

AVANTI HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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DATES FOR 2016-17

AUTUMN 2016

5th Sept-16th Dec 2016

HALF TERM

24th Oct-4th Nov 2016

SPRING 2017

9th Jan-31st Mar 2017

HALF TERM

13th Feb-17th Feb 2017

SUMMER 2017

18th Apr-25th July 2017

HALF TERM

29th May-2nd June 2017

SCHOOL CLOSURE

1st May-Bank Holiday

26th May- Avanti Staff

Conference

DATES FOR

NOV/ DEC 2016

24.11.16

Year 1 Pizza Express visit

6.12.16

Parents Consultation

Evenings 3.00-6:00

7.12.16

Parents Consultation

Evenings 3.00- 6:00

9.12.16

Reception Christmas

Performance 1:20pm-2:15pm

12.12.16

Year 1 Christmas

Performance 1:20pm-2:15pm

13.12.16

Year 2 Christmas

Performance 1:20pm-2:15pm

14.12.16

Year 3 Christmas

Performance 1:20pm-2:15pm

15.12.16

Year 4 Christmas

Performance 1:20pm-2:15pm

16.12.16

EYFS Christmas theatre visit

REMINDER

Each month we will give you a few reminders which we hope you find useful

APPOINTMENTS Please could all parents ensure that all appointments both for themselves and their children (medical/dental) are made **out of school time**. Children should not be taken out of school during lessons as it disrupts their learning.

CHANGES OF PERSONAL DETAILS It is vital that you inform the school if your personal details change. This includes telephones/address or personal circumstances. It is particularly important that we have current information in case of emergencies.

MEDICATION Our school policy states that we cannot give any medication to children which is not prescribed by a doctor. It is vital that, even if prescribed medication is brought to school, the correct paperwork is completed. Please take any prescribed medication to the school office. Thank you

PUNCTUALITY It is vital that children are in school on time EVERY DAY! If you are having difficulties getting the children to school on time please let the school know. Our Inclusions Manager Ms Hughes will be happy to provide support and advice.

UNIFORM Please ensure children wear the correct uniform every day. Please remember that children should wear black shoes to school.

PLEASE ENSURE NAMES ARE WRITTEN INSIDE ALL CHILDREN'S CLOTHING.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU NEED TO SPEAK TO A TEACHER....

We hope the following procedures will help you understand what to do when you need to speak to the class teacher about your child:

- Add a note in their diary and the teacher will respond or contact you.
- Send in a note to make an appointment to see the teacher.
- If you need to discuss the matter further please see the phase leader. The teacher will tell you who this is.
- Finally, please see Mr Halliday if you are not satisfied with the outcome of your meetings.

EVERY DAY MATTERS EVERY MINUTE COUNTS



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY NEWS

At Avanti House Primary School we expect excellent attendance and punctuality.

Children have to be in school in order to make significant progress.

Every day at school is important. Every minute they are late for school they miss a part of their education.

We are aiming for at least **97%** attendance for each child. Average attendances per year group.

EYFS: 98.4%

Year 1: 96.5%

Year 2: 96.1%

Year 3: 98.5%

Year 4 98.1%

PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

OPEN MORNINGS

This year we are holding four sessions for prospective parents wishing to place their children at Avanti House Primary School.

These are not sessions for current parents but if you wish to tell your friends and families looking for a school place in September 2017, please do so and they are to contact the school to request a date.

Friday 11th November - 9.30am

Friday 18th November - 9.30am

Friday 25th November - 9.30am

Friday 2nd December - 9.30am

AVANTI SCHOOLS TRUST

Due to popular demand, **Avanti Explore Course** is back!

This course is for anyone looking to understand and explore spirituality and the Bhagavad Gita. The course only has 15 spaces available, and is free for entry.

Dates: Sunday 15th, 22nd, 29th Jan and 5th Feb, 10am-12:30pm.

This course will allow you to connect with the Avanti schools ethos that students are in touch with on a day to day basis and also brings the concepts of the Gita, spirituality, wellbeing and mindfulness into your own journey through life.

