



## AVANTI HOUSE

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### Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Avanti House Primary Phase for the new school year and Autumn Term. I hope you and your children had a wonderful holiday.

I am sure you will have observed the dramatic changes that are taking place as the school moves into the final phase of building works.

The fabulous new Early Years extension at the front of the school has been completed and the new playground is close to being open.

The new purpose built shrine received its hand carved ornate doors from India and upon its completion will be a stand out feature of the school.

I know you will agree that good home/school communication is vital. To help us achieve this you will receive a monthly newsletter like this one which will provide information about the life at Avanti House Primary. Hopefully you will find this useful.

I would like to thank each and everyone one of you for your unflinching support as we continue to build, improve and pursue excellence for the children.

Thank you  
Mr Halliday



### OUR VALUE THIS HALF TERM IS

#### EMPATHY

Each half term we focus on one of our six values. Please discuss the Value and its meaning with your children.

#### **Bhagavad Gita As It Is, Chapter 6, Verse 32**

I regard them to be perfect yogis who see the true equality of all living beings and respond to the joys and sorrows of others as if they were their own.

Commentary by Srila Prabhupada:

We consider all the limbs of our body as ours, and are equally concerned if any of them is damaged. We are incontrovertible in the conviction that the harm done to any of our limbs is harm done to ourselves. Similarly, those who see God in all beings consider the joys and sorrows of others as their own. Therefore, such yogis are always the well-wishers of all souls and they strive for the eternal benefit of all. This is the *ama-darśhana* (equality of vision) of perfected yogis.



**HAPPY CHILDREN AT AVANTI HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL.**

### IMPROVING COMMUNICATION WEBSITE NEWS

In our drive to improve the availability and consistency of information that parents and carers receive, we are going to be using the school website as a platform for publishing school information. Any whole school and key stage communication will now only be sent home on one day, **on Thursday**, unless an urgent communication is required. Communication will be sent out in letter form and also placed on the school website, within the Primary..., Parents... Letters sent home menu.

[www.avanti.org.uk/avantihouse/](http://www.avanti.org.uk/avantihouse/)

### DATES FOR

#### SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2016

We hope that you find these dates useful.

New dates and events during the month will be passed on through the normal letters which you will receive every **THURSDAY**.

**17.10.16**

**Year 1** Open House Parent Meetings(3.15-4.30pm)

**18.10.16**

**Year 2** Open House Parent Meetings(3.15-4.30pm)

**19.10.16**

**Year 3** Open House Parent Meetings(3.15-4.30pm)

**20.10.16**

**Year 4** Open House Parent Meetings(3.15-4.30pm)

**HALF TERM DATES**-24th Oct-4th Nov 2016

**Children return to school on Monday 7th Nov**

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### PHILOSOPHY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

Friday 9th of September, Avanti House celebrated Radharani's birthday. Year 2PP presented Radharani's 26 qualities and we all sang a devotional song about Radha. A beautiful story called 'The Opening of Radharani's Eyes' was also presented in the form of a role-play.

#### **Sunday 16th of October**

The Month of Kartik begins  
(Offering lamps to Lord Krishna)

#### **Sunday 30th October**

Dipavali

#### **Monday 31st October**

Govardhana Puja

#### **Thursday 3rd November**

Prabhupada disappearance day

#### **Sunday 18th December**

The Bhagavad Gita was spoken





# AVANTI HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL GALLERY



**OUR CHILDREN CREATE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEMSELVES AT BREAK TIMES**



**OUR RECEPTION CHILDREN HAVE SETTLED IN WELL**



**JUMPING FOR JOY AT PLAYTIME**

**I WISH I KNEW.....** each month this section will include information about school procedures, policies and practice.

## **I WISH I KNEW ABOUT....Collective Worship at Avanti House Primary School.**

We are a Hindu Faith School and as such we follow the Hindu tradition for collective worship which is inclusive of all faiths. This is done through stories songs, drama and pupil presentations which relate to the values that underpin our ethos. During our assemblies our children sing one of our prayers, take part in Kirtin and say a meditation prayer.

We have staggered assemblies for KS1 and KS2 throughout the week. This is due to our different start times every morning. On Friday we have an achievement celebration assembly led by Mr Halliday. We are pleased to say that our Reception classes will be taking part in these assemblies in the near future.

Our collective worship assemblies give us an opportunity to meet as a school family group and share a happy and spiritual time together.



The Governing Body is at the heart of our school and each month they will be making a contribution in the newsletter to let you know more about their work. The Governing Body currently oversees both Avanti House Schools with the following at the core of their activities:

- Setting the aims and objectives for the School
- Adopting policies for achieving those aims and objectives
- Monitoring targets for achieving those aims and objectives

## **STAFFING NEWS.**

We thought you would find it useful to know the teaching staff in every class at AHPS. They are a committed group of teachers who are passionate about ensuring your children make great progress in all aspects of their school life.

