



11th July 2016

Dear Parent and Carers

This week's newsletter extends a warm welcome to our new Reception class families. Last week, they were invited to a formal meeting to explain all the important aspects of school life at Krishna Avanti. On Tuesday, they had another chance to meet the school team and wander around the classrooms.

In September, we are looking forward to our Faith Advisor, Grace Sruti Dharma Prabhu visiting. He will hold a parent meeting explaining the spiritual aspect of learning and character formation based on the teachings of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.



Rath Yatra Chariot Festival 2016 July 2016

Live streaming from Puri, Odisha. It was a wonderful experience to share with Class 2A a part of the live streaming of Ratha Yatra. The children avidly watched the procession of volunteers and devotees gently pulling the strings of the 45 feet high chariots of Lord Jagannath, accompanied by his elder brother Balabhadra and sister Subhadra. What was truly memorable and uplifting about the experience was when the children spontaneously sang kirtan.



Please note that the magnificent Festival will be celebrated in London this Sunday.

Furthermore, as you know, we will be holding a spectacular performance at the Royal Festival Hall later that evening. Please contact the school office to see if there are any tickets still available.



LONDON RATHAYATRA

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SUNDAY 17TH JULY

PARADE FROM HYDE PARK TO TRAFALGAR SQUARE
12 NOON HYDE PARK CORNER. 2-5PM TRAFALGAR SQ.
DRAMA-DANCE-MANTRA MUSIC-DISPLAYS

FREE VEGETARIAN FEAST
www.rathayatra.co.uk

International Society for Krishna Consciousness Founder Acarya: His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada
HARE KRISHNA HARE KRISHNA KRISHNA HARE HARE HARE RAMA RAMA RAMA HARE HARE

ISKCON

It will be a fantastic event and one not to be missed!



AVANTI SCHOOLS
presents

i'll be there
A best friend's promise

A CHILDREN'S MUSICAL PERFORMANCE OF THE EPIC MAHABHARATA

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL, LONDON Tickets from Krishna Avanti Edgware, Avanti House Pinner & Stanmore

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**VALUES of Courage and gratitude
Endings saying goodbye and
moving on - Changes**



***He who perceives Me everywhere
and beholds everything in Me
never loses sight of Me,
nor do I ever lose sight of him.
(The Bhagavad Gita VI:30)***

Today you will receive your child's annual pupil report, their assessments and information about their new class teachers.

The next fortnight at school will focus upon transition. It is an opportunity for our children and school team to prepare and spend time getting to know each other. It is important for the children to have a clear idea of the expectations and routines across the new academic year. We spend circle times and assembly time to ensure that each child feels comfortable about the changes that lie ahead. I will be grateful if you could kindly speak with your child about this matter too. The discussions held should alleviate any anxieties but if they persist please speak with either their current or new teacher in the first instance, or Ms Pandya, Miss Patel or Mrs Gerrald. Remember face-to-face conversations would be the preferred way to communicate. If this is the case please do not hesitate to telephone or email the school office.



SAINSBURY VOUCHER COLLECTION

I am pleased to share with you that we managed to collect 2,500 school

vouchers. Thank you so much. The school council will be looking through the catalogue and purchasing cooking utensils and items. We are looking forward to undertaking more cookery lessons in our creative kitchen in the autumn term.



SCHOOL UNAUTHORISED ABSENCES

I would like to remind you that the last day of school is Friday 22nd of July. School will commence on Monday 5th September 2016. Please see the website for details.

Following our school policy and procedures, if any child is absent leading up to the summer holiday period without authorisation, will lead to further discussions with the educational welfare officer.

The law does not grant parents/carers an automatic right to take their children out of school during term time. If the request is for an absence in term time permission must be sought in advance. If the circumstances relating to this request are considered exceptional and the absence is authorised by the school, the authorising of the absences will be conditional on the child(ren) attending satisfactory up to the date covered by this request.

Absence from school that will not be authorised:

- Any type of shopping
- Looking after siblings or unwell parents
- Minding the house
- Birthdays
- Resting after a late night
- Relatives visiting or visiting relatives
- Holidays



Save the Children

HELP YOURSELF DAY WE DAY

Well done to Year 6 for developing a fantastic enterprise sale day.

The children worked hard in this year- long project that focuses upon nurturing compassion in young people and gives them the tools to create transformational social change.

Through active citizenship and engagement, the children have discovered the issues they care about and learnt how to take meaningful action to make a difference. The programme has focused on learning goals to develop the skills to succeed academically, in the workplace, and as active citizens.

