



13-09-2013: Autumn 1

**Parent Governor Ballot!**

## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers and children,

Another busy week at Avanti Court but staff are solution focused and ensuring your children have a positive experience. Please do not hesitate to contact us using the communication strategy, which you can see on line, should you have any concerns.

All classes in Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) should be dropped and collected in the main playground – as last year. This seems to be the easiest and smoothest process. If you have children in Reception as well please drop your child at 8.30, then walk through the corridor and enter the green gates towards the Reception classroom classrooms.

This year will be a year of change and test our flexibility and adaptability. The purpose is to create a warmer more pleasant environment for our young people to learn. I have now experienced that things seem to look worse before they look better. One saying from a recent film I watched, called Hotel Marigold (set in India) : always brings a smile..."Everything will be alright in the end, and if not yet alright, it is not yet the end!"

Have a happy weekend,

Kind regards

James Biddulph, Head Teacher

Don't miss out! Come to school every day and on time

Too many children are coming to school late

*Dear Parents/Carers*

*Lunch money can now be paid online and you can manage your own accounts weekly/monthly etc. Please see me at reception for a leaflet explaining how.*

*Also if you do make cheques out in the meantime for lunches via the brown envelope system please make them payable to "London Borough of Redbridge" (Not Avanti Court).*

*Any questions at all please ask me,*

*Kindest regards to you all*

*Kelly (Reception)*

### Key Dates:

- 11<sup>th</sup> Sept: Year 1 & 2 Parent Curriculum meetings 5.30-6pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Sept: Half day for Reception children 5.30-6pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Sept: Reception Parent Curriculum Meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> Sept: Reception classes set in formal groups
- 9<sup>th</sup> Oct: Eid Celebration
- 11<sup>th</sup> Oct.: INSET (No children)
- 28th Oct – 1st November: Half Term
- 4th Nov: Book Week (8th Nov: Dressing up as book character day!)

### **PARKING DANGERS!**

**Please do not park in the school staff car park as this is now shared with Mansell, our building contractors.**

**Parking in Carlton Drive also poses risks – 3 IJPS children were knocked over last year. We do not want this to happen to our little ones!**

My name is Savita Sharma and my son Devam is in Year 2. I wish to be a parent governor at Avanti Court Primary school as I fully support the schools aims & objectives.

I was involved in the campaign for a Hindu school to be in Redbridge from the very start and have seen all the hard work that has already taken place and I am very happy with the progress made and would like to assist to take Avanti Court to the next level for all our children.

I was previously a parent governor for a full term (4 Years) at William Torbitt School, where I was on the curriculum subcommittee and the staffing committee. I also dealt with safeguarding and bullying policies. I have undergone extensive governor training and have worked alongside the school through two Ofsted inspections, so therefore I feel I have gained valuable experience which I would like to share.

I feel confident that I can work well with the other governors, staff as well as parents. I would do my utmost to assist the school.

I would like to be given the opportunity

### Chet Patel

I have 2 daughters, one who is in Year 1 & my younger Daughter, will be joining Avanti in September 2014. As an active member of FOAC (Friends of Avanti Court), I feel I have contributed unreservedly to numerous events organised by the School as well as FOAC to help raise funds and the profile of the school. I have been instrumental in setting up the FOAC Facebook Group to help improve communications enabling parents to share common interests and express their opinion. The Group allows people to come together around a common cause, issue or activity to organise, express objectives, and discuss issues, post photos and share related content. Approaching nearly 100 members, the group is now the platform of choice where information is shared about school activities, upcoming FOAC events, reminders & announcements & charity fund raising ideas.

The role of parent governor is a vastly responsible one but I am ready to meet the challenge with energy and enthusiasm. I make a pledge to:

- Understand parents views and to remind the governing body how matters being discussed affect parents
- Help improve & build positive communications and provide a link between parents, teachers and children
- Be approachable & accessible to all parents
- Work in the best interests of the school

### **Parent Voice**

Four parents have put themselves forward to be parent governors which means we have to go to ballot. Ballot papers will be sent out on Monday. So that we have a quick process, please make your decision and return the ballot paper by Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 9am.

My name is Tina Vyas.

As a parent of a child in Year 2 at Avanti Court, I would welcome the opportunity to support the excellent work already being undertaken by our school, as I believe supporting our children is one of the most important parenting roles.

I am also fortunate that I am a qualified primary school teacher, currently working in a Redbridge school, and therefore have a good understanding of the education system as a teacher. As a parent, I can emphasise with the needs of our children and with the necessity for parents to have a voice in the education of our children through the governing body.

It would therefore be my privilege to help support the school, staff and governors by sharing my knowledge, experience and professional skills to the governing body in any way I can.

### Satya Narayana Veerlapati

I'm Satya Narayana Veerlapati Dad of a year two child and a little one starting in Reception. As I've applied for a Parent Governor let me write few sentences about me. I work for a popular high street bank in IT sector and all my career of 11 years is in Banking Operations, Fraud Prevention and IT operations. I've got good experience working with Pupils and parents since my school days. I was a student representative for 7 years. I would like to work closely with Parents, teachers and Local authorities to bring up our Avanti Court primary School in all aspects of its ethos. Now our primary aspiration is to gain a secondary school permission for our children in Redbridge area, for that, we should transmit a common word to the council from all of us. Let us put our hands together for a better school and a better future of our children.

Regards,  
Satya N V

### **Quotes: to help through challenging times...**

*Prosperity is a great teacher; adversity is a greater. Possession pampers the mind; privation trains and strengthens it. - William Hazlitt*