



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents, carers and children

On Sunday is Mothering Sunday, a time in the Christian calendar to thank mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, aunts and any other female who supports the growth and development of our children. At Avanti Court, we aim to celebrate and show gratitude and respect to all mother figures both human and Divine. We have so much to learn from the unconditional love of a mother and hope that we can bring this special ideal into all our lives. Please see the proposed term dates for next year.

Have a good weekend
James Biddulph

BOOK THE COURSE!

Please book a place on the Compassionate Parenting course on 22nd March between 5.30 and 7.30. At only £5 this will be a practical and valuable opportunity to think about how we all communicate which will impact, we hope, on the relationships we have with children at home and in school. Please book a place with Kelly in the office.

Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility - attend a course with Junaida on 18th March to know more about how safeguarding at Avanti Court protects everyone and our children.

Reports will be going out on Friday 15th March. These are longer reports which will give you an idea how your child has progressed. You will notice that your child will have targets which we hope you will support. You will have an opportunity to discuss this at the parent consultation on Thursday 21st March. These meetings are 10 minutes long - 5 minutes looking at children's books and 5 minutes in discussion with your child's class teacher.

***Propose to change time of school day in September 2013:** As we share the site with IJPS this year we were restricted with deciding the hours of our school day. Our day is longer than most primary schools with learning time as 5 hours and 25 mins. In line with other primary schools hours we propose our school day to start at 8.30 and finish at 3.00pm (5 hours and 15 mins learning time). This will not be detrimental to children's learning - especially for young children for whom our current school day is very long.*

Reception Parents!! Please remember that we need you to help us build a profile of your child's learning and progress. Please collect information about your child - take photos of them doing something that surprised you, write a note to your class teacher explaining something that your child did, bring in a piece of learning (a drawing, some writing, some maths). We really need this because without it we only know 1/2 your child. If you are a bit unsure what you should be doing, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

PROPOSED 2013-14 Term Dates	Start	End	Days
Autumn 1	Monday 2 nd September	Friday 25 th October	38 Pupil Days
INSET No children	Monday 2 nd September Tuesday 3 rd September		2 days
Children Start	Year 1: Wednesday 4 th September Rec. Home Visits: Wednesday 3 rd – Friday 13 th September Rec. Children Start: Monday 16 th September (half day)		
INSET No Children	Friday 11 th October		1 day
Half Term	Monday 28 th October	Friday 1 st November	1 week (5 days)
Autumn 2	Monday 4 th November	Thursday 19 th December (Close at 1.30pm)	6 weeks 34 Pupil Days
Christmas Holiday	Friday 20 th December	Friday 3 rd January	2 weeks (11 days)
Spring 1	Tuesday 7 th January	Friday 14 th February	5 weeks 4 days 29 days Pupil Days
Half Term	Monday 17 th February	Friday 21 st February	1 week (5 days)
Spring 2	Monday 24 th February	Thursday 3 rd April (Close at 1.30pm)	5 weeks 4 days 29 Pupil Days
INSET No Children	Friday 4 th April		1 day
Easter Holiday	Friday 4 th April	Monday 21 st April	
Summer 1	Tuesday 22 nd April	Friday 23 rd May	4 weeks 3 days 23 Pupil Days
Half Term	Monday 26 th May	Friday 30 th May	
Summer 2	Monday 2 nd June	Wednesday 23 rd July (Close at 1.30pm)	7 weeks 2 days 37 Pupil Days
INSET No Children	Monday 30 th June		1 day
Summer Holiday	Monday 28 th July		

Total Days: 195
Children School days: 190
INSET: 5 days

Bank Holidays:

Wednesday 25 December 2013 (Christmas Day)
Thursday 26 December 2013 (Boxing Day)
Wednesday 1 January 2014 (New Years Day)
Friday 18 April 2014 (Good Friday)
Monday 21 April 2014 (Easter Monday)
Monday 5 May 2014 (May Day)
Monday 26 May 2014 (Spring Bank Holiday)
Monday 25 August 2014 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Staff INSET Closed for children:

Monday 2nd September
Tuesday 3rd September
Friday 11th October
Friday 4th April
Monday 30th June