

Guy Bass Visit

On Wednesday, November 29th, we have the children's author Guy Bass coming into school. He has written lots of books including Gormy Ruckles, Stitch Head and Dinkin Dings. There will be some of his books for sale and we will send you some more information nearer the time.



School Photographs

The photographer was in school today taking individual and group photos. The proofs should be ready for soon after the half term break.

Glee Club

The Glee Club has been asked to sing at the Arnold Town Christmas Lights Switch on on Friday November 24th and also at the Woodthorpe Christmas Event which is going to be held on Friday, December 1st on Somersby Road.



Arno Vale Junior School

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It really has been a great half term; the children have settled well into their new environments and have been working really hard; they are ready for the half term break. As we had two Inset days at the start of the term, we will not be having another one during this term, so the first day back for the children is Monday, October 30th. We look forward to seeing you then.

Maths Evening

Thank you to all of you who attended the maths evening last week, we have had some very positive feedback from you. We will be running another maths event in the Spring term on Tuesday, March 20th where you will have the chance to be taught maths by your child in school time. We will be sending information out nearer the time.

Breakfast

The school catering team are serving bacon and sausage cobs on Friday morning from 7.30. If you would like to join us, please book your breakfast on ParentPay.



Special Days

On Friday, November 3rd the catering staff will be serving a special Bonfire meal at lunchtime for the children. If your child already has school meals, just book in the usual way through ParentPay. If not, you can book for the one day through ParentPay, please make sure you do so by October 29th.

Week commencing Monday, December 11th, we will be serving a Christmas themed menu all week, again this is booked for and paid for in the usual way through ParentPay.

Diary Dates

There is a PTA children's disco on Friday, November 3rd straight after school until 5pm. Tickets can be purchased through ParentPay.

It may seem a little early to mention it, but the PTA Christmas Fair will be held on Friday, December 8th after school. The following Friday, the 15th, we are holding our Christmas Concert at St Mark's Church from 2.00pm

Parking

I need to ask you once again to be considerate when parking on Saville Road. There have been incidents where cars have parked in such a way that it has restricted access and egress from the school car park and has caused problems for essential vehicles. It can also pose a huge risk for pedestrians trying to cross Saville Road. For the safety of the children (and other adults) we cannot allow parents to park in the car park at drop off and pick up times.

Boys' and Girls' Football Teams

Well done to the girls who played in the Gedling Years 5 and 6 football tournament at Arnold Town. They played a total of five games and only let in one goal! They were worthy runners up. The boys Years 5 and 6 team also played in the Gedling tournament the following week. The boys worked really hard and were a credit to the school.

Trim Trail

Just a quick reminder that if your child uses the Trim Trail before or after school, they need to be supervised by an adult. A member of staff is available to supervise from 8.45 am until the start of the school day.

NSPCC

The NSPCC are coming back in to school in November to present their 'Speak out, Stay safe'. Programme. There is going to be a fund raising activity for the children which will be presented to them at an assembly on November 16th. There are more details from the NSPCC accompanying this newsletter. Thank you for your support.

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Dear parent/carer,

The NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

I'm pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their ***Speak out. Stay safe.*** programme on November 16th in assembly and then on November 28th. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6.

"NSPCC has helped me to build the confidence to tell people about my worries and problems." Child's feedback

As a charity, the NSPCC can only provide these vital resources thanks to the financial support and generosity of their supporters. Which is why I am delighted to say that our school has chosen to support the valuable work of the NSPCC by taking part in a fundraising event, and I would really value your support and encouragement. More information on how you can support their work will follow their visit to our school.

What is the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme?

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

"This service provides important information in a child-friendly way – it should be made mandatory in all schools. A brilliant service!" Teacher, Wistaston Primary, Crewe

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC ***Speak out. Stay safe.*** programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools or please come into speak to me and I can provide more information.

Talking about the Underwear Rule with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'The Underwear Rule', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/