**Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

We are writing to you to let you know of a few **important things**:

Café **starts back** Wednesday **15th January 2014** and we look forward to seeing you then!!!

**Café opening times:**

The café is open from **6:30pm – 8pm** on Wednesdays in school term time. It’s open to all young people in school years 7 to 11. In July 2014, we will welcome year 6’s to try out the café before they move to their new schools. We ask that young people respect the neighbours when they travel to café and also on their way home. We know it’s difficult, but we need to get better at this.

**Programme and activities:**

We are currently offering lots of activities at the café including crafts, computer games, guitar lessons, photography workshops and cooking too!

**Registration and subs**

All young people must sign in with us and also let us know when they are going home. We will ask everyone to check their address and contact details when they register this term.

**Each session costs £1 to attend**. We will have a stamp or a wristband for those who have paid subs on the evening. Unfortunately we cannot accept ‘IOUs’ on the door, so if a young person forgets, they will have to pop home for a £1!

**Getting involved and making a difference**

We are desperately keen for more parents and carers to **become involved at the Youth Café**. We would welcome you to join the steering group / management committee OR volunteer at a session from time to time. At the café there are plenty of roles including: playing on games consoles or board games, serving snacks or welcoming people at the door. We also offer workshops led by the team to enrich the programme, so if you have a hobby or something you can share with the young people (for example: photography, woodcraft, baking or gardening) – please get in touch!

**Supporting us financially:**

If you would like to make a one of donation or regular donation to support the work of the café we would be delighted! We can also claim giftaid though our partner charity, so for every £1 you donate the government give us 28p! Write a check to AVYFC **OR** set up a standing order with the reference ‘Pitstone’ and send us an email! AVYFC: Lloyds TSB, SortCode:30-90‐38 Acc:00844031

**Keeping in touch:**

Facebook: Please **join our facebook** page to keep up to date with all that’s going on! [www.facebook.com/groups/pitstoneyouth](http://www.facebook.com/groups/pitstoneyouth)

Please **sign up for free text alerts** by sending the message **PITSTONE YOUTH START** to **60300**

We will write home sometimes with important information. If you need to contact us, please get in touch with me - Dave Rollins at dave@avyfc.org.uk or mobile 07977 926596. You can also contact the parish council if you can’t get through.

All the best

Dave Rollins

On behalf of Youth Café and Pitstone Parish Council

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