

# Krishna Avanti PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Onwards and Upwards.....



Dear Parents/Carers,

### 'Welcome Back'

It has been a relatively short time since my previous newsletter was distributed, however, I felt it would be useful to update you all once more.

In order to ensure you are fully informed of our developments at all levels, we will communicate with you in a variety of ways:

- ◆ Headteacher -Whole school development newsletter;
- ◆ Headteacher and specific staff- Drop-down workshops;
- ◆ Class Teacher - Class based curriculum newsletter;
- ◆ Regular updates on any current information via ParentMail from the Senior Leadership Team;
- ◆ Ongoing updates from your child's class teacher once per term and as and when required.

On another note, our Ethics and Philosophy theme this half term is **'integrity'** and we will begin the process of exploring the meaning of this word over the coming weeks. I did manage to ask some pupils what the word meant last week and their responses were as follows—Integrity is about; honesty, love and being true.

I found these initial comments very similar to that of my own thoughts, how wise and thoughtful our children are at such a young age! It also reminded me of the conversation that I had with Radhanath Swami at the Ratha Yatra celebrations during the summer holidays:

*'Integrity means to be honest and truthful'. It means to maintain our ideas and values, even in the face of temptation and fear.'*

A powerful statement, particularly if we consider the spiritual element of our school and how the word *integrity* relates to; academic excellence and character development. Something for us all to ponder.....

### Our Pupils.....

We recently completed our Student Council re-elections, as the pupils requested. Our new members have now been confirmed and will now include representatives from all phases.

Congratulations to:

**Reception: Prisha and Vindavan**  
**Class 1: Esha and Krishan**  
**Class 2: Jay and Rayna**  
**Class 3: Anish and Tirth**  
**Class 4: Yadav and Dhru**

All pupils did a variety of presentations in an attempt to convince others to vote for them and these included role play, presentations on the big screen and personal speeches and it was all very

Our Pupils continued.

impressive! Two of our governors who were visiting the school at the time, were also very impressed.

We also asked all pupils to vote for two girls, who would operate at a senior and more strategic level across the school to take forward the Girls Improvement Group. The girls will shadow both myself and Mrs Pandya and the first thing we will do is to create a formal job description with them—no pressure!

The winners are:

**Dia -Class 4 and Amaia - Class 3**

I will be writing to all members to congratulate them personally.

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### DATES FOR THE DIARY.....

- Drop-down session with class teachers - **26th and 27th March**. An opportunity to have a short face to face meeting with your class teacher—more information to follow.
- FOKAS—Dinner and Dance- **23rd March** .
- Parent Drop-in Sessions 6.00-7.00pm: -**25th March**— Discussion and Behaviour Management workshop for those who want to attend.
- Guar Purnima celebrations - 18th March.
- Diversity Week 11-15 March will include variety of activities, to explore differences and supporting one another.

**Easter Holidays  
1st —12th April**



## School Systems and Procedures.....

### BEHAVIOUR—Our Golden Standards

- Be kind, helpful and gentle: think of others;
- Be respectful: listen and act respectfully, use good manners;
- Be honest and responsible: think before you act; tell the truth;
- Be Safe: care for people and property;
- Be courageous: Learn Brilliantly.

**Keep an eye on the ParentMail, as this will have important information that we want to share with you all.**

**Free School Meals**  
PLEASE contact Mrs Radia, if you think you are entitled to Free School Meals.

**ParentPay**  
Please ensure your child's Dinner Money account is up to date on ParentPay. Payment for Spring term 2 is £48.

In order for our pupils to develop the above skills, it is essential that we as adults model how we expect our young children to behave. Our behaviour management system of 'stay on green', is very much based upon pupil ownership. We want the children to recognise that we all have the ability to make choices, some right and some wrong and if we do decide to make the wrong choice, there is always a 'consequence' to our actions. Our system is very much about 'giving back' to our community when we do not follow the golden standards, along with a reflection period, in order to change a behaviour pattern. Some parents have already met with Mrs Radia, however, if you do require any support, please do feel free to contact Mrs Radia, either myself or Mrs Pandya—we are more than happy to support parents/carers with this area. Mrs Radia is also available for parenting sessions on a Friday morning.

