



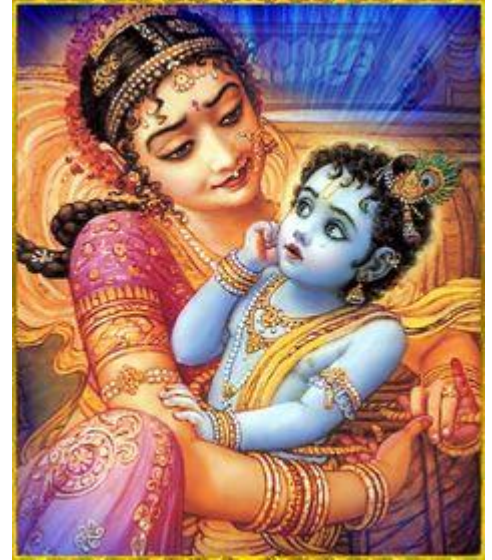
17th October 2016

Dear Parent and Carers,

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK We begin the week at school with the start of the month long festival of Kartik. It is also known as Damodar

Ms Ahuja has planned the month by each child having the opportunity to offer a candle to Mother Yasoda and Lord Krishna.

The children will also learn the eight beautiful verses of Damodarastakam and it will be played across the school each morning.



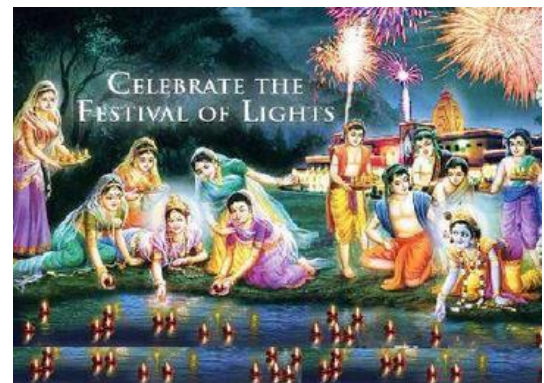
VALUES OF Respect, Empathy,
Self – Discipline and Gratitude

We will also continue with our celebrations of Black History Month and preparations for Diwali.

On Wednesday 19th October Class 4 will celebrate Black History Month. They will share with us their learning journey.

On Friday 21st October, children can come to school in their celebration clothes for Diwali. It is a non – uniform day. However, sensible school shoes must be worn. There will be no P.E lessons on this day.

Class 5 will be performing to us and then children will take part in various Diwali learning activities.



HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION leading up to GORVARDHAN PUJA

Year 2 children performed splendidly last week, as they shared their knowledge about Harvest around the world. They also spoke about Thanksgiving and the Jewish festival of Sukkhot. They sang and danced beautifully and performed the story of Lord Krishna lifting Govardhan Hill.

The whole school were so impressed by the children's confidence. I was particularly proud of the children, since they have only been in Year 2 for six weeks, they are one of the youngest and delivered such an entertaining assembly. Well Done.



Furthermore, the school team would like to say an enormous thank you for your kind generous donation of food for our Harvest "Table of Plenty". Your act of kindness will make many struggling families in our community feel cared for.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MAKING DECISIONS On Friday, voting took place across the school. Pupils held Husting and demonstrated values of democracy as each child had the opportunity to be elected fairly to represent their class for the year as a School Council Representative or an ECO Committee Representative.

The post of responsibility is an important one.

They act as a link between their class and other year groups, the teaching team and governing body. Reps have to be willing and able to put forward other people's views even if they disagree with them.

What kind of person makes a good representative?

- Approachable.
- Good listener - everyone in the class has to feel comfortable talking to you.
- Organised - it will be your responsibility to make sure meetings happen in your class on a regular basis.
- Assertive - the opinions of your class are just as important as everyone else's.
- Efficient - class discussions must cover a lot of issues in a short space of time.
- Fair - everyone has the right to express a point of view.
- Good communicator - you need to be able to work with staff and students from across the school.



We will be announcing the new Representatives after half term.

AND FINALLY... Thank you to all 58 parents and carers who attended our first Parent Forum on Friday. The turn out to the event was so pleasing and encouraging. Your enthusiasm to support and build our school vision was informative.



I am currently tying up all your views and will circulate them on the website.

In addition to this, your opinions will be incorporated into the School Development Plan.

I also look forward to your active support through our Friends of Krishna Avanti School fundraising activities.



Here are a few comments to share with you :

" The teachers are attentive to our needs."

" My child talks about the values – he explains that he shares, is kind and will pray for others."

" I would like better communication between teachers and the school office, so that less time is wasted."

