

# THE COURT

The Avanti Court Newsletter

## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

I hope last week's newsletter was informative and allayed your concerns about the strategy for growing our school. Keep communicating is the key message! And we will endeavour to share information as carefully and consistently as possible.

Some parents have raised concerns that we miss different festivals which as a faith school we should celebrate. We have a festivals curriculum which focuses on 6 festivals each year – and these will change for next year. This will be reviewed throughout to see what impact it is having on children's experience and 'spiritual insight'. Please know that we value all faiths and their celebrations but just can't possibly celebrate them all without being tokenistic. Have a look at the website for more information about these festivals days this year.

Have a good weekend, James Biddulph

### Competition 😊

A fun competition open to all children to choose the most bizarre and imaginative place to read a book. Children to be snapped reading a book in an unusual place (e.g. up a tree, inside a cave, hanging upside down, on top of a car etc.) These pictures can be used as a display for the library in terms of promoting the love of reading. Teachers are also welcome to contribute. The more the merrier!

To be received by 24<sup>th</sup> May!!!

The Year 1 Crusaders continued their adventures when they visited the Cutty Sark on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Aye Aye Captain!!!



**Cutty Sark Adventures!**

*If parents have any unwanted picture cards or post cards with interesting pictures please forward onto myself.*

.....Amy Sivadasan (Year 1 Teacher)

**Cutty Sark Adventures!**

# Ratha Yatra London! Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June

See the website for the  
chariot route...  
<http://rathayatra.co.uk/london/>

## Key Dates:

6<sup>th</sup> May: Bank Holiday

24<sup>th</sup> May: Half term holiday  
closing at 3.10pm

8<sup>th</sup> May: Class Photos will be  
taken in school

9<sup>th</sup> June: London Ratha Yatra

17<sup>th</sup> June: Phonics Check for  
Year 1

1<sup>st</sup> July: INSET Day – No  
school for children

6<sup>th</sup> July: Summer Fete – A  
Courtly Affair!

12<sup>th</sup> July: Sports Day 9-12pm  
17<sup>th</sup> July: Avanti Court Ratha  
Yatra Festival Day

18<sup>th</sup> July: Happy Birthday  
Avanti Court!! 5.30-7pm

26<sup>th</sup> July: Summer Holiday  
Begins 1.30pm

If you tell us something,  
please trust that we will  
action it. It may take  
some time but we will be  
working on it in the  
background...

## Safeguarding!!!

A recent study showed that parents who are too harsh with their children and parents who are too protective are contributing factors to children being bullied.

Prof Dieter Wolke said everyone looked at schools, but his study says bullying really starts at home.

The University of Warwick-based psychology professor said he was expecting to find that children with the harshest parents were most likely to become prey to bullies.

But he said he was somewhat surprised to discover that children with overprotective parents were also at an increased risk of bullying.

He added: "It is as if children need to have some distress so that they know how to deal with conflict. If the parents all the time do it for them then the children don't have any coping strategies and are more likely targets."

Bullying was defined as repeated instances over a six-month period, rather than just one-off conflicts in the playground.



## Golden Book Achievers

**White: Oliver**  
**Blanco: Heeya**  
**Balta: Sri Tvisha**  
**Shukla: Diya Chokshi**  
**Blue: Shivam**

## Attendance

**Full school: 94.34%**  
*(Target is 96%)*

**White: 98.75%**  
**Blanco: 98.75%**  
**Shukla: 94.64%**  
**Balta: 86.05%**  
**Blue: 100%**

## Next Week's Menu

WEEK 1	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
MAIN DISH	Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans	Rice & Daal (Yellow Moong)	Veg Pasta	Margharita Pizza	Macaroni Cheese
VEGETABLES	Sweetcorn	New Potatoes	Sweetcorn	Sweetcorn, Kidney Beans, Chickpea Salad	Carrots
DESSERT	Ice Cream & Fruit	Banana Cake	Rice Pudding (Jam)	Fruit Salad with Yoghurt & Honey Topping	Apple Crumble & Custard

Quote of the week: **"A lie can travel half way around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes."**  
-Mark Twain