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MESSAGE FROM THE  
PRINCIPAL

# The Avanti Park Post

Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of what seems like a very long term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many successes we have had.

The children and young people have settled quickly into new routines and ways of learning. It is such a privilege to sit in lessons and see the wonderful work and also hear the articulate contributions to lessons.

The teachers have worked hard to establish and plan the new curriculum and as such the children are engaging brilliantly with the exciting half termly projects, as well as their literacy and numeracy.

The home learning tasks are now well established in both primary and secondary. I have seen the most incredible array of models made from recycled materials!

Classrooms are bright and fresh after a lick of paint and the grounds have recently undergone a significant gardening makeover. We have uncovered some real gems such as the Oak tree that was planted a few years ago in the centre of the playground.

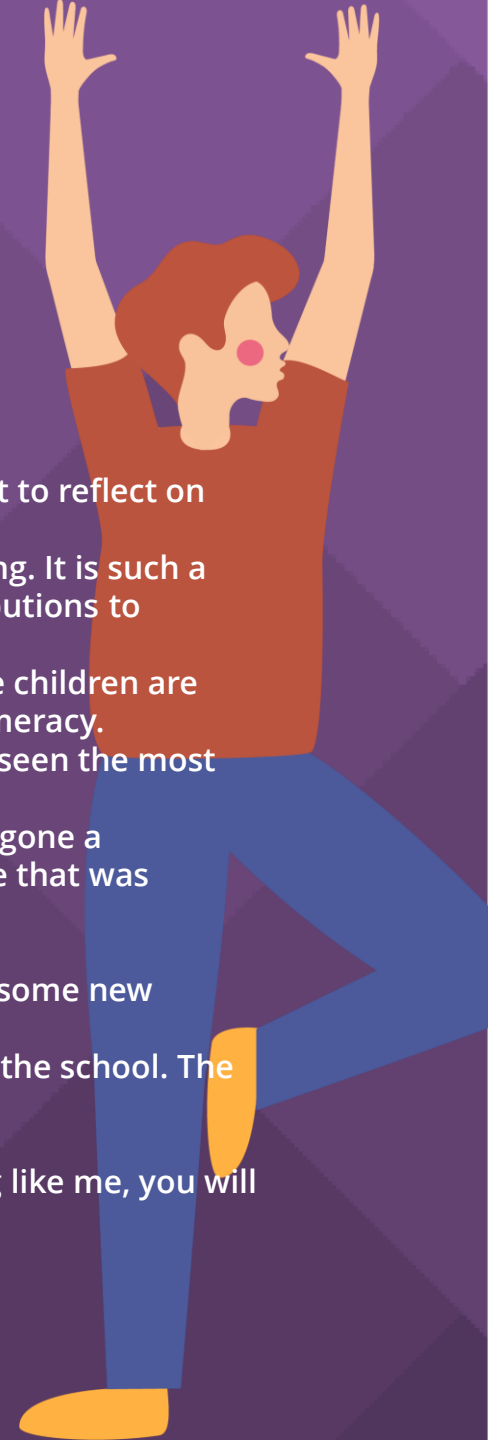
All our new children in reception have settled well and are now at school all day.

We have welcomed lots of new pupils into the school and all have settled well and made some new friends already.

I could go on! I also want to thank you all for the way in which you have welcomed me to the school. The support you have given me has made this term easier than it could have been.

I hope you manage to have a good rest when half term finally arrives. If you feel anything like me, you will definitely need it!

Abby Atkins



# Primary School Update



As we approach the end of the first half-term, we can reflect on the journey we have embarked and be incredibly proud of the children's resilience, resourcefulness, and enthusiasm.

The last 7 weeks have brought with them the launch of an exciting and expansive curriculum, new learning projects, new routines and a 'new normal'. From the Year 6 children with their 'Blood Heart' project, dissecting a heart to the Year 2 children visiting the band stand to celebrate their 'Beat, Band Boogie' project, the enthusiasm and willingness of the children to seek out and relish new challenges has been outstanding.

The pursuit of learning and our commitment to providing the children with a unique, inclusive, and engaging education has been at the fore every step of the way. Learning at Avanti Park has transcended the classroom this half-term with new and exciting experiences featuring on the school calendar.

the newly formed Friends of Avanti Park association. This group and its formation, highlights how important the relationship between the school and the wider community is.

We are very much looking forward to the next half-term but for now we look ahead to the final week of school with the promise of a well-earned break for our children waiting next Friday. Thank you for all of your continued support.

Kind regards,

Luke



Staff and students enjoyed dressing up in red and as NHS workers to raise much needed money for the British Heart Foundation.

The fundraiser was organised by Year 6 students in Hazel Class, with all the funds going towards supporting the essential services that the NHS provides to treat and prevent heart disease.

The aim was to raise enough money to pay for one second of heart care which costs £277. The amount raised will be announced in the next issue.

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# Secondary School Update

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We have had a great couple of weeks here in upper school with several exciting developments including the beginnings of some interventions taking place such as wood-work, forest school and the therapy dog.

