 style lunch and have a variety of activities planned in order for the children to commemorate Remembrance Day. The children are also invited to wear clothes from that era to school for the day. Alternatively, they could wear something red to symbolise the poppy. As with all themed days, dressing up is optional and school uniform may also be worn.

Poppy Pebbles

As previously mentioned, we would like this 'generation' of Arno Vale children to create a long lasting reminder of this event and will be painting 'poppy pebbles' later in the week. Once painted and varnished, the pebbles will be on display outside. The children have been told about this and asked if they can bring a pebble to school to paint. The pebble should be no bigger than their fist and cleaned before being brought to school. We have asked that the children look for pebbles in their garden and not to take them from parks or public spaces. We will have spare pebbles in school if anyone forgets. Thank you for your support.

Poppies

Poppies will be on sale in school from Wednesday to Friday this week. If your child would like a poppy, please send them to school with a small donation.

Class 3C Swimming

Class 3C will start their swimming lessons on Wednesday 7th November. Please remember to send your child to school with their swimming kit and a towel. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Carter.

School Photographs

Our photographer will be in school during the morning of Thursday 8th November to take individual and family photos.

Friends of Arno Vale School Disco

This will take place on Friday 9th November. The disco will start straight after school and finish at 5.00pm. Please send 'party clothes' to school in a bag and ensure items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. At the end of the disco, children will be dismissed from the hall doors and not the main entrance. For safeguarding reasons, please let the school office know if someone else is collecting your child/children. For more information about the disco, please see the Parent Pay message sent out on 4th October 2018.

Anti-Bullying Week 2018

Anti-Bullying Week 2018 will run from 12th - 16th November and the theme this year is #ChooseRespect. As this also links to one of our school values, there will be a variety of discussions and activities planned during the week to promote mutual respect and kindness.

Children In Need 2018

This will take place on Friday 16th November. More information about our plans for the day will be sent out later this week.