



# KRISHNA AVANTI

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back! I hope you all had a good holiday, and are ready for the busy summer term ahead.

For those who celebrated various festivals including Easter, Ramanavami and Baisakhi, I hope you enjoyed celebrating through prayers and thoughtful deeds.



We ended last term with great enthusiasm and with our House competition of Lord Krishna's Jewels Hunt. The results will be revealed at Wednesday Headteacher Award assembly. I would like to send an enormous thank you to the School Council who carefully organised the event and to FOKAS who supported the event. They will be delivering prizes shortly. Finally, thank you to our mums who helped out during the morning.





### Looking after all creatures

Respecting animals and pets.

RSPCA WEEK

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

During the week we shall talk about the importance of animals in our lives. We will also share with the children the job that is diligently carried out by the RSPCA charity organisation.

**STAFF ABSENCE:** Thank you kindly for being understanding during the last term due to staff absences. We have had a number of staff members ill or recovering from operations and we have effectively managed to cover those classes where staff fell short. I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to the school team for everything they have done to ensure the children's work has not been affected in any way.

I am delighted that Ms Hongu has returned to work but for the time being it will be part time only.

Mrs Solanki will be undertaking an operation this week. Therefore, she will not be in school for at least 6 weeks as she makes a full recovery. I am sure you would want to wish Mrs Gerrald and Mrs Solanki a continued healthy recovery.

It is hard to believe that the children are in the final term of this academic year and the diary is already filled with so many interesting learning opportunities. See the diary dates on the newsletter to read some of the planned activities.

**YOGA and MINDFULNESS LESSONS:** Due to the holiday break, Mrs Hothi only taught Key Stage 2

The children started with the sun salutations and pranayam. The children recounted all the fun activities they had undertaken during the break. They then learned about how important all their body parts are. Without ears we wouldn't be able to hear, without eyes, there would be no sight, without hands we would have a hard time eating and writing, without legs we would have a hard time walking or running. The class was divided into two teams, they had to understand what Mrs Hothi was saying if they were deaf. **They focused upon our values of empathy and gratitude.** They had to think of different yoga poses to do if they had no hands. At the end of the exercise children learned that if we do not even have one sense or one body part that functions effectively then our daily life becomes very hard. They empathised with people who have disabilities and how they struggle each day. The children concluded how they should be thankful to the Lord for their body and appreciate how it helps us.

**Extra Home Learning:** I am so pleased that we have lots of children who have been undertaking extra home learning activities during the holiday period. Well done to Harit who has carried out her own research about London and produced a magnificent model of London Tower Bridge. Well done also to Sianna, who created a book about the life of Romans and a beautiful glittering mosaic.



We are taking part in the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers scheme. The vouchers are being handed out in store until Tuesday 2nd May, and we would be really grateful if you could please bring any vouchers into school as soon as possible after the closing date.

**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.

**PMX - Parentmail** - <https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk> - We have moved across to the new 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 [bhakti.natha@avanti.org.uk](mailto:bhakti.natha@avanti.org.uk) or come in to see her in the school office between 8.15am-10.30am – Mrs Natha would be happy to assist.

**Pupil Premium - funding to support vulnerable learners** - 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. 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. Please visit the school's website [www.avanti.org.uk/kapsharrow](http://www.avanti.org.uk/kapsharrow) to find out if you are eligible.

**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.](#)

Wishing you a good week ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Bindu Rai,

Principal

## DIARY DATES:

**DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION!**

### **PROGRESS MORNING VISITS “Thumbs up Tuesday or Thursday”**



We warmly invite you to the following valuable sessions

#### **Thumbs up Sessions are all about:**

Celebrating successes

Ownership for the children

Sharing time together – focussed on learning

Seeing work regularly

Informing parents about what is being learnt

#### **Thumbs up Sessions are not about:**

Taking books home

Looking at other childrens' books – confidential

Parents chatting together

Discussions with teachers

Replacing open mornings / class assemblies / Parent consultation meetings



**We do hope to see you during this initiative. Please sign up for the three weekly visit.**

#### **Speak to the class teacher.**

24/04/17	After School Clubs commence
26/04/17	Prospective Reception Parents tour of school 11.00am – 12.00pm
27/04/17	Fitter Future Day
01/05/17	Bank May Holiday
03/05/17	School Council launch Book Corner Reading Competition
08/05/17	Year 6 SATs Testing period commences
09/05/17	Nrsimha Caturdasi The appearance of Lord Narasimhadeva
12/05/17	Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Trip meeting at 2.00pm
15/05/17	Year 2 SATs Testing period commences
19/05/17	Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Trip
22/05/17	Shakespeare Enrichment Week
25/05/17	Pupils break up for half term
26/05/17	Training day for school staff only
<b>29/05/17 – 04/05/17 Half Term Holiday</b>	
05/06/17	Pupils return to school
07/06/17	Snana Yatra
09/06/17	FOKAS Sponsored Walk – Please send in your registration form and £1.00. We would like volunteer help for the event. Further details will be sent out.
16/06/17	Empty Classroom Day learning
19/06/17	Refugee Week
21/06/17	Rath Yatra
23/06/17	Year 6 Junior Citizen morning Trip
28/06/17	Sports Day choice 1 weather permitting
29/06/17	Sports Day choice 2 weather permitting
14/07/17	Year 6 Leavers day trip out