



**AVANTI COURT**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Excellence Virtue Devotion**



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Dear Families,

Governors attended our school on Wednesday 15th July for a full day of training, which was very successful. They looked at marking across the school and reported that: *Children were responding to teacher marking and the impact of marking could clearly be seen.*

Mathew Whitlock from the Avanti School's Trust visited Miss Kanbi and Azul class recently to observe a session on Mindfulness and has recorded his observations: "When it was kirtan time and the school musicians had assembled (business manager Mr Sharma on lead vocals and drum), the hall erupted with excitement as children jumped to their feet and began dancing and singing along to the sacred Hare Krishna chant. Teachers watched on, clapping and singing, beaming with pride, infected by the happiness of the scene – the school hall transforming before our eyes into a temple with attached dance floor! Worship of the school's resident deities was in full swing – Mr Koorichh guiding a group of children as they made offerings of flowers and lamps."

Please note that the last day of school for this academic year is: **Friday 24th July at 1:30pm.** Please keep safe over the summer and I look forward to seeing pupils and families on Thursday 3rd September 2015.

Regards,  
Mrs Walters

## VALUES...

Krishna explains that there is nothing in this world as sublime as transcendental knowledge. Firstly, knowledge is compared to a sword which cuts down our doubts and helps us to remain determined and confident in the spiritual quest. Secondly, knowledge is likened to a lamp which warns us of the obstacles and impediments that we may encounter in our lives. Thirdly, knowledge is compared to a boat which protects us from the sufferings of this oceanic world and simultaneously carries us to the spiritual realm, face to face with Krishna.



## EVERY SECOND COUNTS!

If your child is persistently late for school, I can ask the local authority to issue a penalty notice. Seven lates over a term could lead to a penalty notice so remember....Every Second Counts!

Please do not ask for leave of absence so that your child can go on holiday as the school has a zero tolerance to holidays during term time.

## THANK YOU...

Thank you Mr Dutt for our spectacular flowers which greet us every morning as we enter our school site. They are truly beautiful!



## GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK!

I would like to say a huge thank you and goodbye to Ms Patel, Mrs Szwaba and Ms Sekar who teach in Reception. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hussain who teaches in Year 2 who will be leaving us for pastures new.

When a member of staff leaves it is a sad time but also a time to celebrate how hard they have worked here at Avanti Court and to cherish the memories and learning opportunities they have created for our pupils.

## LINING UP IN SEPTEMBER

Reception classes will line up outside the Reception main gate at 8:20am.

Year 1 will line up in the Lower playground at 8:20am.

Year 2 pupils will go straight into classrooms at 8:20am.

Year 3 and 4 will line up in the Upper playground at 8:20am.

**All teachers** will be on duty from **8:20am**. Teachers will take their classes into class promptly at 8:30am.

## WELL DONE TO ...

Mr Koorichh, Mrs Dhindsa and Ms Sekar who successfully completed their Newly Qualified Teacher year at Avanti Court primary School under the direction of Mrs Makwana.

We are all very proud of you and as a school we are fortunate to have you with us.

## Life at Avanti Court...



### The Summer Fayre

Children, families, FOAC and staff of Avanti Court Primary School took to the playground on Saturday 4th July 2015 to celebrate our Summer Fayre.

Children and families enjoyed a beautiful day surrounded by bouncy castles, craft stalls, food stalls and of course the Talent Show!

The event was organised by FOAC and they have raised approximately £3000, which is incredible. Thank you to everyone who came to the fayre and for your never ending support!

A huge thank you to FOAC for working extremely hard to organise the event, to the Avanti Court Staff for volunteering their time, to the community for working with us to create such a wonderful event, to local businesses for their support, to the children for performing and writing articles for the magazine and most of all to you-our parents and families for your continuous support.

### OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM IS GROWING!

I would like to congratulate a number of Avanti Staff who have secured promotions here at Avanti court:

Mr Koorichh from September will lead Science across the school  
Mr Patel will lead Computing  
Ms Kanbi will lead PRE  
Mr Hinds will be our Higher Learning Teaching Assistant and Mrs Sivadasan will be our Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Special Educational Needs.

### ATTENDANCE-WE MUST DO BETTER!

As a school we aim to achieve 97% attendance over the Summer term. Please ensure your child comes to school otherwise they lose valuable learning time.

For the month of July our attendance to date is: **93%**. This is not good enough. For Avanti Court School to be graded a good school by OFSTED we need to ensure attendance does not fall below 97%.

**Parents we need you help!**

### PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP



#### PARENT VIEW

Remember to add your views!

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

Thank you to all the parents who booked to attend the Headteacher's Surgery during July.

