



10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of the families who have joined us for the new academic year. It has been a pleasure to meet all of the new children this week and to see them settling in so well. We look forward to supporting them through many happy years at Avanti Hall.

The new term has begun and we have already received many compliments from visitors about how smart our pupils look and how settled and happy they seem. It is great to see our school identity developing and this is already creating a real sense of unity and belonging. This year, we hope to expand and develop our existing provisions, including the Duke of Edinburgh Award, 10 Tors and The Exmoor Challenge programmes, as well as developing plans for a variety of sports, creative opportunities and public speaking that offer fantastic experiences for our learners.

As parents, you should now all have access to Arbor. Over the next few weeks, we will open up more of the functions of Arbor to share some key information with you and keep you up to date regarding key elements of your child's school day. At the moment, you are able to view your child's profile. Within this, you are able to access their current attendance records, any direct notifications from the school and your child's timetable. This should allow you to support them each day and help them plan any necessary items they need to bring in during the week. As the year progresses, you will also be able to see your child's reports and book appointments for parents' evenings. We hope this system will work well to provide you with a full picture of your child's week. If you are unable to log on to Arbor, please contact your child's class teacher or tutor who can support you in logging on to the system.

If you need further guidance, please see the support information in this link:

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360020147458-Getting-started-Log-into-the-Parent-Portal-and-the-Arbor-App#what-is-the-parent-portal--0-0>

Last year, we asked parents for suggestions to help us to map festivals across the year. These festivals will form part of our celebration of cultures and events and will enable our community to grow our understanding of what it means to be a global citizen. This calendar is now being published and will be shared with you in the coming weeks.

During this term, we want to welcome all parents to meet staff and get to know the school. To support this, we are holding parent coffee mornings, where parents can meet with the leadership team, find out more about the school and ask any questions you may have. This will also be a good opportunity to meet new people and share stories of your child's experiences of school so far. The first dates and times of these are below:

Primary coffee morning – Tuesday 21 September at 10am in the Panelled Room.

Secondary coffee morning – Tuesday 28 September at 10am in the Panelled Room.

It would be lovely to see as many people there as possible.

Best wishes,

Phil Arnold
Principal

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