Thank you to all our families, who purchased something that was handmade by the Year 6 children. All monies received will be sent to Save the Children Charity.

More photographs are on the website



FRIDAY JULY 22nd SUMMER FETE PLANS THE FRIENDS OF KRISHNA AVANTI SCHOOL

It is with disappointment that I inform you that we do not have enough volunteers to help out at our annual event.

I am hoping that many of you will sign up this week to support the occasion by manning a stall for 30 minutes to an hour.

We only have a small active committee (5 parents) , who are also feeling dejected.

As parents of the school you are all automatic members of the FOKAS. The FOKAS committee is a dedicated group of people who are actively involved in organising fund raising events. But there is about more than just fund raising. It provides a focus for social events and an opportunity for parents to get to know one another and all stakeholders of the school. It is also an important voice for the parents where ideas raised at the Parent/ carer coffee Open Forums can be considered.

Please think of your child – our children.

The summer fete is to celebrate together, enjoy time together, send our fond farewell to Year 6, as well as raise money for our school.

The children in all classes are already planning and organising stalls that will be run by themselves. It will be a wonderful learning experience with many cross curricular links.

We shall also be holding the following stalls:

Rodeo Bull, Football, Gladiator Duel, Mega Slide, Cricket Batfast, a Photo Booth (Year 6 can take their last ever photos with their friends)

And more...

**Food/drinks Tombola Cake Sale Second hand toys and books Mendhi
Face painting Temporary Tattoos Nail art Craft stall**

Thank you to those parent/ carers who have already signed up to help.

And Finally...

A few reminders as we end the term:

- **Trainers are not school uniform.** We will expect from September all children to be wearing the correct items, colours and styles that are stated in the school prospectus. All items are published on our school website.
- **Dinner Money:** Please arrange to send all outstanding payments to be paid via Parent mail. Having taken advice from our legal support we will be sending out a formal debt collection letters, to those parents who have not paid.
- **BOOKS** We would also like to **have an amnesty on all school books.** Please check everywhere at home, especially under beds where school books have a habit of lurking.
- Well done and thank you to everyone who has returned their library and reading books. If you still have any school books at home please **return them!**
- **LOST PROPERTY** Please encourage children to look after their clothing and equipment. Remember to go the "Claiming and collection point" at the end of each day outside the Reception Area.
- **There are occasions when children bring clothing home which belongs to other children. Could you please return any garments, including shoes to school this week, as lost clothing is upsetting and costly for other families when they have to replace them!**
- **Mufti Day/ Non Uniform Day** – will take place on Friday 22nd July.





I look forward to seeing you at some of the events during the last two weeks but in the meantime, as always, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wishing you a good week ahead.

Mrs Bindu Rai, Principal

Summer Diary Dates are set out below:

11/07/16	Annual Pupil Reports out to Parents
11/07/16	Year 4 & 5 rehearsal - I'll Be There at Avanti House Primary
12/07/16 and 14/07/16	Drop in Parent Consultation Evening
13/07/16	Chess assembly KS2
14/07/16	Drop in Parent Consultation Evening
15/07/16	Year 6 Leavers Enrichment Trip
Sunday 17/07/16	Central London Rathayatra Festival starts at 11.30am – 5.00pm AND "I'll Be There" Production at the Royal Festival Hall – Year 4 and Year 5 to perform at this prestigious venue. Tickets can be purchased via the school. See the website for details
	
w/c 18/7/16	There will be no After School Clubs on the last week of term
18/07/16	Year 2 visit Kew Gardens
18/07/16	R, Y1 Singing assembly 8.30am
19/07/16	Children to spend time with their new teacher
20/07/16	Music Assembly Performance Recorder Year 3 and Year 4 Class 2A and 2B Violin Music
20/07/16	Year 6 Leavers Performance and Graduation
21/07/16	Celebration, Goodbye and Ending assembly
22/07/16	Last day for the academic year Mufti Non uniform day School closes at 12 noon followed by ... FOKAS SUMMER CELEBRATION FETE 12 noon onwards – Details to follow We look forward to your support at this event.
	

EVOLVE SUMMER CAMP Have you thought about this yet? The Summer Camp Evolve is a new exciting initiative. Although it is only for one week, if the interest is great then it will be extended. In addition to this, the company are hoping to launch a Saturday Club in the Autumn. Please contact the company on the details found on the flyer.