#### You asked for.....so as a school we.....

A request by some parents is that we increase the amount of trips pupils go on to support learning. As a result of this we are proposing two trips every term.

Some parents requested that teachers are on duty for ten minutes in the morning rather than five minutes so they have the opportunity to talk to teachers. As a result of this request all teachers will be on duty from 8:20am from September 2015.

Some parents requested a brief biography about our new teachers, which is a feature of this newsletter.

### WHAT A DAY!

To celebrate the Ratha Yatra Festival this year Avanti Court Primary School led a procession following the chariot accompanied by singing and the playing of musical instruments along the streets of Barkingside. Parent volunteers and the Safer Neighborhood Team supported classes as they moved safely along the Craven Gardens.

The parade ended with a special assembly about the significance of the festival to children, parents, special guests and Mayor Councillor Barbara Wright.

Kieran from Neela class said: "I loved the day because I wore my green, silver and black clothes, which are special to me. The day was fun because we went outside and everyone looked at us!"

Lilly from Neela class said: "The festival was so, so good because we sang as we walked behind the chariot. The festival made me feel happy."

A temple authority Mrs Vinaya said: "Thank you very much for letting me participate in the Ratha Yatra. It was an honour and great being part of the whole celebration this afternoon. Please congratulate all the children, teachers and parents for organising such a wonderful afternoon. Thank you once again."



### REMINDER-NEWSLETTER ALERT!

Please be aware that in the Autumn term all our newsletters will be sent out electronically via parent-mail! They will also be available to download from the school web site. Please ensure that the school has your correct email – a form to register for parent-mail is available from the school office.

### AWESOME ATTENDANCE!

Each week we celebrate the three classes with the highest attendance. Remember, we want every class to have over 97% attendance each week...you can do it!

#### Week of 3.07.15

Gold – Harit Class 99.33%  
Gold-Green Class 99.31%  
Silver-Purple Class 97.3%

#### Week of 10.07.15

Gold-Blue Class 98%  
Silver –Harit Class 97.95%  
Bronze-Shukla 97.14%

#### Week of 17.07.15

Gold– Harit Class 98.62%  
Silver-PurpleClass 97.67%  
Bronze-Shukla 96.43%

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT-BUILDINGS

New furniture will be purchased for the Reception classrooms this summer, which will give the rooms a more open, clean feeling.

The grass seed has started to grow in the field which was left in a bad condition after recent pipe works. Once the grass is strong enough we will be able to extend the play area.

The area outside of the office will be re-surfaced over the summer, which will make the area more attractive and safer.

Notice boards will be positioned by the main entrance– these will be used to inform the community of curriculum information and our achievements as a school.

### WELL DONE YEAR 3!

Year 3's performance of 'I'll Be There' was held on: Thursday 16th July 2015. The performance was amazing from the fantastic lighting to brilliant acting and glorious singing!

Ranveer said" I thought the play was wonderful because everyone worked so hard together to create something special for all the parents. The best part for me was when we all sang and stood together at the end– I felt so proud!"



### BABY AND TODDLERS!

As a mother of two young children, I realise how important it is to keep them entertained by providing a stimulating environment! However, at the same time realising the importance of also having time for yourself and that is why I am setting up a Baby and Toddler Group, entitled "Afternoon Tea with Baby and I". The group will allow parents, grandparents, carers to spend quality time with their children in a safe family environment, whilst having an opportunity to build friendships and a support network over a nice cup of tea and cake!

Donations of books and toys are more than welcome!

For more information contact [afternoontewithbabyandi@gmail.com](mailto:afternoontewithbabyandi@gmail.com)  
Regards-Mrs Balvinder Dhooper

**Please note, the baby and toddler group described above is not being held at Avanti or supervised by Avanti Court staff.**



## Life at Avanti Court...



### OUR SCHOOL PRIORITIES 2015-2016

**These are the areas that we will be focusing on as a school over the next year**

**TEACHING Priority 1:** Teaching is of a consistently high quality, which ensures high quality progression for all learners. At least 90% of lessons are graded good or better with 15% graded outstanding

**LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT Priority 2:** The curriculum and environment provides highly positive experiences and rich learning opportunities for high quality learning

**LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT Priority 3:** A highly effective Governing Body and Senior Leadership Team

**BEHAVIOUR AND SAFETY Priority 4:** Attendance improves across the school to 97%+

**ACHIEVEMENT Priority 5:** Increase the proportion of pupils across the school who achieve ARE (Age Related Expectations) in Reading, Writing and Maths

