

# THE COURT

## The Avanti Court Newsletter

### Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents/carers, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014

I've enjoyed seeing children stretching their wings this week! Especially now that we experienced some blue sky days! You will all have received the Ofsted report and many of you have come to congratulate us. Avanti Court, opened for only 4 ½ terms has created not only a good school but also a community. As the lead professionals we take our responsibility seriously – as supportive parents you have offered ideas, time and your hard earned money to raise the profile of our school. Some of you have asked about different aspects of the school Kind wishes, James Biddulph, Head Teacher

### Inspired Learning



#### ROAD SAFETY FOR PARENTS

**Did you know that you, as parents, are the best people to teach your children about road safety? Did you know so many children are killed each year because they are not taught about Road Safety.**

Come and join the Road Safety Team for an informal session and find out how you can help to teach your children to stay safe near the roads and when travelling by car.

**This session is free, friendly and informal, so why not join us? Let's all work together to keep the children at Avanti Court Primary School safe near the roads!**

**23<sup>rd</sup> April: 0830-0930 at Avanti Court**

#### Breakfast Reading Challenge

Come to school early for breakfast and a read! Parents and children come to school at 8am to share a book from home with a friend. How many books can you share?

**Friday 7th March Shukla & Balta  
Friday 14th March Blanco & Niebieski  
Friday 21st March Azul & Neela  
Friday 28th March Blue & Green**

NO need to sign up – just come to school ready to eat and read!

**Welcome!  
Mr Sharma is our new Finance Manager. A qualified accountant, he comes with much experience and a real understanding of our faith and expectations for our school...another step towards Outstanding!**

#### Golden Book – Golden Awards...what does it all mean???

**If children are learning brilliantly and done something that surprises us they can receive a Gold award from the Deputy Head or Head Teacher. We often call home to let you know. They do NOT go in the golden book.**

**Every Friday children choose who they think has done something incredible. These chosen children go in the Golden Book and are praised in assembly. Their name goes on a golden tree. We do not call home.**

**We are so lucky to have so many friends and family at Avanti Court who volunteer their time to support our children...**

**Thanks to you all...and to**

Viraj Gohil - pharmacist and reception parent

Tejal Lele - dentist and reception parent

Dr Nital Karia - friend and visitor to the school.

For coming to talk to the children about their jobs and how they help people.

## Safeguarding



### Talking about your body

Children are naturally inquisitive about their bodies and as they grow ask

questions which sometimes might make an adult, their parent or teacher, stumble for an answer. It is perfectly normal to talk to your child about their body, using correct language if you are happy to do so. Parents have told us that their children are asking questions and hearing things from older siblings. Look at [www.parenting.com](http://www.parenting.com) and [www.healthychildren.org](http://www.healthychildren.org) Remember a few principles:

1. Don't laugh or giggle even if the question is cute. Children shouldn't feel ashamed for curiosity
2. Try not to appear embarrassed or overly serious.
3. Be brief and matter of fact and don't go into long explanation. Answer simply.
4. Be honest and use proper names for body parts.
5. Follow up your answer with "does that answer your question" and listen to their reactions.
6. Be prepared to repeat yourself.

Also follow the NSPCC guidance about the right type of touch and the importance of always telling an adult when they feel something does not feel right.

All this is part of our safeguarding work at Avanti Court

## Ethos Corner



A guru in Sanskrit means a spiritual teacher. In Hindu tradition, knowledge is passed from Guru to student who passes down to the next students. In this was there is authority drawn from ancient scripture.

A guru also means a teacher. Teachers are highly respected. The parents are the first teachers in a child's life.

## Notice Board



### "I want to join the library" said L in Year 1. We have a

**mobile library visit school each week and the children seem to love it. But have you joined your local library? Parents have asked for more books to read but you can easily access books and encourage reading by joining the library where a treasure-trove of stories unread are waiting for their eager minds. Fullwood Cross library is a short walk from our school...why not make it a regular weekly trip from school?**

## Golden Awards



Green Class – Kiran solanki

Blue Class – Rayyan Khan  
Niebieski Class – Gloria Debnath  
Neela Class – Samir Hossin  
Azul Class – Amreena Perwaiz

Blanco Class – Lucy Parry  
Balta Class – Mya Singh  
Shukla Class – Ishaan Harkani

## Attendance



Green Class – 98.14%

Blue Class – 85.63%  
Niebieski Class – 97.15%  
Neela Class – 94.30%  
Azul Class – 93.41%

Blanco Class – 97.50%  
Balta Class – 92.51%  
Shukla Class – 98.22%

## Key Dates



- 13<sup>th</sup> March: School Closed at 1.30pm. Parent and teacher consultation
- 14<sup>th</sup> March: Parent Workshop E-Safety 0830-0930
- 17<sup>th</sup> March: Gaura Purnima and Holi Festival Day (throwing paint as well!! We hope) 2.30 – parents can come and see if weather is good. If weather is bad we will cancel.
- 18<sup>th</sup> March: Phonics workshop for Reception parents and volunteers (sign up in office)
- 21<sup>st</sup> March: Head and Deputy Forum – come and talk about Ofsted and share ideas about school.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> April Easter Bonnet Day (make a bonnet and wear it to school)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April: End of term. Collect children at 1.30pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> April to 21<sup>st</sup> April: Easter Holiday
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April: Summer Term begins

Also check our website for updates.

## Quote of the Week



***A well spent day brings happy sleep***  
*Leonardo da Vinci*