



KRISHNA AVANTI
PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2015

Dear Parents/ Carers

We are well into the Spring Term and already half way through the year! Our most recent evaluations of children's learning and progress show that overall they are making good progress. This term we have a major focus on encouraging all children to respond to teacher's questions using appropriate subject specific vocabulary. Teachers are making sure that each individual participates in discussion and gets a turn rather than just those raising their hands. This stops some children from taking a back seat and 'opting out' of the learning dialogue. We are also working with the children in one to one conversations to make clear our expectations of the standard of their work, particularly in the quality of their creative writing. All of this should help them to express their thoughts more lucidly and produce writing that is of rich in content and grammatically correct.

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Please find attached our revised draft home school agreement that enshrines the school's aims and values. It sets out the school's responsibilities towards it's pupils and the responsibilities of each pupil's parents and what we expect of our pupils. All schools are required by law to publish a home school agreement. Please forward your feedback to the school office: kapsharrow@avanti.org.uk by Monday, 9th February 2015. We intend to finalise it for a sign off before 1st March 2015.

TEACHINGS FROM BHAGAVAD GITA

"One who is not envious but is a kind friend to all living entities, who does not think of himself a proprietor and is free from false ego, who is equal in both happiness and distress, who is tolerant, always satisfied, self-controlled, and engaged in devotional service with determination, his mind and intelligence fixed on Me - such a devotee of Mine is very dear to Me"

Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 12, Verse 13-14

OUR IMPROVING SCHOOL LUNCHES: FEEDBACK FROM YEAR 6 CHILDREN ON SCHOOL MEALS

We believe that the school lunches have improved due to the optional hot bread served after lunch. The two choices between Indian and European lunches have made children waste less than normal. There are so many new dishes that the children have chosen themselves such as: spaghetti with pesto sauce, lasagne and pizza tart. There is also delicious and healthy deserts served such as: flapjacks, jelly, chocolate cake with custard and chocolate moose or an option of yogurt and fresh fruit.

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!

**Every Day Matters
Every Minute Counts**

**ATTENDANCE FOR
JANUARY 2015**
Averaged at **95 %**
(below national average)
Our Target is **99 %**

Thank you for all your support in keeping and ensuring regular attendance by your children. At KAPS if the children are not here they can't be learning. Every day at school is important. Every minute they are late they miss a part of their education and, over time, they lose confidence and interest in their learning. School starts at 8.00am and children are expected to be in their classrooms ready to start learning by 8.05am



FIRST AID INCIDENTS FOR JANUARY 2015

Thank you for ensuring that children are dressed appropriately for the cold weather and are wearing appropriate footwear. You will be pleased that the number of playground accidents where children tripped or fell declined sharply in the Autumn Term to five in total. We had far fewer accidents in January than the same time last year.

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

KRISHNA AVANTI LIONS

Krishna Avanti Lions vs. Deansbrook Primary

Score: 2 - 0

Our skilled and enthusiastic team of footballers have made us proud in their first football match against Deansbrook Primary. They looked stunning in their brand new football kits and played a game we can be proud of!



SPELLATHON

The children were excited to have their first spellathon at school. Thank you to all our parents for your fantastic support in helping children to learn from their spelling lists. All the children made gains and returned to school after the December holidays with a richer bank of words, they can now spell accurately. Many congratulations to all the winners who did a great job in flying through 2 rounds of a tough test amidst some very stiff competition to win awards as 'Top Spellers'.



CELEBRATING SHEER BRILLIANCE! YOUNG WRITER'S AWARD

Children from Years 2, 5, and 6 submitted their writing, which was entered into a national Young Writer's Awards. Congratulations to all the children who entered. Very special congratulations to all those children whose work was published. Of 18 Key Stage 1 narratives, 13/18, and of Key Stage 2, 43/46 monologues were selected for publishing in a book. This represents work of a very high standard by our children.

BE HEALTHY AND STAY SAFE

ROAD SAFETY

This time of year it is vital that children stay safe on the roads. I know that most of our children do not go home alone but it is important they know of the good old **Green Cross Code**.

The government *THINK!* campaign is aimed at keeping children safe on the roads.