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## RATHA YATRA FESTIVAL



## YOUR CHID'S NEW CLASS TEACHER WILL BE...

Current Class →	New Class Teacher September 2015
	Ms Sahota- Reception Shukla Class- <b>Year Group Leader</b>
	Ms Naran-Reception Blanco Class
	Ms Vincent- Reception Balta Class
	Ms Hulubei-Reception White Class
Shukla-Reception	Mrs Bisht Shrestha- Year 1 Blue Class
White-Reception	Ms Esat-Year 1 Neela Class
Blanco-Reception	Ms Kanbi-Year 1 Azul Class- <b>Year Group Leader</b>
Balta-Reception	Ms Abbott- Year 1 Niebieski Class
Neela-Year 1	Mrs Dhindsa-Year 2 ZielonyClass
Azul- Year 1	Ms Janab-Year 2 Verdi Class
Neibiski-Year 1	Mrs Makwana- Year 2 Harit Class- <b>Year Group Leader</b>
Blue-Year 1	Mr Koorichh- Year 2 Green Class
Harit-Year 2	Mrs Younus- Year 3 Purpura Class
Zioleony- Year 2	Mr Patel- Year 3 Purple Class- <b>Year Group Leader</b>
Green-Year 2	Mrs Hussein- Year 3 Fioletowy Class
Verdi- Year 2	Mr De La Fuente- Year 3 Dhumalah Class
Purple- Year 3	Mrs Sanghera-Year 4 Gold Class

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

It is part of our School Uniform Policy that all children wear the school uniform. Shoes should be **black** in colour. They must be practical and give good protection to the toes; sandals are **not** permitted. Socks **must** be worn even during summer and they should be black or grey in colour. White ventilated summer socks are available from high street stores. Pinafore dresses and skirts must fall below the knee.

BOYS	GIRLS
White polo shirt	White polo shirt
White shirt (YEARS 4–6)	White shirt or blouse (YEAR 4–5) White shirt (YEAR 6)
Grey trousers ( <b>not</b> black or charcoal)	Grey trousers or grey below-knee skirt ( <b>not</b> black or charcoal)
Black/grey socks	Black/grey socks/tights
Black school shoes ( <b>no</b> trainers/boots)	Black school shoes ( <b>no</b> trainers, boots or sandals)
SUMMER TERM OPTIONS	
Grey shorts	Navy ( <b>dark blue</b> chequered – NOT light blue) gingham pinafore dress

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There is  
nothing Lost  
or Wasted in  
Life.  
*Bhagavad Gita*

## INFORMATION ABOUT OUR NEW TEACHERS:

My name is **Ms Abbott** and I have a degree in Primary Education. I have taught for the last four years in schools in Havering. I have a passion for dance and over time I have studied dance and a range of genres. I am also interested in cooking and enjoy cooking foods from different cultures. I enjoy travelling and have recently been to Morocco, Bulgaria and Hungary. I am looking forward to working at Avanti Court Primary School because I agree with the school's ethos and believe spirituality is important, so that children are well educated and develop in all aspects of life. From my recent visit, the children seem eager to learn and well behaved; therefore, I am eager to teach engaging and exciting lessons in order for your child to make good progress in a fun way and in an inviting environment. In terms of education my interests/ specialism is within PHSCE and Mathematics.

My name is **Mrs Hussein** and I have a degree in Modern Arabic Studies. I have worked in schools in Redbridge and Waltham Forest, as well as an international school in Cairo, Egypt. I enjoy going to the theatre and listening to music in my free time. I am looking forward to being a part of Avanti Court Primary School as it grows and flourishes. In terms of education, I am particularly interested in languages - both teaching and learning new languages, as well as helping children whose first language is not English. I look forward to meeting you and getting to know the children.

My name is **Ms Esat** and I have a degree in English Language. I am a qualified teacher and I have taught for the past year in schools in East London. I enjoy travelling, listening to music, reading and expanding my knowledge on current affairs. I am looking forward to working at Avanti Court Primary School because it provides a warm and welcoming atmosphere where the children are keen to learn. In terms of education my specialism is English as an Additional Language (EAL).

My name is **Ms Janab** and I have a degree in Primary Education with QTS. I have taught for the last 4 years in schools in Tower Hamlets, Redbridge, Newham and across the borough. As a teacher, my main goal is to motivate students to do their best and expand their own personal limits. I devise programs, according to syllabus requirements, that develops previous knowledge and encourages students to explore new and interesting possibilities. I encourage students to construct their own learning in an environment that stimulates and helps students to realise their full potential. I strive to instil a love of learning and to make learning exciting and interesting. I am looking forward to working at Avanti Court Primary School because I am confident that my experience and skills will be an asset to the students' learning and development as the school prepares them for their respective life-journeys by promoting educational excellence, character formation and spiritual insight. My subject specialism is Literacy and I have also had the opportunity to be the Literacy Coordinator at the school I did my first teaching post at for 2 years.

