



KRISHNA AVANTI
PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2015

Dear Parents/ Carers,

we have just reached the end of the first half term of the year and the children have been very busy learning new skills and making good progress.

I have been at Krishna Avanti for just over two weeks and would like to say a huge thank you to you all for making me feel so welcome. Although I am trying very hard to learn everyone's name, I will need just a little longer to do this. However, I am working hard and the children are being very helpful.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and peaceful half term break? Happy Diwali

Mrs. R. Hastings

TEACHINGS FROM BHAGAVAD GITA

Bhagvad Gita Chapter 5 Verse 26 Self Discipline

*kāma-krodha-vimuktānām
yatīnām yata-cetasām
abhito brahma-nirvāṇam
vartate veditātmanām*

Translation:

Those who are free from anger and all material desires, who are self-realized, self-disciplined and constantly endeavoring for perfection, are assured of liberation in the Supreme in the very near future.

Attendance Matters

At Krishna Avanti, we take pupil attendance and punctuality very seriously. Every day and every minute are important and it can take time for children to catch up if they miss even the smallest part of the day.

We monitor attendance and punctuality very carefully and will send letters home to families where attendance falls below 95% (national expectation) and/or when lateness totals more than 15 minutes or is more than twice a week. If you or your family are having difficulties with this, please do come in to school to meet with a member of the senior leadership team to see how we can help.

Sadly, persistent absenteeism and lateness may result in a referral to the Education Welfare Services.

OUR IMPROVING SCHOOL; PARENT WORKSHOPS

It was lovely to see so many of you at the parent workshops held last week. The feedback shows how much you valued these sessions and how you would like to have more. The Early Years team are already busy planning a session around Phonics. We will be writing to let you know more details after half term.

Many parents were keen to know more about what their children are learning. We will be putting more curriculum information on the school website over the next few weeks.

Free School Meals Eligibility

Did you know that every child who is known to be eligible for Free School Meals allows their school to gain extra funding to ensure that they achieve the highest standards and do not fall behind.

This funding is used to improve staffing and facilities that benefit the children. To find out if you qualify, use the Free School Meals eligibility checker by visiting <http://fsm.lgfl.net>.

It only takes a moment!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

EXHIBITION OPENS THURSDAY
15TH OCTOBER IN THE SCHOOL
HALL AND QUADRANGLE.



VALUES FOR SECOND HALF OF TERM

Our value for the next half term will be **Self Discipline**. We will be reflecting on this value not only in our collective worship but also in our learning too.

ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

The admissions process for our Year 6 pupils transferring to secondary school, Reception and Nursery intake for 2016 has already started. Please make sure that you are aware of the following deadlines. Please see the school website for further details. If you would like support with this, please do speak to a member of the office staff who would be happy to help.

Open Morning

We will be having our open mornings for nursery and reception 2016 admissions intake.

Dates: 25th & 26th November 2015

Time: 9.30 -11.00

Deadline for Secondary School Applications: 31 October 2015 (please apply to local borough for year 7 application)

Deadline for Reception Applications: 15 January 2015
(please apply to local borough for Reception, SIF/ BMF forms are submitted directly to the school office)

Deadline for Nursery Applications: 2 March 2015
(Application forms are available at our school office, SIF/ BMF forms are submitted directly to the school office)



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ON LINE

With the even greater use of technology around us everywhere, it is sometimes confusing as to what our children may be exposed to. As a general reminder, the use of any social media is not legitimate for people under the age of 13. However, we know that services such as SKYPE and Whatsapp are easily available. In order to keep your child safe, please do keep an eye on what apps they are using. I have attached a very helpful guide for parents with this letter. If you have any concerns, do speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help.



USEFUL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2nd November; children return after half term

Monday 9th November; KS2 Diwali Assembly

Tuesday 10th November; KS1 Diwali Assembly

Wednesday 11th November; school closed for Diwali

Thursday 12th November; school closed for Puja

OPEN MORNINGS.

Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th November

Parent Consultations

Tuesday 1st December and Thursday 3rd December

LOST CLOTHES

There are already a large number of items of clothing in school that have been left behind by the children. Robert has been putting these in the KS1 play area at the end of the week. So if you know that something is missing, please look there. It helps enormously if children have their name in their clothing. Over the break, please do check so that your child's uniform could be returned to them easily if lost.