For further information on how to book a place please contact Avanti House Primary school office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

This section will be used for any community news you may have. Please inform the school if you would like to mention any local events.

Let the school know at least two weeks before the end of the month if you would like anything mentioned.



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AVANTI HOUSE

Excellence · Virtue · Devotion

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our extended half term break already seems a distant memory as we move at pace towards what is always a very busy time of year for schools. The classes have already started to think about and plan their Christmas performance which I am very much looking forward to watching.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those people who were involved in supporting the Year 2 Diwali performances. With particular thanks going to Mrs Kapoor and Ms Younus for their tireless work in helping the children to put on such a fantastic show. You can see some wonderful pictures of the event in this newsletter. Well done to everyone!

We have been informed by the Avanti Trust that the planned De-merger is imminent but no exact date has yet been given by the Government.

We look forward to meeting parents at our up coming parent and teacher conferences. Once again I would like to thank each and everyone one of you for your unfailing support as we continue to build, improve and pursue excellence for the children.



OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS SELF DISCIPLINE

Please speak to your children about this Value which we are discussing at school this half term.

"Those who are free from anger and all material desires, who are self-realised, self-disciplined and constantly endeavouring for perfection, are assured of liberation in the Supreme in the very near future"

(Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 5, Verse 26)

"The basic principle of every original religion in this world is discipline."

(By Radhanath Swami)

"Without self-discipline, without sense control, there is no freedom and without freedom we are driven by passion, not by love.

On the other hand, love keeps self-discipline from becoming dry and burdensome. So, self-discipline allows love to develop and that love keeps self-discipline fresh rather than hackneyed or touched by either pride or resentment."

(By Srila Prabhupada)



DATES FOR NOVEMBER /DECEMBER 2016

Please see the last page of the newsletter for important dates during November and December 2016

EVENTS IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

ANIMAL VISIT IN RECEPTION

Our reception children are learning about Animals this half term so as part of their work they had a visit from a host of incredible creatures! You can see pictures of these on page 2.

PIZZA EXPRESS -YEAR 1

As part of their food technology work the children visited a local Pizza Express where they made scrumptious pizzas.

AFRICAN DRUMMING—YEAR 2

Year 2 had a great music experience when an African drumming group visited this month. They all had an opportunity to learn basic drumming. Perhaps this is something we can further develop at AHPS.

YEARS 3 AND 4 are in the process of planning their enrichment experiences for their children later this term.



DIWALI CELEBRATIONS 2016



NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016

AVANTI HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL GALLERY



YEAR 1 AT PIZZA EXPRESS



YEAR 4 ENGAGED IN LEARNING

OUR RECEPTION CHILDREN MEETING AMAZING CREATURES



I WISH I KNEW.....ABOUT MUSIC AT AVANTI HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL
 This was an area that was raised at the recent Open Forum. At present the children of Years 3 & 4 receive music lessons from Harrow Music Services. Music for EYFS, Year 1 & 2 is taught by the class teachers. All lessons are based on the requirements of the National Curriculum. We are also looking to extend our music program to include after school music lessons for specific instruments. More information to follow on private music lessons.

BUILDING NEWS
 The School and the Avanti Trust are currently working with the contractors to ensure that the building currently surrounded by scaffolding is ready as soon as possible. Unfortunately, it is now evident that further work to the roof and windows of the old building needs to be completed. It is hoped that work on this will start in early 2017 and be completed over the summer holidays in time for the current Year 4 move into the building as Year 5. The building will include a Library/ Computing Resource Centre for children, Year 5 and 6 classrooms and administration.

STAFFING NEWS.
 We thought you would find it useful to know the **TEACHING ASSISTANTS** in every class at AHPS. Our Teaching Assistants work closely with the teachers to support learning and ensure children make progress.