My name is **Ms Naran** and I have a degree in Early childhood studies. As a teacher I am looking forward to working at Avanti Court Primary School because of the strong school Ethos and being part of the spiritual experience with the children. In terms of education, my specialism is the Early Years Foundation Stage.

My name is **Mrs Younus** and I have a degree in Education. I have taught for the last 4 years in schools in England and Scotland. My interests are poetry, arts and creative writing. I am looking forward to working at Avanti Court Primary School because I am inspired by the love of learning and spirituality that children have at Avanti Court. In terms of education, I am interested in the development of Literacy.

My name is **Mrs Shrestha Bisht** and I have a degree and Masters in Geography, History, English and Economics. I have taught for the last 12 years in schools around Redbridge, Newham and Tower Hamlets. I have also taught overseas for 8 years in India and Nepal.

In terms of education, I particularly enjoy teaching Humanities, Science and Maths. My interests and hobbies are listening to music, sewing, cooking, reading and folk dance.

I am looking forward to working at Avanti Court Primary School because my practice and beliefs meet with the ethos of the school. I consider education to be a character building and life shaping phase. As a teacher I strongly believe that it is also important to build resilience, capacity, competence and the character of a child with the end product being overall child development.

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## CREATIVE DISPLAYS AT AVANTI...



## INFORMATION ABOUT OUR NEW TEACHERS:

My name is **Ms Hulubei** and I have a Bachelor's degree in Biology and Geology and a Master's degree in Environmental Science. I received my Qualified Teacher Status in 2012 having transferred it from my home country of Romania. I am an enthusiastic and focused teacher and feel that I have demonstrated this through the experience I have gained teaching in various roles in the UK, as well as from my previous teaching roles back home. I was a biology tutor for 2 years in Romania and successfully gained my teaching diploma in 2007. Since moving to London I have worked in a variety of roles, predominantly in teaching.

I have worked at a variety of schools, most notably as a Maths and Science teacher at the private education centre Sentez Arts in North London and as a nursery teacher at Nightingale Primary in Woolwich. I think these experiences have prepared me for a more formal, full time role at this school.

I had the chance to work for a few days at Avanti Court Primary School and I feel it is a place where I can belong and where I can make a real contribution to the teaching team. I am looking forward to getting to know both the children and families. I have had a wide range of teaching experiences, from Reception to Secondary School, however, I have a particular interest in EYFS as "a child's future choices, attainment, wellbeing, happiness and resilience are profoundly affected by the quality of the guidance, love and care they receive during these first years." (Dame Tickell)

My name is **Mr De La Fuente**. I have a degree in Politics and International Relations which I studied at Portsmouth University. I have also recently completed my PGCE course this year with the University of East London. I have taught in three different placement schools this past year in schools in Redbridge and across other boroughs based around East London. I have had the opportunity to teach in EYFS, Key Stage 1 and also Key Stage 2 settings.

I have many interests and hobbies which I always like to share with others. I have a keen interest in Sport, my favourite one being football. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends during my spare time. Reading about history whether it be about British History, European History or World History is something I also enjoy as well. I enjoy travelling the world and am always keen to experience different foods and cultures that exist in the world.

I am looking forward to working at Avanti Court Primary School because it is a school that I believe has core values which incorporate an inclusive, warm and caring approach. I believe this will enable pupils to reach and also exceed their academic potential, whilst also cultivating in them moral and spiritual values which can be found in all religious faiths.

In terms of education my specialism is: English as an Additional Language. I have had the opportunity to work with children of various ages whose first language is not English during my three placement schools this past year. Having grown up in London I have a very deep respect and understanding of all religions that exist in the world given that it is a very diverse and multicultural city. I have taught RE and also Philosophy for children and have a good understanding and fluency of Hindi, Punjabi, Urdu, and also French.

My name is **Mrs Sanghera** and I have a BA Hons Degree in Education. I have taught for the last 12 years in 4 different schools both in Inner and Outer London. I have thrived on many leadership roles within the schools I have worked in, helping to raise standards and achievement for all children. My interests are travelling, trips to the cinema and busy being mum to my two little boys! I am looking forward to working at Avanti Court Primary School because of the amazingly supportive and vibrant whole school community, and equally the unique ethos and children at the school.

I believe that great positive relationships between school and home are the key to ensuring a passionate and memorable learning journey for every child.

My name is **Ms Vincent**. I am a Newly Qualified teacher with over six years experience working with children in Primary Schools across London. I have a degree in Religious Studies, a Post Graduate Certificate of Education (Primary), and a special interest in music and choir singing! Having worked with the wonderful children and staff of Avanti Court Primary School since January, I am delighted to be starting a full time position teaching Reception in September.