



29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear parents and carers

I hope the snow from the weekend and start of the week added some excitement and fun for families; it certainly made the world and everything around look that bit more beautiful.

This week we had further clarity from the Prime Minister who shared that it would “not be possible” to re-open schools immediately after February half term but the hope that it would be safe to begin the reopening of schools from Monday March 8th.

Naturally this is very disappointing for everyone and means we must all be that bit more resilient and patient for another few weeks. We will continue to reflect on our provision, ensuring students are supported and do all we can to help in the weeks to come.

Whilst we are all remote, it is even more important that we draw upon all aspects of what makes Avanti Fields a special place to learn, and celebrate our journey to spiritual insight. This week we have launched a new approach to collective worship; Mr Gajjar is leading us through a journey of reflection, focus and worship over the next few weeks. These videos will be shared on Monday’s and Friday’s tutorial (8.40am) and we would encourage everyone to join, listen, sing and celebrate the moment of reflection and gratitude to Krishna, to God.

Online offering for the next few weeks:

*Krishna is near..*    *Krishna is around...*    *Krishna is aware...*    *Krishna is time...*    *Krishna is..*

Next week also brings us **National Children's Mental Health Week 1st - 7th February 2021**

The official website <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/> contains fantastic resources to help both young people and parents and carers. In school we will be revisiting the good practice and advice we have regularly shared with our students and refocussing on self-care and how to access support.



The theme this year is **Express Yourself** - finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make you feel good.

The Avanti Fields PTFA are running a competition to find the best design for their new logo – a chance for all students to try out their artistic skills and submit a design. The design should reflect the School and PTFA values as well as the PTFA mission to bring the school community together and raise funds for the benefit of pupils. The deadline for entries is Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February and a prize will be awarded to the winner. More details can be found in the attached flier.

We look forward to seeing everyone's entries!

Finally, thank you to all parents and carers for your unstinting support at home and for the words of support and encouragement you have shared with us. We know how hard this is and we know that we could not do this without your support.

I wish you an enjoyable and safe weekend ahead



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