Next Monday evening is our first open evening of the year where the year 7 and 8 student council members will be representing the school and serving drinks under the direction of the lovely Frieda and Xavi will be treating us to a solo performance on the cello to create some ambience.

The year 11 internal exams will be straight after half term so look out for revision materials and a timetable coming home shortly.

We have also been lucky enough to be able to hire a company called Inspired to Achieve who will be running 1-1 zoom meetings with each year 11 student in order to support them with planning for the future including options for post-16 and beyond. These are starting on Monday and you will hear more about this shortly via email.

I would like to thank all the staff and students for a great start to the year, there is a lovely atmosphere now on Craft Street at lunch times and generally around the school, have a great weekend!

Brendan



# Student News:

## An article from our student reporter:

This past two weeks at Avanti Park School have been happy and interesting. I have been visiting class rooms to report what the children have been doing and have seen some exciting work. Year 3 have been making robots and iron men as part of a design technology project looking at metals and magnets. Chantry hall is looking colourful with the new house displays and big paintings of a phoenix, a dragon, Pegasus and a griffin. On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October year 6 Hazel did a zoom assembly with the whole school and wowed everyone with their charity performance for the British Heart Foundation. Everyone made a big effort to dress in red or in NHS worker costumes to support the BHF by raising money.

Article and photo by Jack Barney, school reporter (Year 6)



Joby and Niall from year 8 and Jack from year 6 have been making and selling delicious cheese toasties, continuing an enterprise begun during the school closure.

Some members of staff are quick to get their orders in!

Arion and Sean both from class 8 have also been making delicious smoothies for the staff to enjoy.

"Best toasties ever!" said Shannon Coggins.





# School Council



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## School Council Class Representatives

Maple: Zidane Lonchraine

Pine: Thomas Larssen

Ash: Felix Barton.

Oak: Bonnie Macfarlan.

Cherry: Tejaswini Kommu

Chestnut: Isobel Hopkinson-Scott

Sycamore: Lyla Toogood

Hawthorn: Dominic Clapp

Rowan: Analiese Moloney

Cedar: Maya Spalding

Holly: Sidra Buchi-Parr

Hazel: Tallis Mason & Florie Harman

Year 7: Orion Buchi-Parr and Merryn Gilder

Year 8: Matilda Balls and Arion Hogan

Year 11: Xavi Fairclough and Frieda Miller

Council discussion points:

House name decision:

Dragon, Griffin, Pegasus, Phoenix


School Fundraising – What would we spend the money on?

Christmas Shoebox Appeal – promotion within school



# Communications

To report absences please use:  
[absence.ap@avanti.org.uk](mailto:absence.ap@avanti.org.uk)  
For all other enquiries please use:  
[avantipark@avanti.org.uk](mailto:avantipark@avanti.org.uk)

THANK YOU to the 41% of parents who have signed up to the Arbor App! 

Arbor is the new platform in which to book your child onto school trips, book your parent evening slots, provide photo consents and inform us of authorised collectors. Please sign up if you haven't done so already.



## Parent Portal

What is the Arbor Parent Portal?

Say goodbye to paper slips, and numerous emails to the school to add people to your pick up lists. The Arbor Parent Portal will allow you to see your child's attendance information, enable you to manage permissions and consents, see house points, and positive behaviour messages from teachers - as well as updating contact details and adding people to your child's authorised collectors list.

We are asking parents and carers of Avanti Park to use the Arbor Parent Portal to notify us of new contact details and authorized collectors so if you have not already done so, please set up your Arbor Parent portal now.

Please use this link to access the Parent Portal: <https://avanti-park.uk.arbor.sc> - once you have clicked on the link you will need to click on *first time user* and follow the instructions.

You will need to use a desktop or laptop computer the first time you login otherwise you won't be able to complete the process properly, but once done there is an Arbor App which you can download to your smart device.



# PE next half term..

## Lower School P.E News

It's been an exciting half term of ball skills, gameplay and agility! Next half term Key Stage 1 and Reception will be doing gymnastics. Key Stage 2 (years 3-6) will be completing a unit on dance and movement. Both lessons will take place in the main hall.

Children will require the same kit as before, although dance lessons will take place bare foot (they will remove their trainers when arriving in the hall). Children will reap the full benefits of balance and movement if able to dance bare foot and use all the bones, muscles and ligaments without the constraints of shoes. Circular plasters to cover verrucas are available in school should your child require them.

Marie Watts.  
Lower School P.E. Teacher.



### PE kit requirements:

- A pair of blue shorts suitable for PE
- Navy jogging bottoms
- A plain white or blue T shirt
- Plimsolls (for indoor games for Reception to Year2)
- Trainers (from Year 3 upwards)
- A warm top in winter months.

## Yoga news...

Years 7 and 8 created a fitness circuit and recorded their results throughout the week for their home learning task. Some even managed to get other members of the family involved! Short bursts of activity like this help add up to the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity per day for children and young people.

