



AVANTI COURT
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Excellence Virtue Devotion



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you all so much for the great welcome I received last month. It has been a joy to meet and greet you at the gate every morning! Everybody comes into our school so positively making it a happy start to the day. I am pleased with the positive feedback we have received about the newsletter. By the time you get this message the texting/email service should also be up and running. Hopefully we can keep you even more informed about your children's learning and progress via these new systems! Half term is approaching so I wish you a peaceful break. Liz Whincop

OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS RESPECT

In addition to our six values we have three overriding principles which underpin our work. All schools in the Avanti Schools Trust prepare pupils for their respective life-journeys by promoting :

Educational excellence

Character formation

Spiritual insight

This month our message relates to Educational Excellence.



The aim of real education should be self-realization, realization of the spiritual values of the soul.

Sri Ishopanishad 9,
Srila Prabhupada

EVERY DAY MATTERS EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

ATTENDANCE FOR JAN 2015—93.%

Some parents will have received letters regarding concerns about their children's attendance last month. We are working with our Education Welfare Officer to improve attendance, particularly for those children with between 85% -90% attendance.

Children MUST be in school every day!

Please ensure that you bring them to school EVERY DAY. Poor attendance has a great impact on a child's life now and as they get older!



MESSAGE FROM MR BIDDULPH!

I am delighted to pass on this message from Mr Biddulph, who is still very much at the heart of Avanti Court School!]

Dear Parents/Carers
Happy new year to you all. I'm now in Cambridge coping with the freezing winds and new challenges. I write to thank you for the cards, kind words and gifts that you gave me to wish me well. I remember you all fondly and hope for a wonderful year ahead for you and the most special children! With kind wishes and thanks
James Biddulph

You may also be interested in reading Mr Biddulph's article in the Guardian newspaper recently.

<http://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2015/jan/18/learning-cambridge-university-primary-school>

DATES FOR FEBRUARY 2015

- 5.2.15** Paul Moss, a Director from the Avanti Trust is visiting Avanti Court School.
- 9.2.15** Reception and Nursery Children marking Chinese New Year this week.
- 11.2.15** Open Forum for parents at 6.00pm
- 12.2.15** FOAC Committee meeting at 8.40am.
- 13.2.15** School closes at the normal time for half term break
- 16th-20th FEBRUARY SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM**
- 23.2.15** Children return
- 24.2.15** Masquerade Disco (FOAC). Information to follow.
- 27.2.15** Purple Class Assembly at 2.30pm. (See later notes)
- 27.2.15** FOAC Open Forum 8.40



OUR VALUES ON DISPLAY

NEW SCHOOL SIGNS!

We are really pleased that we are having new signs put up outside the school to show who we are! This is one of the large boards going up at the two entrances. There will be also be signs directing visitors to the main entrance for health and safety reasons.



HAPPY CHILDREN HAVING BREAKFAST TOGETHER!



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AVANTI COURT GALLERY



CHILDREN CHOOSING BOOKS IN THE MOBILE LIBRARY.



LEARNING ABOUT PLANTING WITH MR.KANBI



HAPPY LUNCHTIMES!

I WISH I KNEW.....ABOUT CLASS NAMES AND YEAR GROUP LEADERS

New parents may not be aware that our class names are all based on colours. Each year group, apart from the Nursery, is named after a different colour. As we are a multi-lingual school, the four classes are named after the English, Sanskrit, Polish and Spanish word for the colour.

Reception White

Year 1 Blue

Year2 Green

Year3 Purple

Our Nursery is named after the multi coloured peacock!

Each year group has a Year Group Leader (YGL). These are senior teachers who manage and support the four classes. If you need to speak to the YGLs please see:

Reception Miss Sahota

Year 1 Mrs Makwana

Year 2 Mrs Sivadasan

Year 3 Mrs Bana (at present)

GOVERNOR'S NEWS

The Governors have written a notice address to the school community that will be sent to you all before half term reflecting on the events of 2014.

