



19th January 2021

Dear Families

Let us take a pause for thought to think about those families within our community who have been directly affected by Covid-19. For those who are unwell or recovering, we wish you a speedy recovery and for those who have lost loved ones we pray that you find the strength to soldier through these difficult times. I recently heard a podcast by Edward Anobah (Instagram @edanobah) who is an expert in training and developing leaders, where he and his wife were reflecting on being 'present' and shared the following poignant musing: *'Being present is having an understanding of acceptance; being centred and balanced. It is about having a space of balance in the moment, not feeling under pressure by what has happened in the past but having the opportunity to soak in what is happening now. Being present provides a space where we can be more grounded, giving us resilience to deal with things in a more healthy and anchored way.'* At a time where there is much uncertainty thus leading to heightened anxiety and stress, let us take out sometime to reflect on these wise words and considerations for our own lives.

We have much to share with you this week as our online provision continues to develop into the 3rd week of lockdown. On the message of being present, we have taken stock of what parents, pupils and staff have shared with us and made some adjustments to the teaching and learning offer every Friday afternoon. From this Friday 22nd January 2021, children are encouraged to come off their screens to complete the **Winter Glove Olympic Challenge** (this will be sent in a separate communication) and attend the collective worship albeit online but with a different purpose (see link below).

Collective Worship

We are very excited to share that Mrs Joshi and I will be hosting weekly collective worship, every Friday for children and families of Avanti House Primary School. Please see details below:

Topic: AHPS Collective Worship EYFS -Year 3

Time: **1:00pm – 1:25pm**

<https://zoom.us/j/98836203281?pwd=SmxYK3dwL1gORkRxWjZlTTVjOU1lUT09>

Meeting ID: 988 3620 3281

Passcode: A4KA10

Topic: AHPS Collective Worship Year 4 - Year 6

Time: **1:30pm – 1:55pm**

[Avanti House Primary School Stanmore is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.](#)

Meeting ID: 943 5429 4865

Passcode: m6sEKr

That's not all: We are also pleased to share that as of **Wednesday 20th January from 8:00-8:30am**, our children will have access to daily online collective worship hosted by our sister school Krishna Avanti Primary School. Miss Ahuja is an expert in Vedic spiritual knowledge and practise and is currently leading the teaching and learning of PRE and Collective Worship across Avanti Schools Trust. **She will lead daily worship from 8:00am – 8:30am** for all children from both Krishna Avanti Primary School and Avanti House Primary School (see zoom link below). If you are able to join, please change your name to AHPS followed by your child's name and feel free to disable the video function if you feel more comfortable.

<https://zoom.us/j/98871331300?pwd=aINCYzhkRUlqdWx0Y0Y2Q3dtWTNjZz09>

Meeting ID: 988 7133 1300

Passcode: **KAPSH**

Maths workshops

As part of our ongoing commitment to building strong partnerships between school and home, Mr Hirani and I will be hosting **Maths Workshops** for KS1 (20.01.2021) and KS2 (21.01.2021) parents. Please see details below:

Topic: KS1 Maths Presentation for Parents Wednesday 20.1.2021

Time: Jan 20, 2021 4:00pm – 4:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83890239666?pwd=QUIDZEGxck9jYnpgQmV0ajE4NnVDdz09>

Meeting ID: 838 9023 9666

Passcode: 7zLu8m

Topic: KS2 Maths Presentation for Parents Thursday 21.01.2021

Time: Jan 21, 2021 4:00pm – 4:30pm

<https://zoom.us/j/94696843527?pwd=dDVSUXVERFFHVGRPKzhmZEtGNVJXZz09>

Meeting ID: 946 9684 3527

Passcode: aiMC9u

Pupil Premium Provision

Once a year we provide the department for education with information that we hold about our pupils in a census return. Allocations are made based on the school which the eligible pupil attends at the time of the January school census. This information is used to determine the amount of additional funding we receive for specific pupils, and we then ensure the money is spent on those same pupils over the course of the school year. The Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools so that we can support our disadvantaged pupils and close the attainment gap between them and their peers.

Where Can I find More Information On Pupil Premium Funding?

For more information on Pupil Premium please click [here](#) to visit the Department for Education's website.

How Do I Know If My Child Can Receive Pupil Premium Funding?

Free School Meals

The most common reason a pupil receives Pupil Premium funding at our school is because a parent is registered as receiving a benefit that entitles them to free school meals. This is not the same as receiving a free school meal as all children in EYFS – Year 2 are currently receiving.

To find out if you qualify for the Pupil Premium Grant, please use the eligibility checker by visiting <http://fsm.lgfl.net> . Once you have accessed the website, you will be able to quickly and easily check if you are entitled. It gives you an immediate “yes” or “no” response and may notify the school. IF YOUR CHILD WAS ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS LAST YEAR, YOU MUST STILL RE – APPLY USING THE ABOVE WEBSITE.

Once again, thank you for your continuous support and positive messages, a huge thank you to the parents who have shared feedback on staff members providing them all with an incredible moral boost!

Wishing you well

Hare Krishna

Mr Koorichh and Mrs Joshi

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