



AVANTI GARDENS
SCHOOL

Family Bulletin





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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL :

Dear Families,

It has been wonderful to welcome the school community back this week after a well-earned break for our pupils and staff. This week has been filled with new experiences for our children and staff – our new staff have enjoyed meeting our school community, whilst classes have begun to settle with their new teachers and TA's.

On Thursday last week, staff attended two INSET days to brief our school team on the priorities and expectations for our pupils. We have ensured staff are trained on safeguarding, SEND and our various Frameworks and Policies. There is a very positive feel amongst the staff team that we understand our priorities and how we should set about achieving them.

It has been my pleasure this week to see classes settling well with their new teachers and establishing safe, focused and caring environments for one-another. I have particularly enjoyed running assemblies once again, where our Y1-6 have been in the same room, as one school. In the same vein, we have all enjoyed our break and lunchtimes together with the range of new play equipment we have.

Leaders will continue to be available before the start of school to help with any concerns. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday – have a pleasant and restful weekend.

Yours Faithfully,
Mr Milum



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CLASS UPDATES

RECEPTION

Dear Orchid families,

Reception have absolutely wowed me this week! they have settled in so well and have shown me how wonderfully kind and polite they are. They have spent lots of time exploring the indoor and outdoor environment, whilst starting to form lots of new friendships across both classes.

We have had a discussion about how we can make sure our class is a happy and safe place to be. The children came up with our class rules and they are now displayed as flowers made up of their handprints.

We also introduced ourselves to the mood monsters. The mood monsters are how we identify and explain how we are feeling at Avanti. The children were great at guessing the monster's mood and giving example of why someone may feel a certain emotion.

We have also met the phonics picture cards. The enthusiasm that they have shown has made me very excited for our future phonics lessons and I cannot wait to see how they progress.

Thank you all for supporting your children and the school this week.

I look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Miss Griffith



Hello Lavender families ,

Lavender class have blown me away this week with how quickly they have settled in and made friends. They have shown us their listening skills and how well they can follow instructions. They have shown great communication and sharing skills already which is a great way to start the year. It has been lovely to see how supportive they are of each other and how they are always keen to help their friends.

The children have had great fun exploring the classroom and our wonderful outdoor area. They've checked guests into the bug hotel and made wonderful cakes in the mud kitchen as well as practicing their counting and creating some masterpieces in the creative area. We have been getting used to our new carpet spaces and have even made a start on learning some of our phonics picture cards.

As a whole class we discussed and agreed on some class rules that they would all follow to make sure the classroom is a safe and enjoyable space. To show we all agree to these rules we made a lavender plant using our handprints.

Thank you Lavender class for bringing so much energy into the classroom and thank you parents for all your support this week.

We look forward to doing it all again next week.

Miss Smith



DAFFODIL

Hello Daffodil Families,

WOW! What a wonderful week we have had in Daffodil class. We have settled in so quickly and are learning lots of new routines in the classroom. We have new friends who have joined us this year, who have been made to feel very welcome.

We have been reading the story of the Three Little Pigs as part of our English learning this week. We are so good at retelling the story and have even used different voices for the Big Bad Wolf! You would be super impressed if you could hear us learning the same story in Spanish! Ask us what animals we know from a farm, in Spanish!

In Maths, we have been counting forwards and backwards from any number. We have even been spotting the missing numbers in a sequence. We have started to learn to count in twos and are beginning to be super confident with this!

Our topic is Our Country this term, we have started by looking at the difference between the countryside and a town. I am sure you will find out what buildings we are likely to see in each place, and even what we might see in both places!

It has been super lovely to speak to so many of you at the gate and drop off and pick up times!

Have a restful weekend,
Mrs Connelly



SUNFLOWER

Hello Sunflower families,

A very warm welcome to our new Y2 families. What a first week back it has been!

We have welcomed four new children to our class. They have settled in beautifully and new friendships have been made. In reading we have revisited some of our Y1 phonics work, to get back into the swing of things. We have been reading lots of stories and enjoying whole-class story times. We also visited the library where children chose a book to bring home to read for pleasure. Please support your child to read this book and enjoy it together. Decodable books will be coming home with the children next week. These should be used for nightly reading.

In Maths we have been doing lots of number work, including counting, reading and writing numbers to (and beyond) 100, and writing numbers to 20 in words. We have done this through games and exploration as well as recording in books.