You may be interested to know that the Governors of Avanti Court meet as a full body each half term to discuss strategic plans for the school. In addition they also meet as committees to discuss specific school improvement items. These are:

- Finance and Premises
- Curriculum and Human Resources

One thing which the Governing Body does is to hold the school to account.

Acting as critical friends, they make sure we are constantly reviewing, evaluation and most importantly improving the life and education of the children at Avanti Court.

SCHOOL MEALS

We are very fortunate at Avanti Court to have a reputable company such as Govinda's cook our meals on site.

A new menu will be introduced this month which we will put on the school website. I understand that parents met with the caterers last term to sample some of the food and there were many happy parents!

Please note that the portion sizes have not changed this term and are in line with national standards. Nevertheless, we are monitoring the portion sizes for our older children at the moment.

May I suggest that if you have any concerns about the school meals that you speak to either the class teachers, Mrs Bana or me. Better still, put something in writing and send it to the school. Please do not speak to the Meals Supervisors as they cannot take any responsibility for the school lunches.

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP

PARENT VIEW

Remember to add your views!

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>



QUESTIONNAIRES

Your views really matter to us. The parent and pupil questionnaires will be sent out with this newsletter. Please return them by Monday 23rd February. Thank you,

PARENTS' OPEN FORUM

We had a very positive Open Forum meeting last month. We have included the minutes of the last minute with this newsletter. In future it will be emailed to you. We hope you find the meetings useful.

The next Open Forum takes place on Wednesday 11th February at 6.00pm



E SAFETY TRAINING FOR PARENTS

Our thanks to Mrs Bana for holding an e Safety workshop for parents last month. For those who couldn't attend please visit the CEOP website below for information and guidance.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

FRIENDS' OF AVANTI COURT (FOAC) .

Hello everyone.

FOAC have arranged great events for the upcoming year, so please make a note in your diaries as I am sure your children will not want to miss out.

Masquerade Disco – Friday 27th February 2015

Mothers Day Pamper Event – Saturday 21st March 2015

Dad's Cricket & Family Sports Day Event – Saturday 9th May 2015

Mum's Badminton Tournament – Sunday 17th May 2015

Cake & Bake Sale – Tuesday 19th May 2015

Summer Fair – Saturday 4th July 2015

We also have an open forum meeting for all parents to attend on Friday 27th February 2015. Please do attend as we would love to hear from you any ideas or points you would like to share with us.

For the Year 2's and Year 3, don't forget your Biker's Breakfast Challenge which is being held on Friday morning's, the children thoroughly enjoyed it, so please make sure you come. Lastly a big thank you to all of the school, parents and FOAC members for all of your help supporting the events as we could not do it without you.

Sapna Claire
Chair of FOAC

**BE HEALTHY AND STAY SAFE
BE INDEPENDENT!**

It is vital for our children to become independent learners and independent in life skills. This is an important part of staying safe and being healthy. Please could parents encourage their children to take responsibility for these three things to start with.....

- Dressing and undressing themselves. During PE lessons it is clear that some children are not able to do this independently.
- Make healthy eating and drinking choices for themselves
- Carrying their own book bags to school.

TISSUES AND HAND GEL

As the term progresses we will try to keep Avanti Court as Flu Free as possible. One way of doing this is to ensure children use bacterial hand gel particularly before lunchtime. The school supplies the gel but we would really appreciate any donations from parents to keep our stocks high.

If you can spare a box of tissues and a bottle of hand gel we would be very grateful.

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Every Friday as you know we have our achievement assemblies. As part of this we would like to celebrate children's achievements out of school too. If you child receives a special certificate or award for any activity they take part in at home, they can bring it in to share with the school. Learning takes place everywhere, not just at school, so we would like to celebrate all our children's achievements.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Mathematics



Thank you for your support in making our 'Number day' a huge success last term. The number hats were fantastic and the children were so excited about Maths. We raised £202.37 for the NSPCC.

