



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers and children,

We are coming to the end of our term and I want to write to tell you what exciting things we have planned! On Monday 17th December a farm is visiting our school so that children learn about caring for animal in winter and also about the stable animals when Jesus was born. Terri from the local Church is coming to work with Year 1 on a Christingle activity. On 18th December we have our evening Wiggly Nativity – tickets now on sale. Please remember that all children are involved – please speak to your child's teacher about the costume we need you to make to help us! On Wednesday 19th December the school is going to the local Church to find out more about the Christmas message and On Thursday 20th the children will watch a pantomime which is coming to school. What wonderful learning opportunities at Avanti Court!

As the cold weather draws in, please remember to keep warm and safe as you come to and leave school. Be bright and be seen is the message that the children have been told. If there is a really bad spell of weather that requires us to shut the school (as it was a few years ago) we ask that you check our website www.avanticourt.org.uk where we will post a message. Also check our facebook <http://www.facebook.com/avantischoolstrust>

With warm regards,

Mr. James Biddulph, Head Teacher

Have you given your views? If you find a question that you answer 'Don't Know' please speak to us so we can inform you or plan a session to inform all parents. Help us to improve the school pleased!

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NATIVITY

**18th December
5.30**

**Avanti Court
School**

**Children go
home at 3.10
and return to
school at 5.15
dressed in
their
costumes**

Learning together: Learning Forever

More parent workshops are planned for Spring 2013. These will include sessions about: Philosophy and Ethics, What Learning Is?, Maths, Reading and Speaking and Listening. Information to follow....WATCH THIS SPACE

UNIFORM – Polite Reminder...

Children need to wear black shoes to school with no heel. Although it is cold, boots are not part of the school uniform – and Ugg boots are not allowed because they do not have a safe grip. Children can change their footwear in class from wellington boots to their black shoes.

Winter plans...

Key Dates:

17th December:
Christmas Festival (for
children in school)

18th December: Nativity
Show (Reception
Children and Year 1)

19th December:
Reception and Year 1
visit church

20th December: Panto
comes to school
**School closes at
1.30pm**

INSET DAY
7th January 2013

Children start
8th January 2013

Fullwell Cross Library offers many free activities. Every Tuesday there is a **CHESS CLUB** at 4.45pm. Please visit and join your child so you can support their reading. <http://www2.redbridge.gov.uk> and follow links to libraries

Helping your child: partners in your child's learning journey

Never before has there been such a rich bank of educational research from which schools can draw to inform their work. At Avanti Court we never assume anything. For example, the traditional idea that more homework is better for children is something we researched and discovered some interesting results. Did you know that recent evidence drawing on 75 years of research suggests that homework in primary school does not impact on children's progress and standards - where as in secondary school there is some evidence that some homework is useful.

Home Learning projects aim to give children and their families a structure to explore, investigate and develop the self-discipline necessary to be successful at university and in many aspects of life. At Avanti we expect children to learn sight words (depending on their age), read every day, be read to every day, learn key maths facts (not all at once), remember poems by heart, timestables (depending on their age and NOT in Reception) and information that they have learnt through these home learning projects.

What does help?

- **Significant gains in attainment meanwhile come from proven classroom approaches – providing effective feedback on pupil's performance, encouraging students to think about their own learning strategies, and getting pupils to learn from each other. Implemented correctly, these approaches can increase pupils' performance by an extra eight or nine months in a school year for a very low cost, according to the Sutton Trust research.**

<http://www.suttontrust.com/news/news/smaller-classes-uniforms-and-primary-homework-among/>



Kelly Collins Reveals All!

What's your favourite book? **To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee**

What's your favourite food? **Probably seafood or anything by the sea!**

Where's your favourite holiday destination? **Aruba – a tiny Island in the Caribbean**

Who would play you in a movie about your life? **Greta Garbo**

What's your most embarrassing moment? **I went to a posh ball once and I won a raffle ticket (so I thought) and I ran up on the stage for my prize and they told me it was the wrong colour ticket.**

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WEEK 3	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
MAIN DISH	Matar Paneer (Pea & Curd Cheese Curry) with Rice	Spaghetti (Soya Mince in Tomato Sauce)	Macaroni Cheese	Margarita Pizza	Rice & Daal (Green Moong)
VEGETABLES	Winter Mixed Salad	Carrots & Sweetcorn	Broccoli	Sweetcorn or Green Beans	New Potatoes
DESSERT	Ice Cream & Fruit	Halva	Jelly & Ice Cream	Flapjack	Rice Pudding & Jam

Quote of the week: "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the