

THE COURT

The Avanti Court Newsletter

Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents/carers, (Autumn 2014: Issue 1)

What a delight to see the happy smiling faces returning to school. They have started so well, which is a credit to the way you have helped prepare them for life at school. As you know I will be leaving this special school in December. Thank you for your kind words of encouragement, but we are lucky that the school is stronger than one person and I am confident in its future. The Trust has heard your request for an opportunity to understand the recruitment process and Nitesh Gor is visiting the school next Tuesday to meet parents at 3.15-4.00pm. This will be in the Temple Room. With kind regards, James Biddulph Head Teacher

Inspired Learning



We are undergoing Parent Governor elections and I will be asking you to vote for your preferred candidate soon.

FOAC are pleased to announce that with the money they have raised with your generosity, they would like you to vote for the project on which the money will be spent. We will have and voting board in the gym next week. Following discussion with last year's ambassadors, three projects were identified:

1. Upgrading the Gym
2. Playground equipment
3. Library resources

The favourite two will benefit from the generosity of all those involved! Thanks!

Parents of children in Year 2 Zielony: congratulations to your teacher who got married in the summer. Her new name is now Mrs Dhindsa (pronounced Dinza)

PRE (Collective Worship and cultural celebrations)

Our collective worship assemblies are based on our values and are held daily. These assemblies make references to all religions and faiths. As part of these assemblies pupils sing the "Kirtan" at the beginning and end of the assembly. Pupils of other faiths are not required to sing. If you wish that your child not participate in these assemblies please give us a written letter.

Throughout the year our Philosophy and Ethics Curriculum ensure that we celebrate not only Hindu festivals like Diwali and Holi but other religious festivals like Christmas and Eid. If you do not wish your child to participate in these festivals which might include art/craft ; singing and role play please inform the school office in writing.

We would like everyone to join in and if not to observe respectfully. We also would like to invite you into join with us and more info will follow

Safeguarding



Every edition we will add something about safeguarding in our newsletter. Safeguarding is complex and so important to ensure that everyone knows and understand their responsibilities to keep children safe. You will have noticed recent press about such failures which cause children to be at risk. It is not just staff or educational professionals who are responsible...EVERYONE is responsible....please be vigilant

Notice Board



School Uniform : Please ensure your child's clothing has their name clearly marked on it. This way we can ensure its safe return if lost and found.

HOME DINNERS:

If you wish your child to have home dinners please inform school office via a letter. In order to ensure efficiency we can only allow your child to have home dinners the whole week. Parents cannot chop and change mid-week to school dinners.

Diwali will soon approach and we want to make it a big affair! Please join in with the FOAC planning. FOAC will be voting in a new committee on Friday 19th September (in the morning 830-930) Please speak with a current member of Dimple Pandya should you want more information or directly to Junaida Bana, our Deputy Head

Attendance



Dear 100% Attendance Award Winner from last year,
I have arranged an exciting and special trip to the cinema on Wednesday 5th November to watch some brand new films which will inspire you!

I will write to your parents nearer the time so that they have the full information and know everything about the trip.

Well done you! 100% is not easy to achieve and you have really done it!!

Golden Awards



Purple Class – Vikram Katechia
Harit Class – Shivani Patel
Zielony Class – Radha Lale
Green Class – Vaanya Tripathi & Ayan Hirani
Verdi Class – Emilija Jakobchuk
Neela Class – Hansika Vinoth Kumar
Blue Class – Ansh
Niebieski Class- Ananya Kajekar
Azul Class – Neil Golchha

Ethos Corner



Sri Chaitanya appeared to bring the message that God is for everyone and that every personal journey to find Him is as important and relevant as the next. In this age of Kali Yuga, of hypocrisy, material attachment and thinking of the self as a body and not a spirit, He taught that singing and saying the names of God will guide the individual to knowing the Divine in a loving and personal way. In the Chaitanya tradition this involved chanting or saying the names of Krishna, Radha and Hare.

**Hare Krishna Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare**

And be happy!

Key Dates



DIWALI EVENT will be our first event to celebrate our school and community. We are looking for volunteers to help with food and preparations. Diwali will be on Wednesday 15th October in the evening

16th Sept: Nitesh Gor CEO of AST will host a meeting to hear about the new Head Teacher Recruitment process

Half Term Holiday
18th October to 2nd November (2 weeks so please book your holiday during this time – you may find a deal because other schools only have 1 week!)

Christmas Holiday starts on 19th Dec (school closes at 1.30)

Quote of the Week



**Love, life, death...the rest is admin!
Anon**