The parent workshop on the New Calculation policy at Avanti Court seems a long time ago but I hope you are all using it to support your children at home. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask your child's class teacher or come and speak to me.

As soon as the new email system is set up we will email a copy to you all. Watch this space for news on the exciting Number pairs and Times Tables lunch time club! This will help the children learn and develop speed at recalling them.

Mrs Makwana

THE GREAT SPELL!

As part of the initiative to improve phonics and spelling, we are excited to announce the first spelling competition of Avanti Court called 'The Great Spell'.

Children will be given a list of spellings to learn before the half term holidays and will be taking part in in-class spelling competitions. This will encourage children the importance of learning spellings by using spelling strategies that they are confident in, as well as encouraging healthy competition and sportsmanship.

Children who succeed will then take part in year group competitions in assemblies and eventually there will be a finals round to determine the spelling champion of Avanti Court.

Local schools have been approached to take part in this exciting new project so there may even be competitions against other schools!

The staff will also be competing against each other to exemplify the love of learning to all children.

Watch this space for more spelling news!
Miss Kanbi



AVANTI COURT GALLERY



BIKER'S BREAKFAST WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

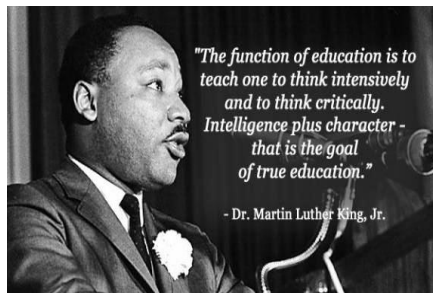


OUR AIM IS TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN TO WALK OR RIDE TO SCHOOL.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

We thought it would be a good idea to introduce class assemblies. Each class would take it in turn to lead the assembly and share some of the work they have been doing in their class. Parents and Carers from each class will be invited to come in and watch the assembly. We are starting off with Purple Class (Year 3) on 27th February at 2.30pm. The rest of the classes will follow throughout the rest of the year.

Our collective worship at Avanti Court is always a special time when we meet together as a family to learn, celebrate and share our values. It is important that children understand the universal importance of our values and associate these with other faiths and cultures. Last month we marked Martin Luther King's Birthday as well as Holocaust Memorial Day. These were linked to the teachings of Krishna in terms of our value of this half term....**RESPECT.**



OUR AVANTI CHARIOT!

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DATES FOR 2015

Spring Term 2015

5h January.— 2nd April
HALF TERM

16th-20th February

Summer Term 2015

20th April-24th July
HALF TERM

25th-29th May

School closed on 25th

May for Bank Holiday

Autumn Term 2015

Wed. 2nd September—

Friday 18th December

Please note that the

Autumn Term dates are

provisional.

INSET DAYS

To be confirmed

PARKING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

I am pleased to see that Carlton Drive is quieter since we started putting the cones at the top of the road! It is clear that there **are** places to park elsewhere so there is no need to park in this small road. Hopefully, parents will become accustomed to parking elsewhere and we will not need the bollards! We still have a long way to go though if we are to keep our children safe in the future. We will be discussing this issue at the next Open Forum meeting. Please come along.