RECEPTION
Laughing Ladybirds Ms Demosthenous
Busy Bees Ms Raval

YEAR 1
Talented Turtles Ms Halai
Dancing Dolphins Ms Halfaya

YEAR 2
Fabulous Flamingos Ms Nandha
Fabulous Flamingos Ms Jani
Precious Peacocks Ms Sukhu

YEAR 3
Kind Kangaroos Ms Natha
Gentle Giraffes Ms Natha

YEAR 4
Respectful Rhinos Ms Samuels
Humble Hippos Ms Shah
Humble Hippos Ms Mughal

PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRES
 This month you will receive a questionnaire which we would like you to complete and return by Monday 12th December. Your views about the school are important to us and will help our school improvement plans. The children will also complete a questionnaire in school.



PARENTS' OPEN FORUM
 We had a very positive Open Forum in October. Our thanks to the parents who attended the meeting. Your ideas, queries and contributions were very useful and informative. Brief minutes of the meeting will be attached to this newsletter.
The next Open Forum will take place on Monday 12th December at 6.00pm in the school hall.


TEXTING SERVICE
 At the recent Open Forum parents were very keen to have a texting service available for quick and direct communication with the school. We agree that this is vital for the school and have contacted the Avanti House Secondary who use the texting service to see if this is possible. At the moment the email service is available with a texting service alongside this. Once we have the capacity to launch this service we will inform parents.

OUR AIM IS TO HAVE THE TEXTING SERVICE AVAILABLE TO PARENTS BY JANUARY 2016

FRIENDS OF AHPS - FOAH
 The Friends Association have written some information for the newsletter which we have attached. It is hoped that we can generate ideas for projects specifically for the Primary School, which FOAH can raise funds for.



WE REMEMBERED!


BE HEALTHY AND STAY SAFE

 Every term we do a great deal of work on e safety with the children. Every term we go through safety rules with the children and we ensure that our filters and firewalls are strong. We are constantly working to keep our children safe and hope that you are also ensuring that your children are safe when using the internet at home. If you need any further information on internet safety please visit the website below:



SCHOOL WEBSITE NEWS
 We are still working to improve our school website. Our aim is to populate it with photographs and examples of children's work. Once the demerger between the Primary and Secondary Avanti House Schools is finalised we will have our own separate site. Our apologies for inconvenience caused until this is completed.
WATCH THIS SPACE!

EXCELLENT BEHAVIOUR AT AHPS STARS OF THE WEEK
 You will be aware that every week children are selected by their teachers to receive a star of the week award. This is to reward and recognise not only achievement but effort and good behavior. Your child will bring a certificate home to show they were a Star of the Week. Please support our behavior policy by praising your children at home too.



CURRICULUM INFORMATION MATHS CALCULATION POLICY

 The staff have been working to update the Maths Calculation policy to show the methods we use to teach Maths across the school. Once this has been finalised we will make a copy available to all parents on the school website.

MATHS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS
 We will be holding curriculum workshops for parents to go through our Maths policy and practice on the following dates:
Years 1/2- Tuesday 22nd November
Years 3/4—Tuesday 29th November
Both sessions will start at 5.30pm

CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT PERFORM FOR SCHOOLS
 The children of EYFS, Yr1 & Yr2 were visited last week by a Drama organisation called Perform for Schools. Each class had the opportunity to take part in a drama activity led by a visiting actor. They were taken on a journey to Australia and on the way visited many different countries.

ANIMAL VISITORS IN RECEPTION
 On the 10th of November our Reception children had a fantastic visit from the Animal Man. He brought in a range of exciting animals, including; a Scorpion, a Royal Python, Tegu Lizard, Skink, Tarantula and a very cute Meerkat. The children were extremely well behaved and brave. Some of them even had the courage to hold the animals whilst some adults were not so brave! We learnt lots of lovely information about the animals and had the opportunity to pet these lovely creatures.

HOME LEARNING
 During the half term break the children across the school produced some fantastic examples of Home Learning which we have now put up on display. Our thanks to those parents who allowed their children to produce their own work and who added enrichment activities by taking their children out and about. By talking to your children about their learning you are helping them to develop important skills.

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OUR HOME LEARNING PROJECTS ACROSS THE SCHOOL