" I think it's a good idea for my child to eat in the Prashadam Hall, so that he remembers the importance of respect."

" There is a good range and variety of hot, healthy lunchtime food."

" I like how the ethics, character formation and moral values are taught."

" I would like a workshop on Sanskrit, so that I can help my child at home."

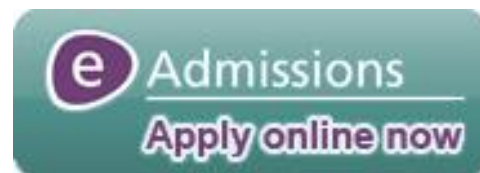
" I would like a workshop about how to use Purple Mash at home".

" I would like to understand how my child is assessed in different subjects."

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER TO SECONDARY or RECEPTION CLASS

As the 31st of October deadline looms, I am writing to remind you that you must apply for admissions for September 2017. I have attached our online leaflet which is a step by step guide on how to apply online and I have attached an advert including primary and secondary deadline dates.

If you have any queries, please speak to the office team or myself so that we can help you to apply.



SECONDARY SCHOOLS PLACEMENT – WHERE DID OUR CHILDREN GO IN SEPTEMBER 2016?

A few parents have requested statistical information about transition last year. Below are the results. There were 31 pupils in the cohort.

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| Avanti House School | 20 |
| Queen Elizabeth School | 1 |
| Rickmansworth High School | 1 |
| Watford Grammar Girls | 1 |
| Watford Grammar Boys | 1 |
| Merchant Taylors' | 2 |
| St Clement and Danes | 1 |
| Queens' School | 1 |
| Upton Court Grammar | 1 |
| Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School | 1 |
| Cannons High | 1 |



Wishing you a good week ahead. On behalf of the school team we wish you a Happy Diwali and a peaceful New Year.

We look forward to the children returning to school on Monday 7th November. Wishing you all an enjoyable and restful holiday.



Mrs Bindu Rai
Principal

DIARY DATES for the autumn term to help you plan ahead. You'll see from the dates there's plenty to look forward to. There will be some additions of workshops and class trips. However, a separate letter will be sent home.

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| 19/10/16 | Class 4A Black History Month Assembly | |
| 21/10/16 | Non Uniform – Diwali Celebrations Children can dress up in their favourite clothes. However, sensible shoes must be worn. |  |
| 21/10/16 | Class 5A Diwali Assembly (Gorvandan Puja 31/10) (Sri Prabhupada disappearance day 3/11) Class 5 invited to perform at St Luke's Hospice |  |
| 21/10/16 | Break Up Half Term | |
| 07/11/16 | Pupils Return | |
| 07/11/16 | Deliver Harvest Food to Harrow Food Bank | |
| 08/11/16 | Support Anti – Bullying and E-Safety Month Raising awareness | |
| 08/11/16 | Year 6 visit Westminster Abbey | |
| 09/11/16 | Class 6A Remembrance Assembly | |
| 11/11/16 | 2 minute Silence – Remembrance Sunday, Royal British Legion & Armistice Day | |
| 14/11/16 | Sports Challenge Week commences | |
| 14/11/16 | Guru Nanak Dev Ji Birthday | |
| 15/11/16 | Announcement of new School Council Representatives Announcement of ECO Committee, Announcement of Dream Jar Challenge Winners | |
| 15/11/16 | Year 4 Trip to The British Museum | |
| 16/11/16 | Prospective Reception parents Talk and Tour of school 9.30 – 10.45am | |
| 16/11/16 | Special visitor to talk about Remembrance | |
| 16/11/16 | Reading Workshop Year 1 and Year 2 at 2.45pm - TBC | |
| 24/11/16 | Science Week commences (mid –week) | |
| 30/11/16 | Prospective Reception parents Talk and Tour of school 9.30 – 10.45am | |
| 30/11/16 | Reading Workshop Year 1 and Year 2 at 2.45pm -TBC | |
| 30/11/16 | Celebration assembly about Science | |
| 07/12/16 | Prospective Reception parents Talk and Tour of school 9.30 – 10.45am | |
| 13/12/16 | Parent Consultation 1 evening | |
| 14/12/16 | Parent Consultation 2 evening | |
| 16/12/16 | Reception Nativity production for parents/ carers am | |
| 16/12/16 | End of term | |

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| 09/01/17 | Pupils Return |
| 09/01/17 | No After School Clubs this week |
| 10/01/17 | RSBP Bird Watch month commences |
| 16/01/17 | After School Clubs commence |
| 19/01/17 | KAPSH Has Got Talent Show in the evening – details to follow |