### **RECEPTION**

Laughing Ladybirds—Miss Parmar  
Busy Bees—Mr Burns

### **YEAR 1**

Talented Turtles—Miss Maru  
Dancing Dolphins—Miss Dhami

### **YEAR 2**

Fabulous Flamingos—Mrs Kapoor  
Precious Peacocks—Miss Younis

### **YEAR 3**

Kind Kangaroos—Miss Karsan  
Gentle Giraffes—Ms Gil

### **YEAR 4**

Respectful Rhinos— Mr Allaway  
Humble Hippos—Mr Smart

Next month we will show you the Teaching Assistants linked to each class.

## **PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP**

### **PARENT VIEW**

I am not sure if you are aware of the Ofsted Parent View site where you can share your opinions of the school. Every parent at the school can go on and register their opinions on different aspects of school life. May I suggest that you spend 5-10 minutes looking at the site at the address below.

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>



### **QUESTIONNAIRES**

In terms of evaluating parents, pupils and staff views we will also be carrying out an internal survey of your views about the school. Our annual parent survey will be sent out with the newsletter later this month. This will be your opportunity to share your opinions about our school with the leadership and management team. If you are happy with the school please tell us by sending it back. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve...even more reason to return the form. Our aim is to get at least 50% returns. We will also be sending out a questionnaire to the children to gather their views. If your children are very young you may like to sit with them and talk about their experiences.

### **PARENTS' OPEN FORUM**

Each half term and we will be holding a Parents' Open Forum meeting. This is an opportunity for you to come along and talk to us about any ideas, suggestions or concerns you have about our school. We do not discuss individual children or staff at these meetings, but more general school matters. It would be lovely to see as many parents as possible.

**The first Open Forum takes place on  
MONDAY 17th OCTOBER 2016  
at 6.00pm in the school hall.  
PLEASE COME ALONG AND SHARE  
YOUR VIEWS**

## **FRIENDS OF AHPS - FOAH**

The members of the board for Friends of Avanti House (FOAH), the school's Parent and Teacher Association (PTA) would like to make you aware of its web-site: [www.foah.avanti.org.uk](http://www.foah.avanti.org.uk)

### **Here is the FOAH Mission**

Further to the fantastic educational opportunities provided by Avanti House Primary School, FOAH endeavours to enrich our children's school experience through social events and fund raising initiatives as well as forming a strong link between families, the school, our communities and other Avanti Schools.





## STAY SAFE

### AHPS ROAD SAFETY

Every month we will be highlighting an issue regarding car and road safety as this is particularly important for our school.

### SEATBELTS CONCERNS

Please could all parents ensure their children wear seatbelts at all times. We should remind you that staff are not responsible for securing children into seat belts at the end of the day.

Ms Hughes will be organising a meeting for parents from a Road Safety Officer to inform parents of how to keep their children safe.

## PERFORMING ARTS AT AHPS



We are delighted to inform you that every child at the school will take part in a weekly performing arts workshop. Ariba, from ARTis, will be leading the workshops. This is a great opportunity for our children.

## EXCELLENT BEHAVIOUR AT AHPS GOOD TO BE GREEN

We are really pleased to inform you that the behavior at Avanti House Primary School is very good.

Our school goal is for the children to understand the GOOD TO BE GREEN system. This traffic light system means that children's behavior in class and around the school remains good and stays on green. We celebrate the success in class with gold cards and a star chart. Each Friday afternoon two children from each class are awarded the star of the week. If any child does not behave, they are given an amber warning card and finally a red consequences card. If they receive 3 warnings cards or a red card in a week they will be asked to reflect on their actions during break time. On these occasions we may contact parents to ensure we work together to improve behavior.



## PLAYGROUND SIGNS

We have bought new motivational signs for the playground to encourage excellent behavior and learning. They will be going up very soon!



## GOLDEN EXPECTATIONS

Avanti House Primary School has some wonderful Golden Expectations which are used to ensure all our children behave appropriately. I thought it would be useful for you to see these Golden Expectations in order to reinforce them at home.

## CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Every month we will be including a section on our school curriculum including PRE (Philosophy, Religion and Ethics).

Members of staff responsible for each curriculum area will write a short piece about their subject and how it is taught at the school. Hopefully we can also include some examples of children's work.

Our focus this term in terms of Teaching and Learning will be to implement the recommendations of the Avanti House Review which took place at the school last term. We will be reviewing the following policies and ensuring you have copies of these once completed:

- Teaching and Learning
- Marking and Assessment
- Differentiated learning
- School Environment and Display

We will also be having pupil progress meetings where the class teacher and the senior leadership team review all the pupils to assess the progress they have made. This will ensure that every child is being challenged, supported and the curriculum is differentiated to meet their needs.

