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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Avanti Park Post

Dear parents and carers.

Firstly, I want to say thank you to those parents who have been collecting donations for a school Christmas tree. We really appreciate the support and time parents give us as a school. It seems unreal that Christmas is approaching so fast. Under the expert eye of Linda Frampton, classes have started working on Christmas songs in preparation for a recording of a performance which we will share with you at the end of term.

This week we have seen primary pupils working on 'sustainability' through virtual assemblies and workshops. They were all participating with huge enthusiasm and adapting well to the 'Covid' style virtual presentation!

Finally, I want to mention our year 11's who are working incredibly hard on their GCSE preparation. They all conducted themselves perfectly in their recent mock exams and are now working with their teachers on the next steps in their preparation. We are so proud of the way these pupils have settled back into year 11 and their determination to do their very best despite Covid.

Wishing you all a restful weekend

With best wishes

Abby Atkins



Primary School Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As mentioned previously, I would like to start this week's newsletter post with a sincere thank you to all the families who supported our Christmas Shoebox appeal. We were overwhelmed by the showing of support by our school community. In the spirit of Christmas, I would also like to thank the PTFA for their leadership, and all the families who have been generous enough to contribute in some way to our Christmas Tree and decorations initiative. It has been wonderful to see the wide array of home-made decorations already starting to come into school. Please do feel free to continue to bring these in next week prior to the children decorating the Christmas tree.

We have a wonderfully busy two weeks in the Primary classes. The children from Reception to Year 6 all took part in a virtual assembly this week focusing on sustainability and environmental awareness. The children had a collective (via Teams) assembly on Monday delivered by a representative from 'School's Against Waste - Carymoor Environmental Trust' <https://www.carymoor.org.uk/schools-against-waste> with Reception-Year 2 and Years 3-4 having additional workshops afterwards focused on recycling, plastic waste and social responsibility. The level of engagement was brilliant with children actively showing an interest in protecting the world around them - showing empathy and understanding of the impact we have and the changes we can make!

I would also like to make a special mention about all the wonderful home-learning projects that we have seen our children bring in over the last half-term. Seeing the children wanting to continue their learning outside of the classroom is exactly what we want to encourage and foster at Avanti Park School. Included in this week's post is one such example by a very creative Year 6 student. Rishi decided to continue his learning around World War 2 at home creating the attached audio clip. Well done Rishi!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.
Luke McKinley



Attendance

Whole school attendance so far this year 92.9%

Today's attendance 96.2% **THIS IS FANTASTIC!!!**

Number of students late this week: 41

Please can parents really try and get their children in on time, as lateness causes a huge amount of extra admin work and increases Covid risks

XMAS LUNCH

We shall be serving our Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 15th December followed by a 'Pot Luck Lunch' on the last day of term.

The Christmas menu will be

Roast Chicken/Cheesy Veg Loaf (dairy free option)

Roast Potatoes

Green Veg Medley

Stuffing balls

Gravy

Reception, Years 1 and 2 Iced Ginger Biscuits

Years 3 - 11 Christmas Trifle

Happy Eating

Cally and Carol



Dates for your Diary

NOV/DEC	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week A	30 th Nov Primary record of achievements	1 st DEC Year 11 Guardian Consultations	2 nd	3 rd *I SEE PURPLE	4 th	5 th	6 th
Week B	7 th Year 8 & Primary Guardian Consultations	8 th Year 7 & Primary Guardian Consultations	9 th	10 th	11 th XMAS JUMPER DAY	12 th	13 th
Week A	14 th	15 th XMAS LUNCH	16 th	17 th XMAS HOLS	18 th XMAS HOLS	19 th XMAS HOLS	20 th XMAS HOLS
Week B	21 st XMAS HOLS	22 nd XMAS HOLS	23 rd XMAS HOLS	24 th XMAS HOLS	25 th XMAS HOLS	26 th XMAS HOLS	27 th XMAS HOLS

RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 4TH JANUARY – WEEK A

*AWAITING CONFIRMATION FOR THE FINAL GO AHEAD

Monday 14th December, 8pm -
The first Avanti Park PTFA
AGM, via Zoom



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Student News:



Hazel Class have been learning all about World War II this half term. As part of this project, student Rishi Mehta completed the most inspiring and entertaining piece of homework, in which he conducts a live news report from within an Air Raid Shelter in London... Well done Rishi on this brilliant piece of work and thanks to his family for getting involved!

We will send the Mp3 alongside the newsletter for you to listen to this excellent piece of 'live reporting'.



Some of the students have completed their Christmas trees in woodwork. Here is Layla Curtis with her creation.

Max White in year 5 has been given the very important job of reporting the house point totals each week.

