



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your response to our parent survey which suggests that overall you are pleased with the work of the school and the educational offer provided at Avanti Court. Of course, all aspirational organisations need to reflect, evaluate and find new ways to develop what they do. We have already taken action following your ideas and feedback. For example, some parents requested workshops to develop their skills to support their children, such workshops will take place this term. However, the feedback is meant to help us improve: Some parents said that the Newsletter did not give sufficient information – but these parents did not say what they wanted. So we want your feedback – but need constructive detail about what you would like. See the box below.

I am sorry that some parents were not able to buy tickets for our Diwali event – we have sold 250 and have restrictions because of Health and Safety/Fire regulations. We will review how we sell tickets in the future. Please book tickets early for the Christmas Nativity event.

With warm regards,

Mr. James Biddulph, Head Teacher

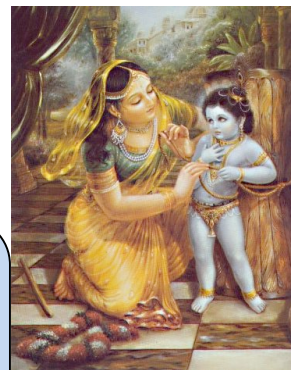
Parent Feedback: What you said and what we will do...

- The Teachers look after children and taking care of them from each aspect of education and personal development.
- The peaceful and calming atmosphere of the school. The children all seem happy and genuinely enjoy attending the school.
- The ethos and the part of involvement of the Head Teacher is encouraging to children and parents.
- I like that my children are suitably challenged and making very good progress
- Hindu Ethos
- **Parent: Need after school child care:** Head teacher: *We can't run this at a loss. If we have at least 15 children we can run the child care Tea Time club. This will be reviewed throughout the term. Sorry – we offered this but there was insufficient up take.*
- **Parent: More PE, my child in Reception has not done PE yet.** Head Teacher: *all children are taught PE twice each week meeting government expectations.*
- **Parent: Encourage every child and reward them equally, as the lack of reward and recognition is not given to children whom have achieved some of the 7 values in some way will discourage them and have a negative impact on their confidence and development. By rewarding equally motivates them and their behaviour.** Head Teacher: *Rewards must be meaningful and children know when this is so. All children are praised when they have achieved either the seven values or something that surprises us. Giving rewards is motivating but will soon become meaningless if everyone gets one without being purposeful or deserved. Having worked in very challenging school contexts with children with significant behavioural problems I understand the complexities involved in motivating and inspiring all children. Please trust in our professionalism in this area.*
- **Parent: More weekly homework:** Head Teacher: *There is no evidence that shows that traditional homework tasks raises standards. Our Home Learning projects aim to inspire a love of learning and coupled with reading, maths facts learning is sufficient for children at this age.*
- **Parent: No need for book bag:** Head Teacher: *Book bags are compulsory. They are part of the school uniform and help instill self-discipline in children. They should be brought to school each day.*
- **Parent: More 1-1 sessions between parents and teachers:** Head Teacher: *I am responsible for balancing teachers' workload as well as meeting needs of parents. Teacher are present everyday to discuss progress. Termly meetings will give opportunity to discuss further. Reports sent out termly – very unusual to find this in state schools where one annual report is given*

HeadTeacher: *Finally...(for now)...Parent workshops were requested which we have planned (see overleaf); we continue to be present on playground for your feedback, concerns, ideas and requests; we will uphold our intention to be open and inclusive based on our spiritual ethos; a new uniform company is in the pipeline; we are developing the outdoor area for 2012-13 knowing that there will be more work in August 2013.*

Safeguarding: "Everyone has a responsibility for safeguarding children." Junaida Bana is the Designated Officer for Child Protection with Amy Sivadasan as her Deputy. If you want to discuss anything of concern please do not hesitate to contact Junaida in the first instance.

In 2012, the period of Kartik month is from 29th October to 28th November. Devotees adopt purity and worship the god with pure and true hearts in this month. Holy bath, meditation, charity, marriage of goddess Tulsi are some of the religious ceremonies performed during the Kartik month and the one who performs them, gets relief from all the sins. It is considered one of the most auspicious month of the year, in which the devotees gets an opportunity to discard all evil deeds and adopt a pure way of life



Sign up to a session as places are limited. Letter will be out on Monday

Parent Learning

Key Dates:

Monday 12th November: Diwali Celebration (5-7.00pm)

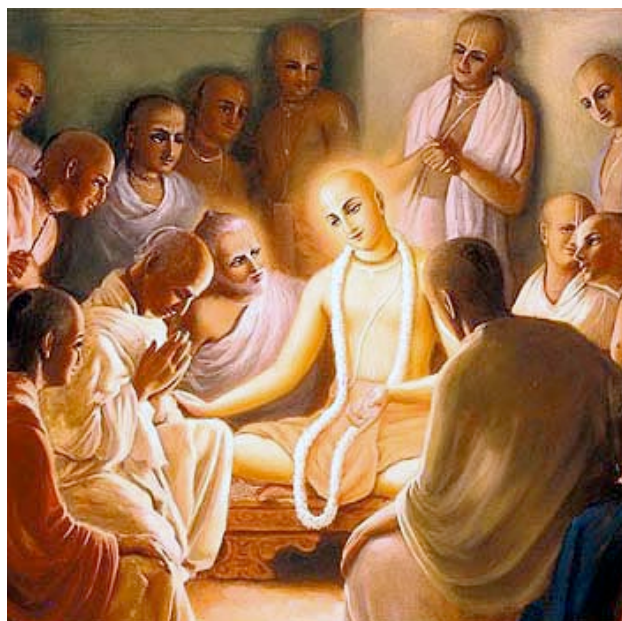
**Tuesday 13th November:
Closed for Diwali**

Tuesday 20th November: Parent Consultation 3.15-6. Book your place with your class teacher

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

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

Date	Learning Focus	Time & Venue	Who is this relevant for?
30-11-12	Maths Workshop – Help your child with their Addition and Subtraction	0830-0930 Parent Room	Year 1 parents
7-12-12	Phonics Workshop	0830-0930 Parent Room	Year 1, White and Balta parents
14-12-12	Phonics Workshop	0830-0930 Parent Room	Shukla and Blanco parents
Christmas Holiday			



SANSKRIT classes have started at Avanti Court. You could help your child by going to an adult class in Redbridge...

1 Tuesday 7.30pm to 9.30pm @ VHP mandir, Cleveland Road, Ilford

2 Thursday 7.30pm to 9.30pm @ Redbridge ISKCON Centre, Eastern Avenue, Ilford.

For more information on above contact Jayesh Gohil (one of the teachers) 07944 563905

Quotes of the week:

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Martin Luther King