



## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers and children,

Christmas is soon upon us and our festivities begin next week. Tickets are quickly selling so please buy yours. There will be no tickets on sale on the night. I can't wait to welcome you to hear the children singing with such gusto. We certainly have a few stars in the making!

Clubs finish this week and I know that already new clubs for 2013 have been planned. This is part of our extended provision to enrich children's experiences of learning at school. We hope to offer more and more in the coming months and years.

I'd like to formally welcome Sumeet Joshi who is our new Site Keeper. He will be starting on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013 and will be responsible for making the site safe and secure for our children. He will also be on duty in the mornings and afternoons to reduce the risk of illegal parking on the safety of our school community as they come and leave school.

With warm regards,

Mr. James Biddulph, Head Teacher

### Workshops for parents

The Art of Teaching: The Joy of Learning

16<sup>th</sup> January  
23<sup>rd</sup> January  
30<sup>th</sup> January

Afternoon sessions:  
2-3pm

Evening sessions:  
5.45-6.45pm

In this short course designed specifically for Avanti Court parents/carers, delegates will explore what we know about learning and teaching. Through a balance of practical activities, discussion and presentations, delegates will learn more about how children learn, how we hope to teach and what progress we expect. The course also includes learning about the unique and distinctive Avanti Philosophy and Ethics curriculum.

\*Parents should commit to all three sessions  
\*\* we will run this twice, afternoon and evening sessions are repeated. Please sign up to the afternoon OR evening course.

Please sign up to these in the office next week.  
These will be on a first come first served basis.



### NATIVITY

**18<sup>th</sup> December  
5.30**

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

## Key Dates:

17<sup>th</sup> December:  
Christmas Festival (for  
children in school)

18<sup>th</sup> December: Nativity  
Show (Reception  
Children and Year 1)

19<sup>th</sup> December:  
Reception and Year 1  
visit church

20<sup>th</sup> December: Panto  
comes to school  
**School closes at  
1.30pm**

**INSET DAY**  
**7<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

**Children start**  
**8<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

**Please do not send your child to school with makeup, nail polish or jewellery. This is not part of the school uniform policy.**

**parentview.ofsted.gov.uk**

22 parents have responded to the government website. Please logon and give your views. And please talk with us about any particular concerns/issues so we can make changes or share what we do. For example, we have a homework policy that is appropriate for Reception and Year 1. We don't have access to the names of people who responded so cant talk with you directly – we wait to hear from you...



### **Neel Sattani Reveals All!**

What's your favourite book? **Autobiography of a Yogi**

What's your favourite food? **Indian – and also Thai**

Where's your favourite holiday destination? **Cuba – it brings happy memories of my wedding**

Who would play you in a movie about your life? **This is too hard! I'm too young for a life story!!!**

What's your most embarrassing moment? **Tripping up in an interview**

*We are intending to build Blogs for each year group so that you can see what your children have been up to. The idea is that children and teachers will upload documents and give more specific information about learning. This is work in progress...*



**I am a nit. Not nice! Occasionally I like to visit schools and play in children's hair!**

Please be aware that nit infestations can occur in schools. We do not have a nit infestation at the moment. Please check your child's head and treat if necessary.

*Quote of the week: **Isaiah 9:6** For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*