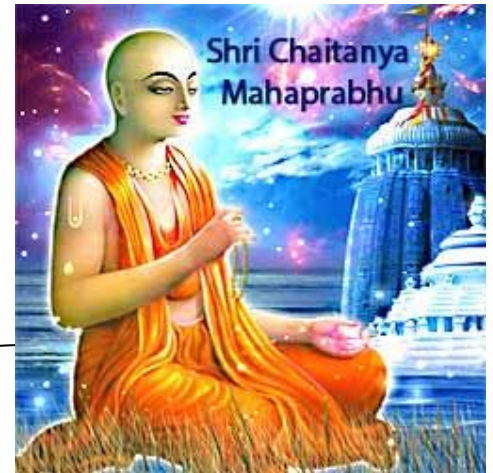




Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Holi - Best wishes for a Happy Gaura Purnima



**KAPS VALUES OF self – discipline, courage, integrity,**

**Lord Caitanya has given the greatest boon: in this age one simply has to chant the holy name of God to attain perfection in spiritual life.**

**Srimad Bhagavatam 3.21.7,  
Srila Prabhupada.**

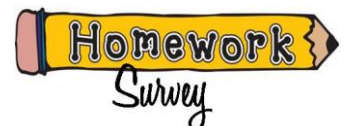
Last week was a memorable peaceful and uplifting occasion where the school joined in the auspicious festival of Gauru Purnima.

A wonderful group of mothers came to help Ms Ahuja and Mrs Joshi to run the celebrations smoothly. I was pleased with the hard work of the children too. Year 6 led kirtan harmoniously for all the year groups and a selected group of Year 5 pupils presented a power point presentation about the meaning of the festival and shared the story of Lord Caitanya. The whole occasion was heart – warming and heart felt. Thank you to everybody who helped in many ways to make it a glorious festival.

**PARENT CONSULTATION** The school team were delighted with the fantastic attendance of yourselves last week. I hope you found the meeting beneficial and the target sheets informative to guide you in the next steps of learning for the children.



**PARENTS SURVEY** The school team appreciates the time given to complete the two surveys. I shall be working with School Council to collate the findings and then we will disseminate the results to you shortly. We will continue to work in partnership with parents and listen to you as well as consider your views.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**



**NSPCC VISIT TO THE SCHOOL** You will be receiving a letter this week to explain the visit and workshop of **The NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe programme. It is to make sure our children have the knowledge and understanding how they need to stay safe from abuse.** Representative, Gabriella will bring the NSPCC mascot Buddy to help all children understand the themes in the workshops. It will be a very worthwhile and empowering session for both children and teachers.



**PARKING** - Once again I am being inundated with comments and complaints about parking inconsiderately, parking in private driveways and general poor and ill manners demonstrated to our community and neighbors. We all know there is congestion, but please be considerate of other road users and our residents. I have also attached a leaflet from Harrow Council regarding 'Parking Problems'. Do ensure you read this important information.

**Attendance week ending 10th March was 98% for the school. The current school attendance for the academic year to date is 96.6%. Your support would be appreciated for us to reach our academic target of 97%.**

**28** children were late from the w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017.



**The classroom doors open from 7.50am so there is no excuse for being late and ready to learn.**

**Our target for the academic year is 97%.**

**For those parents whose children have been late for school frequently, I hope you have read the letter regarding punctuality and will encourage a better morning routine to get to school on time.**

**May I respectfully remind you that we have to closely monitor attendance to school. It is a statutory legal requirement. We expect you to work closely with us in adhering to the DfE and Harrow Council local authority guidelines.**



**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 who 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.](#)

**After School Clubs** – Please be reminded that you only have two weeks to book the Summer Term afterschool clubs.

February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Flyers sent to parents ( <b>2 weeks now left to book</b> )
March 13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parents to book directly with the club leaders
March 20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	Parents to book directly with the club leaders <b>Please note that 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 is the last date to book the clubs</b>

Wishing you a good week ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Bindu Rai,

Principal

## DIARY DATES:

### 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.**



13/03/17	Holi Arrival of Spring
15/03/17	Parent Gym 5 in the conference room - 8.15am
17/03/17	National Poetry Recital Assembly celebration Competition EYFS and KS1
17/03/17	St Patrick's Day (story of the Patron Saint of Ireland)
22/03/17	National Poetry Recital Assembly celebration Competition KS2
22/03/17	Parent Gym session 6 in the conference room - 8.15am
24/03/17	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>RED NOSE DAY</b></p> <p>Red Nose Day - Wear red clothes from head to toe. The best "red dressed" children will win a prize. <b>We kindly request you to donate £1.00 for this national charity fundraising event.</b></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> </div>
29/03/17	NSPCC assembly and workshops
30/03/17	Easter Class assembly Year 3
31/03/17	<p><b>FOKAS EVENT</b> – The committee will be shortly sending out a newsletter. In addition to this, they will be meeting School Council and ECO Committee to find out their thoughts about how they would like to spend the money raised.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>
31/03/17	Break up for Easter Holiday
18/04/17	Pupils return