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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at Krishna Avanti Primary School! It's been fantastic to see the children and school team looking refreshed and relaxed, ready to start the new term and year.

I hope you had an enjoyable and restful holiday. The new academic year has commenced positively. The children are looking smart in their correct uniform, ready to learn and to make right choices and play in a friendly manner.

An extra special welcome is sent to our new Nursery and Reception parents, children and new families. The school team and I look forward to getting to know you over the next month.

A few reminders:

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER From next week, I shall be writing my weekly newsletter. You will receive it electronically. Alternatively, you can visit the school website to keep up to date with school matters. We are an ECO friendly school determined to focus upon issues of sustainability and reducing waste. Cutting down on the use of paper will support the Avanti ethos. Please ensure we have your correct contact details and email address.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS will commence next week. The school team will give you greater information about the school day, curriculum, homework and the vision and values of Krishna Avanti. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. The meetings will be from 2.25pm – 3.15pm. Children will be able to attend their clubs or will be supervised by the school team and myself whilst the meeting takes place.

14/09/16	Key Stage 2 Parent Information meeting (in classrooms.)
16/09/16	Key Stage 1 Parent Information meeting (in classrooms)
22/09/16	EYFS Parent Information meeting (in classrooms)

MORNING PLAYTIME SNACK The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme is a government programme that entitles every child aged four to six, in fully state-funded schools, to a free piece of fruit or vegetable each school day, this is in place for our children. Please remember that children in Key stage 2 are allowed to bring their own healthy snack; fruit or vegetable but to avoid snacks that contain nuts.



COLLECTING CHILDREN AT HOME TIME I would like to kindly request that parent and carers of younger children supervise them closely as they wait to pick up older family members. We are always concerned about health and safety matters and children should not wander off around the school premises or play on the outside equipment at the end of the day.

Furthermore, please ensure that your child is clearly aware of your home time collection arrangement. Children must be collected punctually. We hope this will reduce anxiety and stress for your child.

PARENTS and CARERS of YEAR 6 APPLYING FOR SECONDARY PLACE

I would like to remind you that the application process for transfer to Secondary school has been opened since September 1st and will close on 31st October 2016. It is important **that you visit the Harrow website www.harrow.gov.uk to find out the relevant information.** Please remember applications must be made directly to the Local Authority that you are living in at the time of application, regardless of the borough in which the school is in. A list of all the Open Days can be found on the Council website. Alternatively, information can be retrieved from the website of the relevant school that you are interested in.

We strongly recommend that you complete the application on time and before half term, 21st October. **If you would like to discuss preferences prior to making an application, Mrs Gerrald will be available to meet with you at a suitable mutual convenient time. Miss Patel will also be available to discuss specific special educational needs, inclusion and transition matters.** The whole process can be daunting and cause great anxiety. Please do not hesitate to ask for help.

LUNCHTIME MEALS Families who have still not settled their dinner money accounts for last term are asked to do so at the earliest opportunity. If there are difficulties doing this then please seek the advice of Mrs Kumar, who will be able to support you further.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS Last term, numerous children and some family members at the end of club were found wandering around the school unsupervised. As a school, we consider safeguarding a priority. Therefore, from next Monday, Club Leaders will escort the children to the school gate, where they will be picked up safely. Children who leave items in the classroom will not be able to collect them until the following day or return into school with their parent.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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Should you have any concerns about a child's welfare, Please speak to designated members of staff for Child Protection and Safeguarding:

Ms Pandya

Mrs Rai

Krishna Avanti Primary School Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding is

Mr Yuvraj Rana

INCLUSION MATTERS Miss Patel leads the School Inclusion Team and is responsible for Special Educational Needs. If you would like to discuss matters related to your child's learning and development needs, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see her.

MEDICAL Please speak to your child's teacher if there have been any recent changes to your child's medical requirements.

Finally, please ensure we have your correct addresses and contact telephone numbers.

The school team are looking forward to welcoming you all into school at various opportunities. We hope your time with us will be very happy and you will soon feel very much part of our school vision. I believe in a partnership between parents and the school and I trust that you will support us in our work, helping your children to fulfil their potential. Clearly your child's class teacher should be your first point of contact, but if you feel there are any issues you wish to discuss with the Senior Leadership Team, Mrs Gerrald, Miss Patel, Ms Pandya or myself, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment. On behalf of the school team, we are really looking forward to an enjoyable term and working in close partnership with you over the coming year.

Thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Yours sincerely,



Bindu Rai
Principal