

New Staff

We welcome two new members of staff this term. Mrs Gunby will be working as our Sport Premium / PE specialist teacher on a Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Bailey who is a teaching assistant working every morning. Please say hello to them if you see them.

PTA

We have a really active and friendly PTA who work hard to provide the children at Arno Vale with lots of extras to enhance their time here. The new play equipment was funded primarily by the PTA. We will be holding our AGM on Tuesday, September 25th at 7pm at school where we will be discussing a reconstitution to become the 'Friends of Arno Vale'. This will hopefully open the doors wider to others in our school community who wish to work with us and continue to provide new and exciting opportunities for the children. If you can make it, we would love to see you there.

Arno Vale Junior School

Newsletter September 2018

Welcome back and I trust you have all had a great summer. It has been lovely seeing the children settle back into school and how well the Year 3 children are adapting to life at Arno Vale. I know that it may feel like we bombard you with information and requests for forms to be completed at the beginning of the year, but it is important (and in some cases statutory) that we obtain this information. With the new GDPR requirements, we are obliged to ask you to provide your permission for certain events on an annual basis. If you do have a change of circumstance or contact details change, please let the office know as soon as possible. This includes medical forms. However, we will be providing you with the forms to update, check or complete during the parent consultation meetings in October and thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Diary Dates

As usual, there is a lot happening this term and we aim to share with you all the events and when they are happening via the calendar function on our new website. Please find below a summary of what is happening and when:

Wednesday, September 12th: Y6 Swimming assessment.

Friday, September 14th: Y6 Ancient Egypt day.

Monday, October 8th: Harvest Festival in school at 2pm.

Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th October: Parent Consultation Evenings.

Monday 29th October to Friday, 2nd November: Half Term.

Monday, 5th November: INSET day.

Wednesday, 7th November: Y3 start their swimming lessons (class TBC).

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

Friday, 30th November: PTA Christmas Fair.

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

Monday, 17th December: Year 3 Panto visit

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

We will let you know as we add events during the academic year, but please keep checking the website calendar.

Healthy Eating

We do try and promote a healthy diet as far as possible in school and remind you that for breaktime, snacks should either be fruit or vegetables. We also ask you not to send sweets in as part of your child's packed lunch - it is a long time from lunch time until they get the opportunity to brush their teeth! If your child does have a packed lunch, you do not need to send in a drink as water is provided for all children in the dining hall.

Welcome Meetings

We will be holding year group welcome meetings next week after school. These are informal sessions where you can meet the teachers and get a brief overview of the year ahead. It would be great to see you there, but please do not worry if you cannot make it. The sessions will be as follows:

Monday, 17th September, 3:45 to 4:15 – Year 4 in 4FM

Tuesday, 18th September, 3:45 to 4:15 – Year 5 in 5O

Thursday, 20th September, 3:45 to 4:15 – Year 6 in 6S

Friday, 21st September, 4:00 to 4:30 – Year 3 in 3C

Working Together

I would like to welcome the parents of our Year 3 children to our school. I hope your child(ren) will be very happy here, thrive and develop personally and academically. We aim to work in partnership with our families and if you need to speak to us, please see the class teacher in the first instance or make an appointment through the school office to see me. Teachers are generally very busy at the start of the day and it may be easier to speak to them at pick up time.

Safeguarding

If you are in the reception area at school, please do not allow anyone to enter the building even if you know them; the office staff will release the door once the visitor has been identified. This is for safeguarding reasons and we thank you for working with us. I would also like to remind you that if your child is unable to attend school, please let us know by telephone by 9:15. Thank you

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