



ARROW VALE

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the end of Term 2024, I wanted to express our gratitude for your unwavering support and encouragement in ensuring the success and well-being of our students at Arrow Vale.

The next two weeks are crucial for our students as they navigate their way through the remaining lessons before the much-anticipated Christmas break. Remember you can access all revision resources through Pearson Revise and Revision 2025 – these can be found through the “Links” section of the Edulink app. We really appreciate your support in accessing this information - these insights will help you guide our young learners effectively.

In addition to the focused lessons, we are providing opportunities for students to enhance their confidence, knowledge, and communication skills. Staff will actively engage with students through questioning, encouraging articulation, and fostering speaking skills essential for their future endeavors. Our students' leadership skills continue to blossom, exemplified by their involvement in leading the Christmas hampers appeal. These hampers, filled with contributions from both students and staff, will be distributed to local communities and individuals facing challenging circumstances during this festive season.

To recognise and celebrate our students' hard work, resilience, and determination, we have planned a special **half-day event on Friday, 20th December**. The day will culminate in an online whole-school assembly within the tutor group featuring musical performances, rewards, and perhaps a visit from Father Christmas and his helpers! **Students will depart from the school site at approximately 12:10 – 12.20 pm**. We encourage your child to attend this event for a chance to win raffles or receive a gift. Arrangements will be made for students who receive free school meals to collect their food after school.

Furthermore, Friday 20th December will also mark the return of our 'Christmas Jumper Day,' for which you will receive a separate letter. We kindly request a voluntary contribution of £1 from students participating, with proceeds going towards a Birmingham Children Hospital.

As we bid farewell to the term, please be reminded that school will reopen on **Tuesday, 7th January, 2024, at 8:30 am**. We eagerly anticipate the return of our students, and we trust they will continue to meet our high expectations for attendance, commitment to learning, and adherence to uniform standards.

During the holiday period, we ask that you review any changes to your child's appearance, such as hairstyles, nails, lashes, and piercings, to ensure they align with our uniform policy.

Attendance in January is paramount, and we urge you to ensure your child attends school. Our reward events for 100% attendance and improved attendance will continue in the upcoming term and you have to be in it to win it!

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In support of our students' learning and organisation, we expect all students to have a suitable school bag capable of carrying subject books, a learning toolkit, a pencil case, and any other necessary items. The pencil case should include black/blue pens, green and purple pens, pencils, a ruler, an eraser, a pencil sharpener, and a scientific calculator.

If there have been any changes to your household details, such as addresses or phone numbers, please promptly update the school by calling or emailing the details to office@arrowvaleacademy.co.uk.

In closing, I extend warm wishes for a joyous and healthy Christmas to you and your families on behalf of all the Staff and Governors at Arrow Vale.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mat Rash', followed by a stylized flourish.

Mat Rash
Head of school