House Points		
1st	Phoenix	1749
2nd	Pegasus	1680
3rd	Griffin	1644
4th	Dragon	1603

Weekly Totals:
Phoenix 245
Dragon 205
Griffin 194
Pegasus 184

Friends of Avanti Park

There are lots of PTFA plates spinning behind the scenes. Luckily, we are blessed by the old adage, “many hands make light work!”

You will have received some PTFA emails from the school recently with some key dates:

Monday 30th November - Deadline for your submissions for inclusion in the Avanti Park Digital Community Directory. Email avantiparkdirectory@gmail.com for more details.

Monday 14th December, 8pm - The first Avanti Park PTFA AGM, via Zoom. Email avantiparkptfa@gmail.com to register your interest in attending or for more details.

Unfortunately, Mendip's post-lockdown Tier 2 designation means that our Christmas Wreath making event on Saturday 12th December is cancelled. Our back-up plan is wreath-making kits! Look out for an email with the order form.

Last, but by no means least, a huge THANK YOU for your collective generosity. We have collected **£101.35** for a school Christmas tree. However, the star of seasonal goodwill must be shining especially brightly this week, because at the eleventh hour Homebase and Ryan's Christmas Tree Farm have also gifted us with trees! Donations will fund tree stands and lights, and we are looking at purchasing potted trees for future years. Please encourage your children to bring in their homemade decorations to make all of the trees look super festive!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Avanti Park PFTA

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SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERING NOW LIVE!

IMPORTANT WASH CARE INSTRUCTIONS

BRIGADE



Always refer to your garment care label to ensure that your uniform looks as good as new for as long as possible. We produce tough, hardwearing uniform, however it is important that you follow the care labels correctly to ensure you get the best out of your purchase.

- Turn garments inside out to wash and dry
- Fasten any buttons before washing
- Do not overload machine
- Iron inside out on a cool setting to avoid heat damage, which can cause a shiny surface on fabrics (do not iron knitwear or cuffs and welts on sweatshirts)
- Bobbling/Pilling is caused by friction and excessive heat. It is also known within the British textile industry that fabric softeners are a major cause of bobbling/pilling of the fabric. Bobbling/pilling often disappears over time and is not a reflection on the quality of the garment.

Washing symbols and their meaning

Always check the label!!



Machine wash at temperature stated



Hand wash only



Do not bleach



Tumble dry at temperature stated



Do not tumble dry



Dry clean only



Iron at temperature stated



Do not iron



Do not wet/dry clean

Order Your School Uniform Online

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IMPORTANT SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDER INFORMATION

Place your order before **1st August** for delivery before the start of term

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HOW TO MEASURE YOUR CHILD

Measure the actual body measurements as this is far more accurate than measuring over clothes.

CHEST: Measure around the chest at the fullest part, placing the tape close up under the arms.

COLLAR: Measure around the base of the neck where the collar sits, inserting two fingers between the neck and tape to allow growth

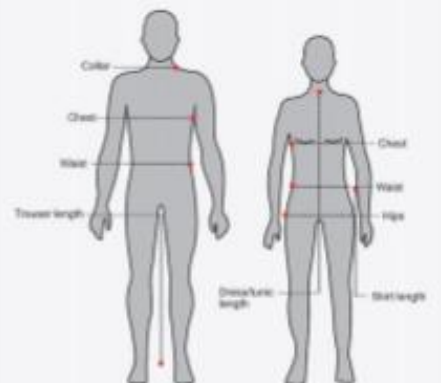
WAIST: Measure around the natural waistline.

TROUSER LENGTH: Measure the inside leg from crotch to floor without shoes on.

HIPS: Measure around your hips, 20cm (8") below your natural waistline.

SKIRT LENGTH: Measure from the waist down to where you would want the hem

DRESS & PINAFORE LENGTH: Measure from nape of neck to length required.



PRIMARY UNIFORM - SIZE COMPARISONS

Brigade Sweatshirts and Sweatshirt Cardigans/Polo Shirts/T-Shirts

Chest	22"	24"	26"	28"	30"	30/32"	32"	34"
Age	2-3	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	9-11	10-11	12-13

Knitwear Jumpers (Acrylic, 50/50 and Contrast Stripe)

Chest	22"	24"	26"	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"
Age	2-3	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-16

Blazers

Chest	22"	24"	26"	28"	30"	32"
Age	2-3	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12

PE Shorts

Waist	14/16"	18/22"	22/24"	26/28"	30/32"
Age	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-11	12-13

PLEASE NOTE:

The sizing comparisons are for guidance only and are NOT applicable to all our products.