Our Topic this term is 'What Makes Me Special?'. We have started to look at our similarities and differences, and the things that makes each of us unique. We read the story Super Duper You – a story about the importance of celebrating your "YOU-ness".

We will soon be making collages as part of our Topic learning. Donations of age-appropriate magazines, newspapers, flyers etc would be very welcome! Please send these into school with your child.

It has been so lovely to meet lots of you at pick up and drop off this week!
Please do come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns at all.

Miss Roberts and Mrs Blackwell



IRIS

Dear Iris families,

It has been lovely for us both to have the class back. They have settled into the routine of school well and it has been fantastic to see so many smiley faces.

In maths we have been recapping on place value and doing lots of work around numbers to 100. Reading books will be going out to you in the next few days, we are benchmarking the children to ensure they get the correct levelled books. We will listen to everyone in the class at least once a week and it would be great if you can listen to the children read at home as well.

Our main topics this term are Romans in history and Light in science. We have been amazed with the children's knowledge already and we look forward to expanding their skills and knowledge over the term. Our P.E. sessions are on Thursdays with Mr Johnson and it was great to hear how they enjoyed this weeks' session.

It has been great to meet many of you of this week and put names to faces. Please come and introduce yourself and remember we are always here to help. It's easier for us to be proactive rather than reactive to things.

Have a lovely restful weekend and we look forward to the upcoming weeks.

With best wishes,
Miss Dark and Mr Youngs



FOXGLOVE

Dear Foxglove families,

We've had a wonderful start to the year in Foxglove Class! The children have enjoyed seeing their friends again and are settling quickly back into the school routine.

Our topic this term is 'Incredible Journeys'. In English the children have been thinking about the strengths, friends and interests they will be bringing on their journey into Year 4 from Year 3.

We have been reading the book 'The Suitcase' in our Reading lessons, which features a strange, blue animal that is dragging a big suitcase. The children have impressed me this week with their ability to make predictions and inferences.

During Maths lessons we have been recapping our 2x times tables, which has included a new times table game. The children have been very enthusiastic about playing this in class! We have also started (very successfully) learning about place value into the thousands and comparing larger numbers.

I think the children's favourite part of the week will have been eating food in science to investigate which type of teeth are used for cutting, tearing and grinding!

It's been lovely to meet some of you at the start and end of the day.
I'm looking forward to getting to know you and your families this year!

Miss Searle



SNAPDRAGON

Dear Snapdragon Families,

What a fantastic week back at school we have had! It has been brilliant to see the children coming into class full of ideas and eager to learn. I've really enjoyed hearing about the adventures they got up to over the Summer and getting to know them. I would also like to thank you for being so kind and welcoming me into the school community.

This week we have focused on recognising the value of numbers up to 6 digits. We have also begun to compare these numbers using pictorial representations.

Our writing has been focused around the film clip Ruckus. We focused upon writing the dialogue between the two jewellery thieves and the argument that they had over who should steal the precious ruby.

We have discussed what our rights are as children according to the UN and identified ways in which we can demonstrate these in school. This will be really important for us to remember as we begin our learning journey this year.

Mr Newman



STAR OF THE WEEK

EYFS: All of Reception have settled in amazingly this week and therefore they are all our stars of the week. We have been blown away by their confidence, kindness and resilience so far. We cannot wait to be a part of their learning journey and see them progress throughout the year.



Year 1: Everyone in Daffodil class has been a Star of the Week. We have all settled in so well and been super kind to each other and welcomed our new friends to Avanti Gardens. Well done Daffodils!



Year 2: Star of the week has to go to ALL of Sunflower Class this week. They have come back to school with such a positive attitude and shown real excitement towards their learning. Well done superstars!



Year 3: Although lots of children have really impressed us with their hard work, knowledge and behaviour for this week we award the star of the week to all of Iris class. Their positive attitude and enthusiasm has put smiles on our faces and we are looking forward to a fantastic



Year 4: I have been super proud of all of Foxglove class for their resilience and positivity this week. Their can-do attitude towards their learning is going to stand them in good stead this year. Keep it up Foxgloves!



Year 5/6:

I have been immensely proud of the whole class this week as they have shown such a superb attitude towards their learning and each other throughout the week. I have been impressed by how they have adapted to a new class and new teacher so quickly. Keep working hard as we embark upon an exciting journey ahead!



