

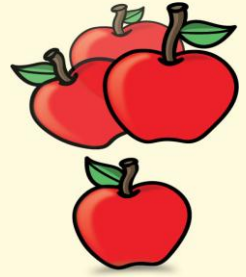
# Krishna Avanti Primary School

## Newsletter

### Dear Parents/ Carers

Welcome Back!

It is great to have the children back after a what seems like a long break. The half term ahead is short but promises to be very busy for the children and staff.



### Renewal of Home-School Agreement

We will be reviewing our home school agreement this term. You should receive a draft copy of the Home-School agreement that will have a section for children too. The document clarifies basic expectations that the school, pupils and the parents can have of each other to support highly effective education, care and well-being of all our learners. We would like every family to sign up to the renewed agreement before next term.

### Introduction to Taekwondo

Classes in Taekwondo begin this half term for Years 5 and 6, with the explicit aim of helping them to develop, physical stamina and flexibility, as well as, self-discipline, focus and control. A Taekwondo after-school club will begin from January 2015 and should offer excellent terms of engagement for all pupils age 5 upwards. Look out for more information in the spring term booking of extra-curricular programme !!

### Lost property: Labeling of clothing!

We have a substantial collection of school uniform and other personal belongings of children. This includes shoes, coats, sweaters and lunch boxes and so on. Please label children's belongings to help us locate the rightful owner and to save you unnecessary expenditure of replacing lost belongings. From now on, we will display lost property in the school playground each Friday to prevent volumes. Please look out for your lost property.

### Taking care during winter

As winter is fast approaching the playground and walkways into school may be slippery. We will grit the icy areas. Please take care when coming into school on the cold and slippery wintery mornings as parents and children rush in for the 8am start.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for all your support in keeping and ensuring that attendance is good. Our school's average is currently at 97.5%. Let's work together to aim for 99%. If children are not here they can't be learning.

### Focusing on self-discipline:

As part of our drive to encourage children to experience better self-discipline, the staff and I have currently revising our policy on rewards, responsibilities and sanctions. A greater focus on personal and social responsibility means that the school will take a much more serious view of persistent breaches of school rules and behavior that are disruptions to learning of other children. Persistently poor behavior is unacceptable as it gets in the way of happiness and safety of many. Fortunately there are no more than a handful of children who fall foul of school expectations. The vast majority of our children are orderly and hard working. They are very keen that their learning should not suffer because of a disturbance caused by a few. I will circulate the outcomes of our review for your comments before finalising these.

Homework return is looking very good. Many thanks for your time and effort in supporting children with their home learning. Your help at home makes a huge impact on children's motivation to learn and succeed – we can see the difference where it makes when children are receiving regular help at home.



You will be pleased to know that over the holidays 65 new tablets were installed with an excellent range of software to promote a wider range of high quality personalised learning for all the children. I am sure you will hear a lot more about this once the children start using the new learning tools...Any volunteers out there to give children 1 to 1 sessions on becoming expert users of the tablets ?? Please call / email the school office if you can help.

## Michael Morpurgo Workshop



This week Year 2-6 enjoyed an excellent Michael Morpurgo workshop, led by Tom, a professional storyteller - in order to encourage reading. Children were engaged in a variety of activities including role play, reading and writing. They had all studied the famous author Michael Morpurgo's text 'The best Christmas present in the world' in preparation for Tom's visit.

## Calling in Volunteers

Last year we were delighted to have built up an impressive number of volunteers working in school, primarily helping children with literacy and numeracy. Their individual attention to children made a huge difference and the impact could be seen in the progress children made by the end of the summer. We are currently running low as a few volunteers have taken full time work or study or have moved away. If you can give us some time on a regular basis during school hours please email the school office -

[kapsharrow@avanti.org.uk](mailto:kapsharrow@avanti.org.uk)

## Student Council Election

Children had the opportunity to elect their representative for their classes in the student council elections that had taken place before the holidays.

**Congratulations to the new team!!**

More about this next week.

## Diwali Celebration



Krishna Avanti children enjoyed a unique experience as they attended a Diwali celebration. They recited verses from the Gita and Guru Granth Sahib to start off the celebration for Ed Miliband and many other VIP's. The children were excellent ambassadors of Krishna Avanti Primary School and promoted the school's ethos and values. They did us and you proud!

## Reception Classes Parent Workshop



Parents at work in Reception Classes learning about reading and phonics

## Important Dates for your diary

| Date                           | Time                     | Event  |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <b>24 – 26 November</b>        | <b>9.30 -10.30</b>       | <b>Open Mornings – September 2015 admissions</b>                 |
| <b>2 December</b>              | <b>3.00pm- 5.30pm</b>    | <b>Parent -Teacher Progress meeting</b>                          |
| <b>4 December</b>              | <b>3.00pm- 5.30pm</b>    | <b>Parent -Teacher Progress meeting</b>                          |
| <b>11 December</b>             | <b>Time to follow</b>    | <b>Whole school Christmas Assembly</b><br><b>Parents invited</b> |
| <b>12 December</b>             | <b>Finish at 12.00pm</b> | <b>Last Day of Autumn Term</b>                                   |
| <b>15 December – 2 January</b> | <b>School Closed</b>     | <b>Winter holiday</b>  |
| <b>5 January</b>               | <b>8.00am</b>            | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Day of Spring Term</b>                         |



## OPEN MORNINGS

KRISHNA AVANTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

We will be having our open mornings for nursery and reception 2015 admissions intake.

Dates: 24, 25, 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Time: 9.30 -10.30

**Deadline for Reception Applications: 15 January 2015**  
(please apply to local borough for Reception, SIF/ BMF forms needs to be submitted to school)

**Deadline for Nursery Applications: 2 March 2015**  
(Application forms are available at our school office)