

KRISHNA AVANTI PRIMARY SCHOOL Camrose Avenue Edgware Middlesex HA8 6ES

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Dear Parents and Carers,

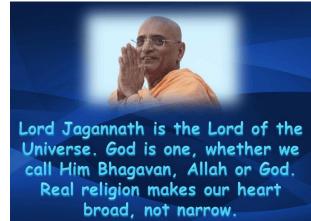
I begin this week's newsletter kindly requesting you to join the children and school team in thoughtful contemplation and prayer about the recent terrible events that have happened in London Bridge, Manchester, Grenfell Tower and on Sunday in Finsbury Park. It is heartbreaking to hear and see images of such tragic incidents on the media. In equal measure it is hard to explain to young children what has happened and why it has happened. It is clear that such events have a profound affect upon shaping opinions and thoughts.

At Krishna Avanti we actively promote values, virtues and ethics that shape our pupils character and moral perspective, through the teachings of Krishna Chaitanya. Our small act of kindness through prayers and will be powerful towards demonstrating our galvanised support for those who are suffering during this difficult time.

**RATH YATRA WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE** - We warmly invite you to our annual Rathyatra celebration. In line with the festival in Sri Jagannath Puri Dhama, India, we will take our beautiful deities of Lord Jagannath, Lord Baladev and Lady Subhadra on their wonderfully decorated chariot and parade them around the school grounds with the view to bring the Lords from their palatial home in Dwarka to their childhood home in Vrindavan.

The children are invited to wear their festival outfits throughout the day for this occasion. Please make sure they wear sensible shoes and sunhats if the weather continues to be bright and sunny.

May Lord Jagannath
Bless you abundantly
and fill your life with
The virtue of truth
Non- violence &
External compassion
Jai Sri Krsna







Today, our Nursery and Reception children completed their FOKAS Sponsored Walk. They had an exciting time, as they walked along Camrose Avenue.

Well done children for your efforts and thank you so much to our parent volunteers.





**Sherpa Kids** - After careful consideration, John Geers (club leader) has decided to no longer host Sherpa Kids at KAPS. Therefore, come the Autumn Term (September 2017) this club will no longer be available and parents will have to look for an alternative arrangement. We are looking at options of hosting a new club and will inform parents if this does take effect.

Parents may wish to note that the government has introduced an additional 30 hours per week of free childcare over 38 weeks. Although this is aimed at children between the ages of 2-4 years, there are other childcare options that parents may be eligible to apply for and parents can check whether they are eligible for a range of government childcare offers, including 30 hours, via Childcare Choices at: <a href="https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk">https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk</a> or the Childcare Calculator at: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator">https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator</a>

If parents are eligible for 30 hours per week of free childcare (over 38 weeks) or other childcare options you may wish to visit Harrow Council website that has a list of registered child-minders. For ease of reference I've attached the necessary link below. This will allow working parents to make the necessary arrangements for the collection of their children. <a href="http://www.harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_in\_harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare\_options/265/registered\_childminders\_childminders\_in

**PMX - Parentmail -** <u>https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk</u> - We have moved across to the parent-mail PMX system and parents have been sent a number of emails for registration. If you are experiencing problems in registering, please do email Mrs Natha <a href="mailto:bhakti.natha@avanti.org.uk">bhakti.natha@avanti.org.uk</a> or come in to see her in the school office between 8.15am-10.30am - Mrs Natha would be happy to assist.

**2017/18 Academic Year School Calendar/Term Dates** - Please see link below for the school term dates 2017-2018 academic year. Can parents please note that any holidays or travel arrangements should only be booked during the school holiday period. There are sufficient holidays within academic year for you to make travel arrangements.

We would also like to highlight that the Christmas period is only two weeks. The school monitors attendance closely to ensure that all our children can achieve their full potential and would be grateful for your support.

Please click here to download the 2017/18 academic year school calendar for Krishna Avanti Primary school.