We will hold school assemblies on Road Safety and we know that you will reinforce the message at home. Please visit:

<http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/>

Please also remember to drive safely, particularly around the vicinity of schools.



PARKING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

I am very concerned that the dangerous driving continues outside the school in the morning and afternoon. It is vital that we keep our children safe and at present some of our parent drivers are putting our children at risk. Please be considerate to our neighbours and residents and do not block their driveways or park where there are double yellow lines. If you have to travel to school by car I would urge you to park well away from school and walk. We will be publishing registration numbers of regular defaulting cars in our newsletters to raise safety awareness amongst drivers.

Admissions

Krishna Avanti School is now in consultation for our admissions arrangements for the school year 2016-17 entry onwards. The consultation period runs from 15 December 2014 to 6 Feb 2015.

This is also available on our school website www.avanti.org.ukkapsharrow and the Harrow Council website www.harrow.gov.uk/admissionarrangements.

Comments regarding the proposed admission arrangements should be forwarded to kapsharrow@avanti.org.uk by 6th February 2015 or by Post to the school office.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The following have been topics for discussion by us:

✚ **Pupil Voice Box:** *the pupil voice box allows pupils to express their opinions to the school council privately. It is checked regularly by the school council team.*

✚ **Home School Contract:** *Do you remember when your child started school you got a contract? It was called the home school contract. On it was some agreements that you and your child/ children agreed to follow. Mrs Sahni and teachers have made some changes to make the contract clever. Could you please remind your child/ children and yourself of the agreements on there.*

✚ **Buddy System:** *We have been discussing a buddy system/ friendship stop for the playground. We also discussed 'catch you being good tokens' which is when a teacher catches you being good / helpful - you get a token! We plan to put our ideas in action in the future!*

✚ **Lunchtime monitors:** *We now have lunch time monitors checking if everyone is eating. They are located in the lunch hall. They are:*
Monday: Darshini, Khushi
Tuesday & Wednesday: Darshini, Khushi,
Rayna and Devak
Thursday & Friday: Aastha and Aniyora

These monitors are all school councillors and their job is to make lunchtime a happy time by making sure that the queues move speedily and everyone makes healthy choices and eat enough.

From Members of the Student Council

School Trips 2014-15

To engage in first hand learning, our children made the following visits:

Autumn 2014

Reception Classes - London Zoo
Year 1 H - Tower of London
Year 1 V - Tower of London
Year 2 - Kew Gardens
Year 3 - Science Museum
Year 4 - Science Museum
Year 5 - Science Museum
Year 6 - Science Museum

During Spring, the visits will have included the following:

Spring 2015

Year 2 - Royal Theatre - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Year 3 - The London Museum
Year 4 - Headstone Manor Museum
Year 5 - Theatre - Matilda

Forthcoming Events Planned

Subject to receiving a sufficiently high level of parental interest we have planned the following:

Year 5 Residential Trip

Date: 19th June - 21st June

Venue: PGL Centre, Liddington, Wiltshire

It promises to be an exciting adventure for the children including activities like kayaking, zip wire, raft building, obstacle challenge courses and many more.

Year 6 Residential Trip

Date: 26th June - 28th June

Venue: Mill on the Brue, Bruton, Somerset

The centre in the farm-land environment offers an excellent range of activities for the children.

DATES FOR SPRING TERM

2nd February - 6th February: Science Week

12th February - Reception 1 assembly
(parents are welcome to attend)

16th February - 20th February: Half Term

17th February: Maha Shivaratri

19th February: Chinese New Year
(Year of the Sheep)

27th February: FOKAS Event: "Kirtans"

5th March: World Book Day and
Book Character Day

5th March: Gaura Purnima
(Appearance of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu)

6th March: Holi (Hindu festival of colours)

12th March: Maha Abhishek at school

13th March: Red Nose Day

15th March: Mother's Day

22nd March: World Water Day

27th March: Last Day of Spring Term [School finishes at 12.30pm (Non-uniform day)]

REMINDER

Easter Holidays: 30th March - 13th April

14th April: First Day of Summer Term

FOKAS NEWS

Some exciting events planned by the FOKAS committee for parents, children, friends and families of KAPS.

February - 'Kirtans'

March - Holi

Event flyers to be released soon!