SENIOR UNIFORM - SIZE COMPARISONS

Blazers

Chest	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"	38"	40"	42"	44"	46"	48"	50"
Age	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-16							
Female	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28
Male				XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL

Knitwear Jumpers (Acrylic, 50/50 and Contrast Stripe)

Chest	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"	38"	40"	42"	44"	46"
Male	7-8	9-10	11-12	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Female	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24

Brigade Sweatshirts and Sweatshirt Cardigans/Polo Shirts/T-Shirts

Chest	28"	30"	30/32"	32"	34"	36"	38/40"	42/44"	46/48"
Age/Size	7-8	9-10	9-11	10-11	12-13	S	M	L	XL

PE Shorts

Waist	22/24"	26/28"	30/32"	34/36"	38/40"	42/44"
Age/Size	7-8	9-11	12-13	S	M	L

TIES (For Primary and Senior Schools)

Tie Style/Size	Elastic	9"	Clip on	12"	14"	16"	Tie	39"	45"	52"
School Age		Inf/Jnr		Junior	Junior	Senior		Junior	Jun/Sen	Senior

HOW TO USE THIS SERVICE

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Log onto www.brigade.uk.com
2. Click on the parents click to order button
3. Enter your child's school name
4. Select the school from the drop down list provided
5. Follow the online instructions to place your order

Free delivery on orders over £50.00

(parents clubbing orders together can take advantage of this)

£3.99 delivery fee applied for all orders under £50.00

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDERS

July to September is a busy time for ALL uniform providers!

Place your order BEFORE 1st August for delivery before the start of term

We cannot guarantee orders placed after this date will be delivered in time for the start of the new term.

ORDER SATURDAY OR SUNDAY FOR FASTER DELIVERY!

UNIFORM ONLINE ORDERING DETAILS:

Order at:

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Parent Enquiries

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Fundraising



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I SEE PURPLE DAY

Help connect a disabled person to their loved ones this winter. Leonard Cheshire is a leading disability Charity who are raising funds to support disabled people to virtually connect to their families and loved ones this Christmas even if COVID-19 restrictions mean they cannot physically be together.

#ISeePurple is set for **THURSDAY 3rd December** – International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Avanti Park are supporting this cause by **asking students to wear purple and to donate £1** which will support disabled people to stay and get connected.

You can also donate via the link
<https://www.leonardcheshire.org/>



Don't own anything purple? Why not wear red and blue instead as these make purple when mixed!

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

At Avanti Park School we will be celebrating Christmas Jumper day on **FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER**

All money made will go to Save the Children:
<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>



On this day, all children can wear a Christmas Jumper to celebrate the day. Classes will learn about the work that Save the Children does and how money raised supports wonderful causes every year.

We are asking that if you can, please make a suggested donation of £1 to Save the Children via the Avanti Park Just Giving page below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/avanti-park-school-christmas-jumper-day-2020>

If you are unable to access the just giving page, donations can also be brought into school for collection. This money will be sent to Save the Children separately.

Thank you in advance for your continued support, kindness and generosity in supporting this brilliant charity.

LETTER OF THANKS FROM THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION

I'd like to say a huge thank you for raising money for the British Heart Foundation. Your contribution of £366.44 is going to fund life saving research to help us beat heartbreak forever.

We're incredibly grateful for the money you've raised which will help save lives and pioneer research programmes into heart disease, stroke, vascular dementia and the risk factors that can cause them, like diabetes. Research has given us the ability to fix arteries in tiny babies, give someone a heart they weren't born with, invent machines that can restart hearts, and so much more. And when the next life saving breakthrough happens, we will have people like you to thank.

If you would like to update your contact preferences, please call our Customer Care team on 0300 330 3322 or email us at heretohelp@bhf.org.uk. Please remember, we're here for you too. So if you have any questions about heart health, or if you need support and advice, just call our Heart Helpline on 0300 330 3311. Both lines are open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

We can't thank you enough for supporting the British Heart Foundation and helping us beat heartbreak forever. We hope you enjoyed fundraising and found it as rewarding and beneficial as it has been for us.

From Donna Spriggs-Elliott
Director of community fundraising

ONLINE SAFETY

Do you know the suggested minimum age for Instagram or how to make TikTok safer for children? How do you find trustworthy information about our children's digital world?

Common Sense Media has guidance for parents making media and technology choices for their children. The website contains reviews of books, movies, TV, video games, apps and websites and rates them in terms of age-appropriate educational content, positive messages/role models, violence, sex, consumerism, and bad language.

It's always a good time to talk to children and young people about on-line safety and find ways to keep in touch with their habits.

Stay Safe, Be Well



FUNDRAISING TOTALS:

CLASS 6 BRITISH HEART FOUNDTION FUNDRAISER: £366.44

PFTA CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDAISER: £101.35

THE SITE MANAGER, MR PEACOCK'S MOVEMBER FUNDRAISER: £30.10
(donations still being collected in the office)

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