**Pupil Premium:** The Pupil Premium is funding from the Department for Education which is additional to the main school funding. It is allocated according to the number of pupils on-roll who are eligible for free school meals (FSM), a smaller amount is allocated according to the number of children of service families, and an allocation for each pupil who has been, Looked After" (in care) for 6 months or more or a pupil who was adopted in the UK. In our school funds are allocated, for example, to support parents in purchasing school uniform, to support children's achievement and their participation in extra- curricular activities including school trips.

To find out if you qualify for the Pupil Premium Grant, please use the Free School Meals eligibility checker by visiting <a href="http://fsm.lgfl.net">http://fsm.lgfl.net</a>. Once you have accessed the website, you will be able to quickly and easily check if you are entitled. It gives you an immediate "yes" or "no" response and may notify the school. IF YOUR CHILD WAS ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS LAST YEAR, YOU MUST STILL RE -APPLY USING THE ABOVE WEBSITE. It's quick and easy to find out if you are eligible and it only takes a moment! If you are eligible for FSM please inform the school office by email. Please visit the school's website <a href="https://www.avanti.org.uk/kapsharrow">www.avanti.org.uk/kapsharrow</a> to find out further inform



## **DIARY DATES**

## Please kindly note the additions made

| 19/06/17 | Refugee Week   |
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| 21/06/17 | Rath Yatra celebrations – Please join us on this special day. We will have       |
|          | various activities and learning taking place throughout the day. Please let you  |
|          | child's class teacher know if you can stay and help.                             |
| 22/06/17 | EYFS fundraiser for Great Ormond Street Hospital Baked Cake Sale – do come       |
|          | and support this very worthwhile charity by purchasing a cake or two.            |
| 23/06/17 | Year 6 Junior Citizen morning Trip   |
| 26/06/17 | Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 FOKAS SPONSORED WALK - for registered children          |
|          | only at 9.30am. Please come along to volunteer your help                         |
| 27/06/17 | Reception Classes Singing Performance to Parents at 8.30am                       |
| 27/06/17 | Nursery Picnic - weather permitting TBC  |
| 28/06/17 | Tabla classes commence for children who have signed up and paid – separate       |
|          | letter to follow to those parents who have expressed an interest.                |
| 29/06/17 | Sports Day choice 1 weather permitting TBC – We will inform parents on           |
|          | Monday if this is still going ahead  |
| 30/06/17 | Science Museum Year 4 trip   |
| 30/06/17 | Year 1 trip to Willows Farm – Parents to pay £20.00 by 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2017 |
| Sunday   | Gita Classes 10am - 1.00pm - You are warmly invited to attend a                  |
| 02/07/17 | lively session of a presentation and discussion at the school- further           |
|          | details to follow  |
| 06/07/17 | Reception Teddy Bear Picnic at Chandos Park                                      |
| 07/07/17 | School Council Class Book Bay Competition winners to a BOOK MAKING TRIP          |
| 09/07/17 | <b>SUNDAY FOKAS SUMMER FAIR</b> – save the date, support and help out.           |
| 11/07/17 | Year 3 Trip to Verulamium Museum   |
| 12/07/17 | Bikeability Lessons commence for Year 6  |
| 12/07/17 | Sports Day choice 2 weather permitting TBC                                       |
| 14/07/17 | Last date to book clubs for the autumn term 2017 – Autumn Term Flyers 2017       |
| 14/07/17 | Annual Pupil Reports go home   |
| 17/07/17 | Year 5 to visit Wembley Stadium and to meet friends of Sinai Primary School      |
| 17/07/17 | Parent Open Evening 2.30pm – 5.00pm – a chance to wander around the              |
|          | classrooms to view the learning that has been showcased. A chance to talk to     |
|          | your child's current class teacher and to meet your child's new teachers         |
| 20/07/17 | Year 1 trip to Willows Farm  |
| 20/07/17 | Year 6 Leavers Graduation and Performance followed by Leavers party              |
| 24/07/17 | Children spend time with their new teacher                                       |
| 25/07/17 | Celebration and Goodbye assembly. Break up for the summer                        |
|          | holiday  |
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