The information will be shared with you at the Parent Consultation evenings later this term

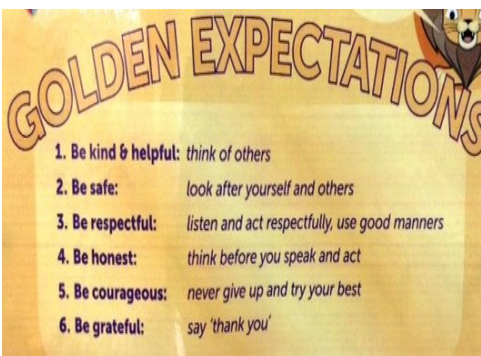
## HOME LEARNING HOMEWORK

The programmes for the Home Learning Projects for six weeks will be sent out this week. These half termly projects are based on the topics children are studying in school. Home /School learning, with your support, will really have an impact on your child's progress.

In addition we would like to remind parents that you can support your child's learning by:

- Reading with them and to them every day for at least 15 minutes.
- Supporting spelling/phonics tasks set
- Helping them to learn their times tables and number bonds
- Talking to them about their learning every day.
- Encourage children to use Mathematics.

More information about Home Learning and regular homework tasks will be shared with you by the class teachers.



# AVANTI HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL GALLERY



## LEARNING TOGETHER



OUR BEAUTIFUL HOLY SHRINE IS ALMOST READY. THE DOORS TO THE SHRINE ARE IN PLACE.



## PLAYING TOGETHER

## 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

### **INSET DAYS TO BE CONFIRMED**

### **EVERY DAY MATTERS EVERY MINUTE COUNTS**



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 would like to remind parents that we are not able to authorise ANY term time holidays. Please could we also remind you that children should be in their classes by 7:45am ( Year 3&4) 8:00am (Year 1&2) 8:15am (Reception).

### REMINDERS

**AUTUMN CLOTHES** Please could parents ensure that children come to school in suitable protective clothing for break times. Children should always wear a coat / jacket to school during the autumn term. If there is light rain we will expect the children to go out to get some fresh air and exercise for a short period. It is vital that a coat with a hood or hat is brought to school every day.

#### **LOST PROPERTY—NAMES ON CLOTHING**

Please put your child's name in all their clothing and check the lost property box on a regular basis.

#### **ATTENDANCE AND SICKNESS**

Please remember to let the school know if your child is absent from school by 7.45am. A reminder that if your child has sickness and diarrhoea they should stay away from school for 48 hours. This prevents the spread of any virus which may be passed onto other children and adults.

#### **PE KIT.**

Please make sure your children come to school with their full PE kit every Monday. It should go home for washing every Friday. Unfortunately, if they do not have their kit they may not be able to take part in PE lessons.

#### **SNACKS AFTER SCHOOL**

A reminder that children can bring a **small** snack to eat before after school clubs. These should be healthy snacks so therefore crisps, chocolates and biscuits **are not appropriate**.

### SHERPA CLUB

#### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

We are very pleased to be able to offer an after school club to our families. A company called Sherpa runs this child-care club for us. This is separate to the curriculum clubs run by staff.

John, who runs the Sherpa, has asked us to inform parents that there are still a few vacancies at the after school club. If you would like further information please contact him on 07803 88 76 10 or contact the school for more information



### PHOTOGRAPHS OF CHILDREN

We will be using our children's images in the newsletter and on the school website this term. I have been informed that any parent who does NOT wish images of their child to be included has already informed the school. In order to ensure our records are updated please could you inform the school if your requirements have changed.

**If you do not wish you child's images to be included in school literature please write to the school as soon as possible, or speak to the office staff.**

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

#### **IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE?**

Please could you see Ms Hughes if you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. Your query will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. Application forms are available on line through the school website

### PARENT PAY

A reminder from the school office that all Parent Pay accounts should be in credit at all times. Please keep checking your account to make sure there are sufficient funds to cover the cost of meals and trips. We are pleased to inform you that you can now pay for all school visits via Parent Pay too. Thank you.



### OUR VALUES

#### **BASED ON CHARACTER FORMATION**

**Our Values are based on one of the three guiding principles of the Avanti Trust.**

"Trust schools prepare pupils to take their places as loyal, responsible and broad-minded British citizens.

Our ethos acknowledges that personal virtue, responsibility and a wholesome sense of identity underpin success in all endeavours. It nurtures conduct consistent with the universal virtues of **respect, integrity, humility, courage, empathy, gratitude and self-discipline.**

Trust schools promote holistic, responsible lifestyles through a vegetarian diet; a curriculum that integrates yoga and meditation and a school environment that actively fosters and promotes environmental care and concern."



**Taken from the Avanti Trust Website**

### 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.