NOTICES

WET WEATHER AND SPARE CLOTHES

Please could you ensure that your children come into school with appropriate clothes for wet weather. They will need to bring in wellies and a waterproof coat for rainy days.

We also ask that children in **EYFS** have a spare set clothes to keep in school and a water bottle. The snacks are provided but water bottles are still needed. Thank you.

GATE OPENING TIMES

To ensure a smooth start to the day we ask that children arrive on time. Here is a reminder of the timings for the start of the day.

08:30 Front gate open (this is to provide families the chance to raise worries or concerns with Key Stage Leaders or Senior Leaders).

08:40 Teachers will receive children on front gate and Oldbury Court gate.

08:45 Registration.

CONTACTING YOUR CHILDS TEACHER

If you need to email your childs teacher, please address for their attention and send to avantigardens@avanti.org.uk

MENU

We have attached this terms Menu to the Bulletin. Please be aware, however, that there may be some changes if we have difficulty with supply, but we will keep you updated.

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR					
175 days to spend on family time, holidays and other appointments					
190 School days for each child's education	10 days of absence	19 days of absence	29 days of absence	38 days of absence	47 days of absence
	180 days of Education	171 days of Education	161 days of Education	152 days of Education	143 days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Good Best Chance of Success		Serious Concern Penalty Notice Considered		Severe Risk Prosecution / Court Action	

w/c 06.09.21	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
90.7 %	93.5 %	93.5 %	85.9 %	91.7 %	89.1 %



NEXT LINK.
changing the face of
domestic abuse support services

Next Link domestic abuse telephone help lines are **open 10am – 4pm Monday to Friday**
0800 470 0280

Help is also available **24 hours a day, 7 days a week** on the **National Domestic Violence Helpline**
– **Freephone 0808 2000 247**



Cruelty to children must stop. FULL STOP.

NSPCC FGM helpline

If you need advice or information about female genital mutilation or are worried about a child at risk you can contact us 24/7.

FGM helpline (24 hours a day / 7 days a week, free from a landline) 0800 028 3550

(Run by the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, NSPCC)

NSPCC FGM Email: fgmhelp@nspcc.org.uk

NSPCC Website: www.nspcc.org.uk

NSPCC Text helpline: 85888 (this service is free and anonymous)



0117 903 6444

Anyone can ring First Response if they are concerned about a child or young person or if they think they need support.

First Response can help in different ways including:

- Providing information, advice and guidance about services to help families.
- Making a referral to the Early Help team who can provide support to children, young people and families.
- Making a referral to a social work team.

Young Carer Support- Are you worried your child is a Young Carer?

Bristol Young Carers Website

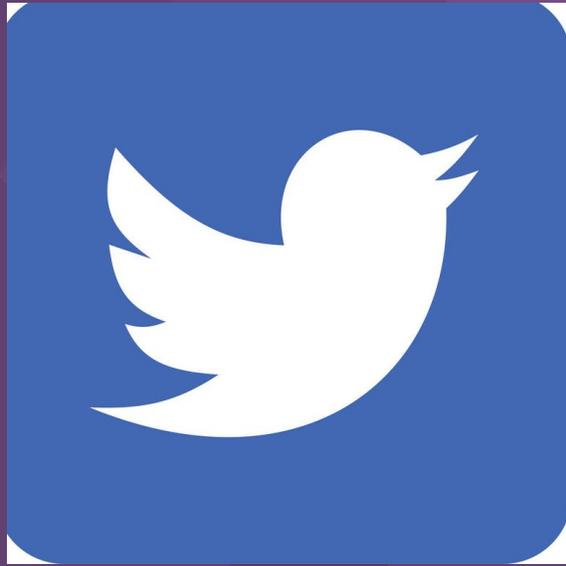
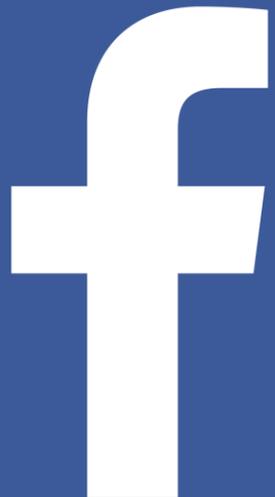
<https://www.carerssupportcentre.org.uk/young-carers/>

Or speak to Mrs Blackwell in school for accessing support for your child

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