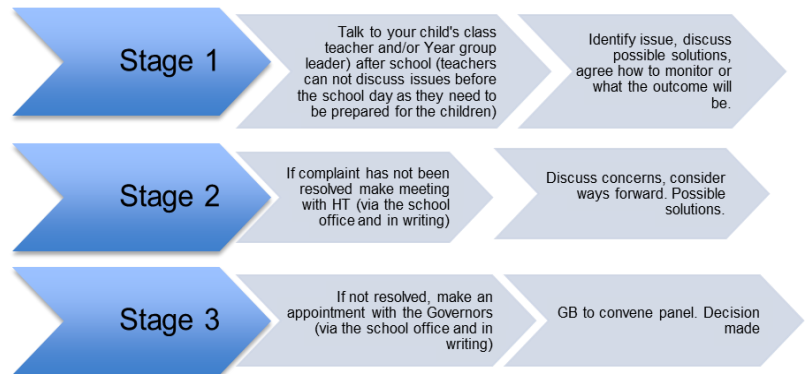


REMINDERS

- **RECEPTION AND NURSERY CHILDREN.** Please remember to bring wellington boots to school to change into when learning and playing outside. Thank you.
- **HATS, SCARVES AND GLOVES.** As the weather continues to get colder please ensure that children bring their hats, gloves and scarves to school and appropriate coats not thin jackets.
- **MATHLETICS .** This is a wonderful Maths resource for home learning. If you do not have access to Mathletics please see Mrs. Makwana, our Maths Subject leader, for more information.
- **JOGGING BOTTOMS.** Please remember the school welcomes any donations of spare jogging bottoms. They are incredibly useful if children have accidents and they need to change out of their school uniform. Many thanks.
- **PE KIT.** It is vital that children have PE kit that they change into for sports, games or gymnastics. Please could parents make sure that this is brought to school.
- **PARENTS IN THE PLAYGROUND.** Please could we remind parents that they should keep an eye on their children when collecting and dropping them off. Children could easily lose sight of you and get upset, or have an accident. Thank you.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURES

At the Open Forum, some parents stated that they didn't know the Complaints Procedures for the school. We hope this chart taken from our policy will help to explain what to do. We also hope that you may never have to use it!



Uniform

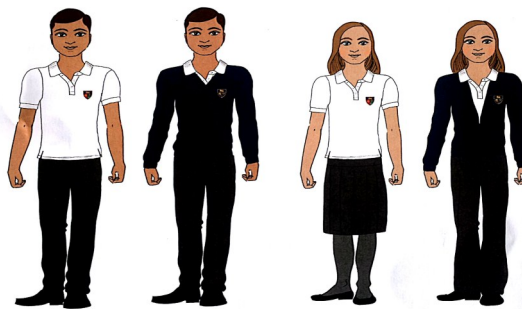
Our uniform helps unite our school community by giving a sense of belonging and identity. School uniform is compulsory.

Reception – Year 3

Boys
School polo shirt with logo
School V-neck sweater
Grey trousers (not black or charcoal)
Black/brown shoes (no trainers)
Black/grey socks

Girls
School polo shirt with logo
School buttoned cardigan
Grey trousers or grey below-knee skirt (not black or charcoal)
Black/grey socks/stockings
Black/brown shoes (no trainers)

What these look like:



WEBSITE NEWS

Some members of staff have now had some training on how to update the school website which was very useful.. Unfortunately, the site does not have the capacity at present to facilitate the individual sharing of class information, photographs and home learning projects. We are looking at how we can start this up in the future. For now, we will endeavour to keep the NEWS section of the website up to date and put things onto the Avanti Trust FACEBOOK pages. All parents can access FACEBOOK page which is a very useful way of communicating events and activities which take place at school.

<https://www.facebook.com/avantischoolstrust>

With regard to FACEBOOK please could we remind parents that it is not in keeping with our school ethos to post derogatory comments on these or other pages.

Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school uniform is an important part of our school. It gives us our identity and unites us as a family.

It is vital that children wear the correct school uniform. This chart shows you what is expected. If your child does not wear the correct uniform we may invite you into school to discuss the matter. Our thanks to all the parents who respect and follow our school policy.

J AND C ACADEMY COACHES

Every week our children have specialist PE training from JC Academy coaches. This is a great resource for our children. Next month we will include photographs and award winners in the newsletter. For more information on our coaches please visit their website below

<http://www.jandcacademy.com/>



We are collecting Sainsbury's vouchers for sports equipment again this year..

Please ask friends and families to collect them for Avanti Court School!

Thank you!

Sainsbury's