Sing a rainbow in yoga:

Cherry class had a special moment in yoga last week. On a very rainy day, we were singing our rainbow colours song and a rainbow appeared in the sky! Many children have been asking for this and the sun salutation song so they can play them at home. They are both by Kira Willey - Colours and Dance for the sun.



# Attendance



## Late

We've all had those mornings that make us feel stressed.  
The children are sleepy and won't get up or get dressed.  
Their regular breakfast they no longer like,  
Negotiations begin to avoid hunger strike.  
You look at the time, you really must rush,  
But they still need to wash and their hair needs a brush.  
And then there's the challenge of finding a shoe,  
Then you think you are ready when they dash to the loo!  
(Or the baby fills their nappy with an explosion of poo!)

You really must hurry, the school gate will be closin'  
You think about driving but the windscreen is frozen.  
They put on their coat, that they'd thrown on the floor,  
Then you are finally ready to walk through the door.  
Outside are distractions that they cannot ignore,  
And your words of 'walk quickly' they find such a bore.  
You arrive at the school and see a closed gate,  
It's then that they realise that they're actually late!

Some things we know can not be foreseen,  
But could the morning be different with a tweak of routine?

Whole school  
attendance so  
far this year  
92.3%

Today's  
attendance  
92.7%

Number of  
students late  
this week: 30

Poem by Nicki  
Maskelyne.  
Attendance  
officer

# Dates for your Diary

OCT	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week A				1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Week B	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th
Week A	12th	13th	14th	15th	16th	17th	18th
Week B	19th Open day	20th Open day	21st Open day	22nd	23rd INSET DAY	24th HALF TERM	25th HALF TERM
	26th HALF TERM	27th HALF TERM	28th HALF TERM	29th HALF TERM	30th HALF TERM	31st HALF TERM	1st Nov HALF TERM
NOV	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week A	2nd Back to school	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Week B	9th	11th	11th	12th Shoebbox's to be returned	13th	14th	15th
Week A	16th	17th	18th	19th	20th	21st	22nd
Week B	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th	29th
Week A	30th	1st DEC	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th



# Fundraising and notices







Everyone loves to receive a present at Christmas. But for many vulnerable children and families in Southeast Europe Christmas serves as a reminder of their isolation and poverty.

**Will you help us to spread a little joy this Christmas?**

By supporting FSCI's Christmas box appeal you can help to spread joy to thousands of people, fight poverty and prevent modern slavery.

Bring completed boxes to: **SCHOOL**

Deadline: **12.11.20**

For more information ring 01722 580192 or e-mail [rich.parsons@fscinet.org](mailto:rich.parsons@fscinet.org)

**[www.fscinet.org](http://www.fscinet.org)**

FSCI (UK) is a Registered Charity in England & Wales (1170914)  
FSCI is a Registered NGO in Bulgaria (175633543)



Avanti Park are taking part in the FSCI Christmas Shoebox appeal. Your child has been given a leaflet with more information. If you would like to take part then Shoeboxes need to be returned to school from 12.10.20 with the latest return date of 12.11.20 in order for the Foundation team to collect.

Many Thanks

## HELP SAVE FROME TOY LIBRARY

Did you know the Toy Library may have to close? You can donate directly via the link below to save the Toy Library, or how about getting your kids, nieces, nephews, grandkids etc. a subscription for Christmas? It's only £20 to [become a family member](#) for the year, you get to choose and take home new toys and games every week, there's loads to choose from and the ultimate sustainable way to play! If you can't come to us, we can deliver to you! \* Donate monthly [here](#) or give a one-off gift (committing to monthly donations gives us the confidence to plan well into the future) and learn more about the Toy Library. To become a business-sponsor contact [sue@fromechildrensfestival.org](mailto:sue@fromechildrensfestival.org). \* deliveries are within Frome and surrounding villages only

Please help us to keep this vital service going by helping us to reach more supporters and members. If you're on Facebook please share our posts as well! Thank you very much,  
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# Friends of Avanti Park



A group of parents are in the process of forming a Parents Teachers & Friends Association (PTFA) with the working name 'Friends of Avanti Park'. The aim of the group is to enrich our children's daily education and wellbeing at Avanti Park.

Fundraising, collective spirit, and making connections with the wider Frome community are at the heart of what we want to do. We'd love to hear from anyone with ideas, energy, creativity and knowhow to help us do this. Anyone can get involved.

First and foremost, we need to formally establish the new PTFA, and appoint key officers. We are also keen to quickly establish "Parent Voice" - a platform to bring together parent views. To do this, we need your help!

1. We need a Treasurer. Please let us know if you are interested or if you know of someone who may be suitably qualified.
2. We need a name. Would you like to suggest a name for the PFTA? We'd love to know your ideas. We also need your opinions. This is the perfect time to explore which festivals and celebrations we would like to host as a parent community. Keep an eye out for our survey on which Steiner festivals you'd like to see continue in our new school, as well as suggestions for other festivals/fundraisers. Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Avanti Park PFTA  
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# Stay Safe, Be Well



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