

Parents' Evening

We are looking forward to seeing you at the parents' consultation evenings on Wednesday, October 19th and Thursday, October 20th. Mr Baker is also offering a maths drop in session to discuss general maths issues in his classroom.

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all of you who attended or supplied food items for our Harvest Festival Assembly. Arnold Foodbank were very grateful for the donations as they were running low. We would also like to thank Reverend Matt for leading the assembly.

Sporting Success

Well done to the boys' Years 5 and 6 team who claimed the cup at the recent Arnold Town Tournament. The girls' team made it all the way to the final but lost to All Hallows in a penalty shoot out. The sportsmanship of the children was once again great. Well done to both teams.



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There is a lot to tell you this half term!

ParentPay

We are aware that a few parents still have problems with our new cashless system and we would like to apologise for the inconvenience this has caused. If you are still experiencing difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact us, Mrs Burton is working hard to iron out the teething problems. She has kindly agreed to be in school on Thursday 20th October, 4pm until 5.30pm (one of the parent evening sessions) should you want to drop in and seek further assistance she will be here to help.

If you have not yet activated your account please do so as soon as possible. ParentPay has replaced ParentMail and this is the system we use to send home communications. Should you require another activation letter (with username and password) please contact the school office.

As most of you are aware, you make a payment in to your 'parent account' and that money sits in the pot until you are ready to allocate it to a payment item.

We want to take this opportunity to confirm the booking in procedures. Once you have allocated funds for out of school care or school dinners, you then have to book the week's meals and the breakfast/afterschool sessions you require. If you book and there is not enough money in the payment item, your bookings will be cancelled after 2 hours, but you should receive notification of this.

After the half term we will require all parents to book dinners through ParentPay by noon Friday for the following week. If dinners are not booked by this time children will need to bring a packed lunch each day the following week. You have until midnight on a Thursday to book for out of school clubs and 12 noon on a Friday to book meals (for the following week). After these times the system locks all sessions for the following week. Parents can still go on and make payments and book for future dates. If you use our breakfast or afterschool clubs and you pay by childcare vouchers, please continue to complete a paper booking form. This is due to there being a delay on the vouchers appearing on your account which in turn means you are unable to book. If you log into your account and you have enough credit for the sessions you require, please feel free to then book them yourselves on-line. Thank you for your patience and support.

Emergency Procedures

As you will know, we have emergency procedures in place and we regularly practise evacuating the building in the event of a fire. Last term, we extended this to include evacuating the outdoor premises and getting the children to safety indoors in the event of an emergency outside.

At some point during this term, we will be repeating this procedure with the children. To make this practice as real as possible, we will not let the children know when this will happen but we will inform them that it will happen soon, what our expectations are and why we are doing it.

New Deputy Headteacher

You may be aware that we recently held interviews for a new Deputy Headteacher at Arno Vale. Some of the children took part in the process either during a teaching session for the candidates or during a question and answer session for the School Council. The children were a real asset to the school; their behaviour and professionalism were excellent. At the end of the day, the Governing body and I decided not to appoint as the candidates did not quite fulfill the brief we had. Mr Baker has kindly agreed to stay as Acting Deputy Headteacher until the end of the year.

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School Photos

The photographer will be in school on the morning of Thursday, 20th October for individual and family group photographs.