### Attendance

Our Attendance Strategy and associated interventions are now in full swing we have aspirational target of between 97-98%! If you do require any support, please let us know as quickly as possible. Working in a proactive manner is always the most effective way to ensure that our attendance levels are as good as they can be. We must improve in this area as according to the new Ofsted Performance Dashboard, unfortunately, KAPS was in the bottom 40% of schools for overall attendance at 95% between 2011-2012 and we must improve this figure this year.

### Our Developments.....

Nurture Groups based upon developing expressive language and creative potential.

NCCL Law Courts Project for selected pupils.

Class Assemblies with parents.

Chinese New Year celebrations.

Whole School writing developments—word mats, literacy pyramids for our older children to extend all elements of writing.

Phonics catch-up groups.

Developing our library for our more advanced readers.

*Chance to Shine—selected pupils will work with a real cricket coach and will also visit Lords Cricket Ground and secure extra resources for the school.*

### Early Birds Club—Elms

This club is now in full operation and is proving to be a huge success. If you are interested in joining, please enquire with the school office.

### Easter Holiday Clubs

Information on our Easter Holiday clubs has been e-mailed and sent by hard copy. Please see the school office if you require another copy of the flyer sent for Crazee Kids.

Crazee Kids are back again with an extremely exciting programme!



## Food Items-FAQ's

Food must **NOT** contain? **Nuts, egg, garlic, and onion. All food should be vegetarian**

### **How can I tell if a product is suitable for vegetarians?**

You can either call the manufacturer directly or look for wording on the product which indicates that it is vegetarian. Most common signs are the Vegetarian Society logo, manufacturers' own sign (usually a "V"), and wording that reads "suitable for vegetarians".

Note that manufactures are always changing their products' ingredients so check for vegetarian suitability **every time** you buy the item. (Fortunately some cosmetics/soaps/shower gels/creams/toothpastes etc available at supermarkets are also suitable for vegetarians and are labeled indicating this)

### **If a product made in the UK has a label indicating it is vegetarian, can I assume the same item if made in another country, is also vegetarian?**

NO! Different countries use different ingredients for the same branded product.

### **Why can't I just check the list of ingredients on the product as I know which E numbers etc are not vegetarian?**

You can **NOT** tell if a product is vegetarian by only checking the ingredients because some ingredients, if they make up less than 2% of the final product, do not have to be listed. Eggs, if in the product, however do have to be mentioned on the label of pre-packed foods.

### **Surely there can't be anything non-vegetarian in fruit juices? Do I still need to look for a vegetarian sign on things like this?**

YES! Some juices contain fish extracts which are **NOT** mentioned on the label.

### **What about cross contamination?**

Manufacturers, retailers and caterers are only allowed to label a product as vegetarian if they are able to demonstrate that foods presented as 'vegetarian' or 'vegan' have not been contaminated with non-vegetarian or non-vegan foods during storage, preparation, cooking or display.

## Dress Code Drive

Can all parents/carers please ensure that their children:

Wear the correct uniform at all times—This can be found on the school website, if you require any guidance.

We would also like to clarify the following:

- ◆ No multi coloured socks are allowed in school;
- ◆ Hair should be neat and tidy—no extreme haircuts and tied back if long (no brightly coloured hairbands—black, grey or dark blue please).
- ◆ Appropriate shoes, not black trainers.
- ◆ No long ear-rings only studs.
- ◆ Please ensure that neck beads are close to the neck and tucked inside the shirt/polo shirts.

Many of these requirements are to also ensure Health and Safety standards are met and your co-operation is very much appreciated.